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With major changes on the horizon, administration is faced with decisions that have the potential to define De Anza's future...for better or worse.

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SOUP
Thai Chicken and Rice
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Ham and Pineapple

Resume Writing Workshop
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Santa Cruz Room

Job Interview Workshop
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Santa Cruz Room

Tuesday, May 8

SOUP
Chicken Noodle
PIZZA
Roast Chicken and Ranch

Governor Debate Watch Party
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Conference Room B

Wednesday, May 9

SOUP
Crab Bisque
PIZZA
Vegetarian Combo

Movies for Mental Health
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Conference Rooms A&B

Animated Film Series Workshop
"WWII: Animated Advocacy and Propaganda"
6 p.m.
ATC Theater, Room 120

Thursday, May 10

SOUP
Chicken Egg Drop
PIZZA
BBQ Chicken

Blood Drive
All Day Event
Conference Rooms A&B
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De Anza Job Fair
All Day Event
Quad

Friday, May 11

SOUP
Clam Chowder
PIZZA
Chef's Choice

Saturday, May 12

Power and Protest Opening Reception
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
California History Center

Burger of the week:
Breakfast Burger

Monday, May 14

SOUP
Chicken Noodle
PIZZA
Roast Chicken

Author Event: Stephen Kuusisto Reading and Book Signing
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, May 15

SOUP
Red Pepper Bisque
PIZZA
Meat Lovers

Wednesday, May 16

SOUP
Minestrone
PIZZA
Spring Vegetable Combo

Animated Film Series Workshop
"Local Success Stories"
6 p.m.
ATC Theater, Room 120

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Red Lentil Vegetable
PIZZA
Mac and Cheese Pizza

Friday, May 18

SOUP
Clam Chowder
PIZZA
Chef's Choice

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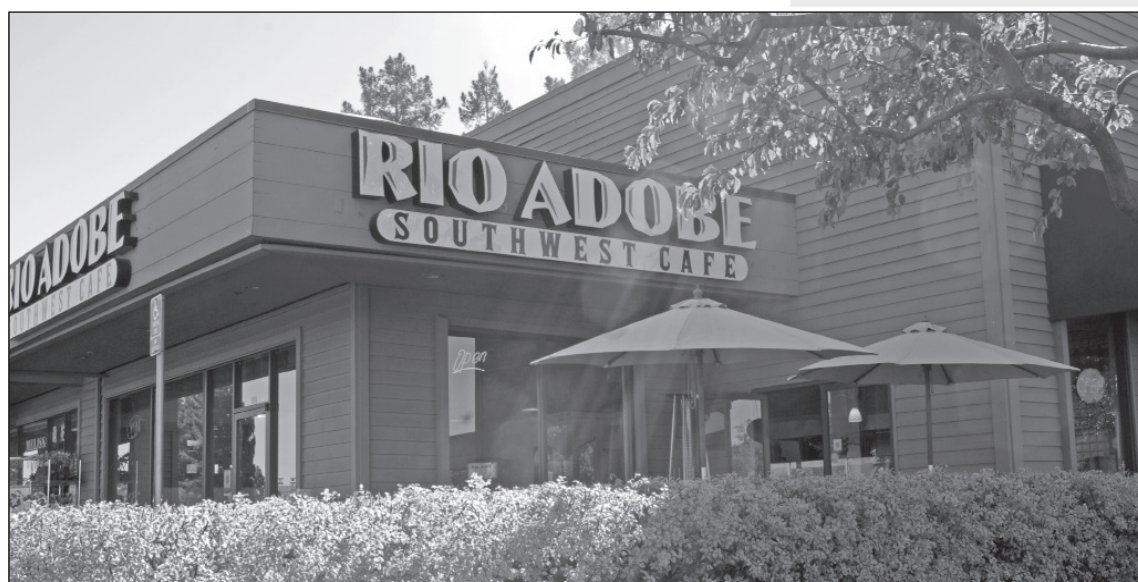
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Brian Murphy speaks about future of De Anza

Andrew Shinjo
STAFF REPORTER

After 14 years as president of De Anza College, Brian Murphy leaves confident in the continuing success of De Anza.

Murphy said when he first came to De Anza, the school was already well-established.

“It had strong leadership; it had superb faculty; it had an excellent district; it had a good board of trustees,” he said.

