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Yami Sun
STAFF REPORTER

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The project uses camera trapping (live camera feed) to track beavers and other wildlife throughout Cupertino and other communities.

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Tuesday Jan. 29

**Lit Lunch:
Bite Size Equity**
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
MLC 250
A brown bag lunch with 6 minute presentations highlighting tangible examples of equity at De Anza College.

Wednesday Jan. 30

Meet Author Reyna Grande
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Conference Room A
Hear author and educator Reyna Grande discuss her life as an undocumented immigrant and writer.

Thursday Feb. 7

Open Mic Night
5 - 7 p.m.
Euphrat Museum of Art
Poets