“Part of the goal was to maintain that - to take its reputation, and to build on it.”

His two goals were to further diversify the student body, and to bring an agenda of civic and political engagement.

According to a demographic research by the Foothill-De Anza district, the percentage of Hispanic students and Asian students has increased over Murphy’s presidency. The Asian student demographic increased to 38.6 percent in 2016 from 33.7 percent in 2004, and the Hispanic student demographic increased to 27.3 percent in 2016 from 12.8 percent in 2004.



“I think we did a good job,” said Murphy. “The college is a lot more diverse than it was then.”

His next ambition of engaging students in civic work contributed to the creation of many on-campus organizations including VIDA and LEAD.

Students “deserved to have an education to democratic power,” said Murphy.

He said he wanted students to be able to understand policy issues, to organize and to understand political life.

For Murphy, his proudest moments at De Anza has always been the commencement every year.

“Watching men and women that we have come to know... and to watch them walk across that stage and get that diploma is an

incredibly powerful moment,” he said.

Murphy’s retirement comes as the district is undergoing budget cuts, but he said he is not concerned at all.

“The men and women who sit around this table and the staff and faculty who meet in the budget teams, these are really good people,” said Murphy. “There’s going to be stability; there’s going to be continuity.”

In his retirement, Murphy said he will continue to work in organizations dedicated to engaging more students in the electoral process, but his main priority is to take care of himself.

“My first responsibility is to exercise, eat well and stop driving so much,” Murphy said.

He said he plans to work with The Democracy Commitment, a non-partisan national organization that he founded, aiming to engage students in civic learning.

Murphy will no longer be directly involved with De Anza after he retires.

“I’m not going to be on campus,” said Murphy. “Nothing worse than the previous guy hanging around.”

New De Anza president interim search is underway

Ethan Bennett
STAFF REPORTER

Combined efforts to search for an interim president are underway following President Brian Murphy’s retirement announcement on April 9.

Several members of the academic senate, faculty and student body comprise the search committee in charge of selecting and reviewing candidates for the interim position. For confidentiality reasons, the search and the meetings are held in private.

The candidates would eventually fill in for the duties of chief executive officer of the college and represent the Chancellor’s executive cabinet. Characteristics are also being looked at such as respect and regard for student life, academic and overall wellbeing in the community.

Moreover, the candidate will facilitate leadership and administrative oversight over plans to align the college budget with available resources in light of recent cuts.

Becky Bartindale, the coordinator of communication and public affairs, stated

the search would be focused on candidates who have worked specifically in the Foothill-De Anza community.

“Interim positions at this level at Foothill-De Anza typically are filled internally,” she said. “Among other things, this approach provides stability and continuity during a time of transition.”

No public forum will be held, following practices with past interim presidents and chancellors, to allow for quicker and smoother transition for the candidate. In this way, Bartindale said, the interim is able to work closely with President Murphy and has time to address problems created by the move.

DASB president Khaled Haq spoke on

being a part of the search committee.

“I believe my peers and I will do the best of our ability in terms of selecting a new leader for our amazing community,” Haq said. “We will be bringing concerns of the student body to the front of the table.”

Joining him in the search committee is student trustee Elias Kamal and DASB

representative, Hayman C. Wong.

Potential candidates will be selected and reviewed on Thursday, May 8, according to the timeline established by Chancellor Judy Miner.

HR Posts Job Announcement Interim	Monday, April 16, 2018
End Job Announcement Interim	Thursday, May 3, 2018
Search Committee Reviews and Ratifies Draft Interview Questions	Tuesday, May 8, 2018
Reviews and Selects Candidates for Interview	
Search Committee Interviews and Recommends Interim	Monday, May 14, 2018
Chancellor Makes Final Decision and Announces Interim	Tuesday, May 15, 2018
Interim Serves	July 1, 2018-December 31, 2019

DASB senate reviews Measure A, student discounts

Possibility of gerrymandering and voter suppression in Santa Clara

Andrew Shinjo
STAFF REPORTER

De Anza College students have discounts at businesses including Cafe LaTTea and Paris Baguette, said the Students Rights and Services Committee Chair at the April 25 DASB Senate meeting.

Newsha Nikfarjam, political science major, said she hopes to expand this deal to more businesses like clothing stores, Home Depot and anything nearby De Anza.

This discount only applies to De Anza students who have a DASB card.

“The last chair mainly pushed for 10 percent discount,” Nikfarjam said, but she hopes to push that to 15 percent.

On other business, Student Trustee on the Foothill-De Anza Board of Trustees Elias Kamal, 20, political science major; Vice President of Instruction Christina Espinosa-Pieb and Acting Vice President of Student Services Rob Mieso updated the

senate on the budget reduction process.

Kamal also trained the senate in navigating their way through the shared governance process.

The senate voted to endorse opposing the City of Santa Clara’s proposal to establish a two multi-member district election system with a transferable vote ranked-choice voting system 16-0.

Measure A was brought to the attention of the senate by senator Lawrence Su, 18, political science major, and

“The City of Santa Clara has had no voter education planned nor ballot translations planned to make ranked-choice voting accessible to all Santa Clarans, but particularly of Santa Clarans of color.”

-Alex Mabanta, Asian Law Alliance

Alex Mabanta of the Asian Law Alliance.

If this measure passes, a lot of voters will be disenfranchised, said Su.

He attributes this to gerrymandering and voter suppression that he said would result from this measure passing.

The proposed district lines divide Santa Clara along El Camino Real, which predominantly has the Korean American

communities in the surrounding area, Mabanta said.

“You cut the votes of Asian Americans who are one third of the city,” he said. “This dilutes their votes and reduce their capacity to elect anyone in the City of Santa Clara.”

Ranked-choice voting without properly informing citizens is an issue, Mabanta said because it disqualifies ballots that were not filled out correctly.

“The City of Santa Clara has had no voter education planned nor ballot translations planned to make ranked-choice voting accessible to all Santa Clarans, but particularly of Santa Clarans of color,” Mabanta said.

According to a document from the City of Santa Clara’s Clerk’s Office, one of the authors in favor of Measure A include political science professor Dominic J. Caserta, and on the authors against the ballot measure is ICC adviser La Donna Yumori-Kaku.

De Anza programs to undergo viability review



Ethan Maneja
STAFF REPORTER

Dance, photography and wildlife science technician programs have been selected for review by an upcoming Viability Advisory Team, following an April 24 vote by De Anza College's Instructional Planning and Budget Team.

The paralegal, music and massage therapy programs will also be reviewed by the viability team, in which they will be examined and will have a recommended course of action sent to College Council May 8. The review does not guarantee the elimination of the programs.

"There are other options including continuance, combining programs, suspension, not just discontinuance," said James Nguyen, political science department chair and IPBT co-chair.

Two vacant faculty positions will be removed to substitute the two classified positions, in a future IPBT meeting.

The literary magazine program, Red Wheelbarrow, was voted by the IPBT to be put on review by the upcoming Viability Advisory Team based on low enrollment and student demand for English courses.

The IPBT voted to not put any Intercultural/International Studies or language programs for an upcoming review.

Co-chair and Vice President of Instruction Christina Espinosa-Pieb also announced the overall estimated district budget deficit has increased

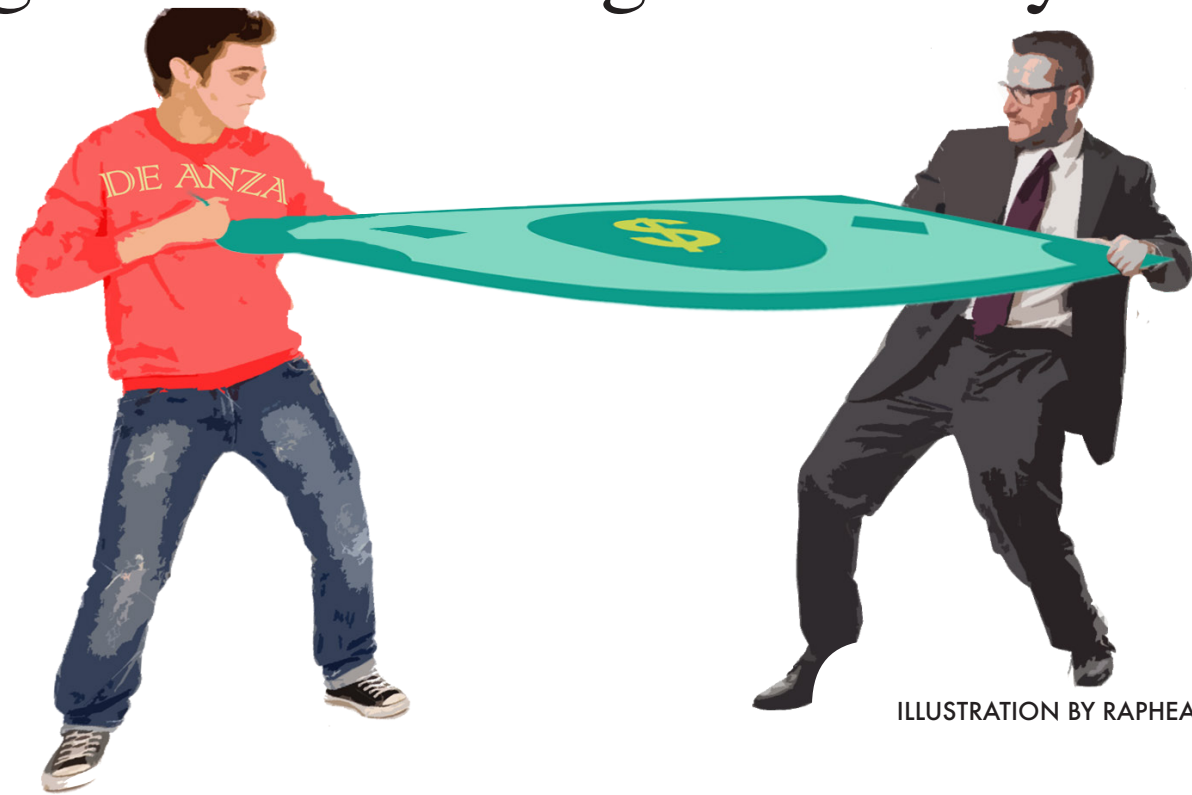


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around \$16-\$18 million from \$10 million and the instructional budget reduction to an estimated \$4.4 million from \$3.3 million. "This is one of those things where we're trying to actually save it, and we thought 'we're not going to be able to keep offering these courses with 10 students in them,'" Espinosa-Pieb said.

The IPBT voted to not remove the two vacant or soon-to-be-vacant classified positions, one of which is an instructional support coordinator. Dean of Equity Alicia Cortez talked about the impact on campus if they remove the coordinator position.

"It [the position] serves about 1500 students and about 20 percent of the students that we serve are underrepresented students," Cortez said.

The Viability Advisory Team will be selected and start meeting in May, Nguyen said.

Espinosa-Pieb said a large portion of the budget decisions, including the viability decisions, should be made before June 30. "I am always interested in keeping individuals employed," Espinosa-Pieb said.

"I am interested in not having to take away employment from a person who has a job who needs it to live here in Silicon Valley."

Although decisions for to-be-reviewed courses have not yet begun, some students are beginning to worry about what future effects the budget cuts will have on those courses.

Jackson Swanson, 20, Psychology major, said he discovered his love for dance when he enrolled in one of the workshop classes, and course choices are what make attending De Anza worthwhile.

"By possibly cutting courses, such as

dance, it limits students' ability to choose not only their classes but be able to further explore unknown interests that are waiting to be found," Swanson said.

The photography department's digital program coordinator, Diane Pierce, said she knows about the IPBT decision but not the particular factors the Viability Advisory Team will base recommendations on. She said she has observations about the program that should be recognized and included by the IPBT as discussions unfold.

"I, too, was just informed of IPBT's decision to send our photography program to the upcoming viability committee," Pierce said. "The program viability process is known, but the determining factors considered for our program have not been shared—we haven't been informed why."

The IPBT will discuss athletic funding during their next meeting on May 8.

Don't snack on fat!
How nutrition labels can improve your eating habits



Mary Sullivan
GUEST COLUMNIST

Nutritional labels are your window into what you're eating. Labels list serving size, calories and nutrient information.

Consider snack food for mid-morning or afternoon munchies, which should be between 100-200 calories, but be smart. When you go to the bookstore, you find a bag of chips with 150 calorie per serving. You are thinking thumbs up for that! However, look closely, some food companies are sneaky and masquerade a product as "low calorie" when the serving size is only half the bag. Who eats only half a bag of chips?!

As a cost saving alternative, consider bringing fresh seasonal fruit (apple, orange) and veggies (carrot, celery) to get that crunchy taste without piling up on calories.

When you are choosing your chips, look for the lowest percentage of:

- Fats (5 percent)
- Saturated/trans fats (0 percent)
- Cholesterol (0 percent)
- Sodium (below 15 percent)

Keep in mind that "fat-free" doesn't mean "calorie-free" as many fat-free and low-fat foods have added sugar to trick your taste buds.

Carbohydrates, or carbs, are the fiber and sugars in foods. Fiber aids digestion, giving your colon something to push against! Whole grains, fruits and veggies are rich in fiber, although juices do not count - as the natural pulp of the fruits are removed in processing.

When you eat a diet rich in fruits, vegetables and grain products which have soluble fiber, it may reduce your risk of heart disease and colon cancer.

Watch out for the many pseudo-names food companies give sugar - dextrose, sucrose, cane crystals, cane sugar, corn sweetener, corn syrup, evaporated cane juice, fructose sweetener, fruit juice.

Soda and sugary drinks are loaded with sugar and are commonly linked to obesity. Consider flavoring water with a slice of lemon or cucumber.

Reading nutrition labels will help one choose snacks low in fat, salt and sugar (100 - 150 calories).

Consider fresh alternatives - an apple (90 calories), orange (45 calories), carrot (25 calories), or celery (6 calories).

Reading nutrition labels is light reading for informed decisions and a healthier you!

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Kirsch Center expands butterfly conservation efforts



PHOTOS BY TRÉMAURICE JOHNSON

Clockwise from top left: The entrance to the conservation area; A monarch caterpillar perched on the milkweed plant in the Monarch Butterfly Conservation Area; Milkweed, a favorite food of many butterfly species, grows under protective netting.



Trémaurice Johnson
STAFF REPORTER

With worldwide butterfly populations declining exponentially, De Anza College's Kirsch Center plans on extending its Monarch Butterfly Conservation Area, this time accounting for even more species of butterfly.

According to Kwate Matthews, Kirsch Center Wildlife Technician, the Monarch Butterfly Conservation Area has been in existence for about two years now.

"Since we currently have a Monarch area we have seen other species of butterfly on campus: some rare and even threatened species," said Sage Viera, 19, environmental science major. "So we wanted to make a more inclusive garden for the other species to also have a sanctuary on campus."

The conservation zone is equipped with beautiful scenery, as well as observation benches made of 100 percent recycled material, for students to stop by and study.

The objective of the new garden is to expand the conservation of butterflies and pollinators by adding nectar-rich plants,

said Matthews. "The last population our conservation had a 100 percent survival rate as opposed to five to 10 percent as the wild survival rate."

Viera said students have seen a wide range of butterflies, including Painted Ladies, Swallowtails, Alpine Blues, Buckeyes and California White butterflies.

"We're working with CNPS, California Native Plant Society, to get native and drought-tolerant plants," Viera said.

"The major cause of the global decline in biodiversity is habitat loss, so making habitats for species that we used to see more of will really help their populations."

Faculty speaker emphasizes unity in addressing serious topics

The California History Center holds first speaker event, to better connect with the community.



Ethan Maneja
STAFF REPORTER

De Anza history professor Ben Kline addressed the lack of public attention to environmental reform at the inaugural California History Center Faculty Speaker Series event on April 19.

The series is organized by full-time psychology professor and foundation trustee Mark Healy, who says he is looking forward to giving students the opportunity to learn new things and to have the faculty get to know each other better.

"I think sometimes we as faculty aren't really a community, we don't know each other that well except within our own academic departments and divisions," Healy said. "I'm really, ultimately trying to strengthen the faculty community."

The inaugural event was presented by history co-chair and professor, Ben Kline. Kline spoke about his past experience as an adjunct professor teaching environmental history and writing "First Along the River," a book focusing on the social aspects of how the environment has influenced U.S. history.

In his presentation, Kline covered the development of the United States, from pre-colonial America to the present day, and discussed how the environment along with each periods' attitudes, behavior and actions shaped U.S. history.



PHOTO BY TRÉMAURICE JOHNSON

Ben Kline reads a passage from his book, "First Along the River," during his Faculty Speaker Series presentation on April 19.

Like the ban of pesticide DDT, Kline pointed out many cases with environmental reform and how it required the American public to be put into danger before responding. He warns of a similar situation needing to occur today, before the Americans becomes aware of an environmental crisis in the future.

"Unfortunately it may take the

environmental equivalent of the 9/11 Twin Towers disaster to shift the public's attention toward a global national threat which promises to make the present human v. human conflicts irrelevant," Kline said, reading from the conclusion of his book.

Sociology chair and professor, Jennifer Myhre said she loves the idea of a CHC Faculty Speaker Series and how it goes

beyond academics, to explore who her colleagues are as individuals.

Myhre will present for the Faculty Speaker Series event scheduled on May 24. She plans to talk about her current documentary project on Jane Addams and the U.S. government's propaganda and surveillance campaign against feminist pacifists in the 1920s.

Club Day showcases diverse student interests



PHOTOS BY BRIAN ROSE

Above (from left): A "Take the Pledge" poster from the health center urges signatories to commit to healthy lifestyles; GRAND dance club performs; Sean Ficker, 20, electrical engineering major, recruits for the Engineering Club.

De Anza Latinx Association awards \$1,000 scholarship



Ethan Maneja
STAFF REPORTER

The De Anza Latinx Association is awarding students involved in the Latinx community with scholarships at the annual Latinx graduation and recognition ceremony coming this June.

The Amigos De Educación Las Américas scholarships are created to financially assist students working towards graduation and degrees outside of De Anza. "The other thing along with the financial need that we are so aware of, is supporting students that are historically underrepresented," Avila said.

Funding for the \$1,000 scholarships are provided through voluntary payroll

"A lot of students...talk themselves out of applying...We do want to celebrate them."

- Melissa Aguilar

deductions by Latinx faculty, outside fundraising and donations.

The award seeks to help narrow achievement gaps in graduation and earning four year degrees among Latinx students, said Veronica Acevedo Avila, professor of developmental reading.

ESL Department Chair Maria Marin said that services on campus like the Writing and Reading Center are available to assist students needing help with the ADELA short essay.

"There are short workshops that are free and you just have to figure it out, make the

time and get help," Marin said.

Melissa Aguilar, Student Success Center co-director said the ceremony planning committee are looking for student speakers and volunteers for the ceremony and encourages students to apply for the ADELA scholarship.

"I think a lot of students qualify for the scholarship, they just don't think they'll get it and they'll talk themselves out of applying," said Aguilar. "But we want to let them know that this is an opportunity that they can apply for, we do want to celebrate them."

The ADELA application deadline will be on May 18 and the Latinx Graduation and Recognition Ceremony will be held on June 22.

Euphrat Museum hosts student art show with record of most submissions

Stephanie Lam
STAFF REPORTER

The Euphrat Museum of Art will host the De Anza Student Art Show from May 7 to June 8. According to Diana Argabrite, Museum Programs Coordinator, the show will feature recent art made by De Anza Visual Arts students.

This year exhibition includes animations, drawings, photography and ceramics, this year's show received more submissions than previous years, said Argabrite. Majority of the submissions were made this school year.

"Sometimes the paint is even wet, that's how fresh it is," Argabrite said.

Argabrite said the show is an opportunity for students to showcase their artistic talents and express their ideas.

"When you take an art class, students don't realize it at first, but there is a lot of extra hours, way more than just homework, to finish a piece," Argabrite said.

"The exhibit is acknowledging how much they work. It's a celebration of their accomplishments"



PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE LAM

Left: Semi-finished exhibits are set up in the corner of the room for the De Anza Student Art Show at the Euphrat Museum.

Above right: Jar made by an art student inside the Museum. **Down right:** A student submitted wire sculpture is set up amidst the construction in the interior of the Euphrat Museum.

Euphrat hours and events

- Reception and Awards Ceremony: Tuesday, May 15, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Open Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. during exhibitions
- Open Saturday, June 2: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., with a Community Art Station
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'Avengers: Infinity War' more than just a movie

William Roman
STAFF REPORTER

Plenty of movies are just movies; few are experiences. After ten years and 18 movies of cinematic build-up, "Avengers: Infinity War" lives up to the hype as an exciting and emotional experience.

In 2008, Marvel Studios launched the Marvel Cinematic Universe with their debut film "Iron Man". Four years later, during a post-credits scene in "The Avengers," fans got their first glimpse of Thanos, the 'Mad Titan.'

Fans familiar with the character knew he'd be on a mission to collect all six infinity stones. Each stone controls a different aspect of the universe (space, mind, reality, power, time and soul).

"Infinity War" revolves around just that: Earth's mightiest heroes banding together to stop Thanos from acquiring the infinity stones and achieving his goal with just a snap of his fingers.

Directed by brothers Anthony and Joe Russo, this film manages to give the star studded cast of Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johansson and more a fair amount of screen time that aligns with the importance of their characters to the plot.

Seeing certain characters finally interact with each other such as Iron Man with Doctor Strange/Starlord or Thor with the Guardians of the Galaxy was a real treat. The

action itself had the audience in an uproar that only a movie like this could achieve.

Without giving too much away, the opening scene really sets the tone with death and destruction all around. The balance between comedy and drama are enough to make you believe that the heroes will come out on top but never feel 100 percent certain.

Hope, despair, love and desperation are elements that fit well into this film but loss and sacrifice are the ones that help drive the story in directions that the audience may find surprising or even hard to witness.

It was never a secret that multiple characters would die, it was just a matter of who and how. There have been so many theories as to what would happen but none which I've read had it all figured out.

It's hard for me to come up with anything that I didn't like about this movie because it has it all. You'll laugh, cheer and more than likely, cry.

I've often seen movies advertised with quotes from major publications claiming that you'll be "on the edge of your seat." or taken for "a rollercoaster ride." This is the only movie I've seen that deserves that kind of recognition.

As someone who usually doesn't see movies twice in theaters because I don't think it's ever worth it, this is definitely a rare exception.

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De-police: Do not call 911



Ryan Chen
PHOTO EDITOR

Police presence is not necessary and the police should not be called in non life-threatening situations

According to a story in the Mercury News, the First Congregational Church of Oakland is vowing not to call the police during resolvable confrontations with homeless or mentally handicapped individuals in order to avoid uncalled-for violence.

Cynthia Kaufman, philosophy professor at De Anza College, recently hosted a discussion about the book “The End of Policing” by Alex S. Vitale.

She said that she wants to encourage students to formulate their own opinion on policing, and she is worried about how officers will handle those with mental problems.

“To a hammer, everything looks like a nail,” she said.

Police are not well-equipped to respond appropriately in matters of moderate concern. With the police’s lack of context in handling casual disputes, further escalation is possible, if not likely.

Another reason to de-police is racism. In a widely reported incident, someone called the police on two African-American men waiting at a Starbucks. According to the same Mercury News article, this incident inspired the First Congregational Church of Oakland to adopt its de-policing policy.

Despite the relatable desire to call the authorities and ensure your safety and security, you should not trust the police to resolve issues that could escalate racial tensions and violence.

Conversion therapy should not be banned



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The California Assembly bill banning gay conversion therapy and its advertising is a violation of the First Amendment, and should not be passed into law by the state senate, despite the dangers of the practice.

“Rather than limit the advertiser, we need to advertise against conversion therapy.”

The law proposed by Evan Low, California Assemblyman and De Anza alumni, would ban “advertising, offering to engage in, or engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with an individual.”

Conversion therapy is mostly unrestricted in the majority of states, yet is discredited by leading names in mental health such as the American Psychological Association and the American Psychiatric Association.

Conversion therapy is much more than a method to change one’s sexual orientation. It is based on the false idea that expressing one’s identity is

wrong, and that hiding away feelings and saving yourself from judgement is the best course of action.

But we should not limit the people who practice and advertise these methods just because it is a potentially fraudulent practice.

Although the Supreme Court mandates that advertisements should be granted fewer First Amendment protections than noncommercial speech, many products that provide a potentially harmful service to the consumer are only slightly regulated, and ads are still run.

For example, cigarettes are advertised everywhere, but they cannot run their ads without stating a government warning about the health risks smoking can cause.

In addition to government warnings, ads against smoking help restrict its influence on our culture. We should follow the same protocol when dealing with conversion therapy.

Rather than limit the advertiser, we need to advertise against it. Ending this practise should start with education, not limitation.

No one should have to endure conversion therapy, but limiting free speech is not the way to combat it.

Superhero movies still going strong, ‘Avengers fatigue’ is dumb



Ethan Bennett
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Some can’t stand superhero movies anymore, but they still belong at the top of the box office, and I can’t wait see more.

Recently, acclaimed director James Cameron openly criticized Marvel’s latest film, “Avengers: Infinity War,” and addressed what he calls “Avengers fatigue.” According to Indiewire, he believes that “they have dominated too much of the genre as of late.”

Cameron said, “There are other stories to tell besides hyper-gonadal males without families doing death-defying things for two hours and wrecking cities in the process.”

On one hand, Cameron is right. Film has potential to tell stories other than superpowered individuals beating up bad guys and saving the world, and limiting blockbusters to this material

highlights repetitive plot and structure.

We do not need superhero movies to tell stories about bravery, sacrifice, and overcoming obstacles. Movies like “Saving Private Ryan,” “Remember the Titans,” and “The Shawshank

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Redemption” all point to that.

And creatively directed aesthetic films like “La La Land” and “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind” leave audiences with a unique sense of wonder and awe that superhero films just cannot create.

But let’s be honest. Like my personal favorite, “Captain America: Civil War,”



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superhero movies in general are an absolute blast to watch. A-list actors and experienced directors all do justice to the comic books they take material from.

But superheroes are not just entertainment. “Black Panther” and “Wonder Woman” have even made impacts culturally and socially!

More importantly, superheroes represent what we all strive to be:

courageous and selfless heroes with strong moral character. It is the good versus evil trope that never gets old.

As “Avengers: Infinity War” is poised for worldwide box-office domination, this debate is food for thought. But for now, it’s Marvel’s universe and we’re living in it.

Badminton dominates vs Skyline



PHOTO BY BRITTANI MAHER

Madison Ng waits for her opponent to serve a birdie at De Anza's game against Skyline College on April 24.



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De Anza College's women's badminton team bounced back in a big way on April 24, dominating Skyline College at home 18-3. The Dons won many of the close matches, recovering from their loss last week against Fresno City College.

Head coach Mark Landefeld says he's pleased with how the team played. "The performance was overdue for us," the coach said.

"We won a lot of the close matches we have been losing over the past couple weeks."

Landefeld brought up why this win was a little more satisfying than the others. One of De Anza's former players, who was on the team a few seasons ago, left to play for Skyline's badminton team.

"There is some school pride there that I think was important to our girls," he said.

Coach Landefeld had positive words for his players, saying "Negar Hosseini stepped up and demonstrated she is probably the best singles player in the Coast [Conference]."

Hosseini, winner of both her singles and doubles matches, said she was satisfied with her play. "I kept my cool even when the matches became longer," the 20-year-old biochemistry major said.

This was a bittersweet moment for biology major Madison Ng, 20, who is in her last season on the badminton team. She reminisced on her time as a Don, talking about the fun she had on the squad.

With this win, the team moves on and plays their final Coast Conference matchup against Skyline Community College of San Francisco on April 26.

Softball team finishes season on low note



PHOTO BY WILLIAM ROMAN

Leila Fletcher hits the ball out to right field during the third inning of De Anza's softball game vs Foothill College, on April 24.



Kevin Coletto
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Even in the face of defeat, the Dons of De Anza College's softball team hold their heads up high. De Anza lost 6-1 against Foothill College (1-6) on April 24, marking the ending of the Dons' 2017-2018 softball season.

The team finished last in the Coast Conference standings (0-12), however there were no frowns to be seen despite this fact. As they faced off against the Owls, cheers could be heard in celebration of the season coming to a close, regardless of scores or standings.

"The only thing I'm sad about is that the season is ending," 20-year-old Danielle Bond, communications major, said.

"I think we had a good second half of the season, we showed a lot more effort and we finished strong each game."

"The girls have improved tremendously, and I'm proud of them no matter what the standings say. I'm looking forward to next season," Assistant Coach Mikka Dixon said.

The incoming prospects for the softball team show potential for a refined team of players for the next season, according to Kevin Fletcher, a close supporter of the team.

"We have a pretty strong group of freshmen for next season, and I believe if they put in the hard work and effort, they can compete evenly with anybody in the conference," Fletcher said.

Head coach Megan Kravetz also said she has hope for the team. "The season may have ended for us, but we still have a lot of work to do," Kravetz said.

"The incoming freshmen for next season will be training in the fall, and I have a strong belief that we'll be back in the spring with a strong team."

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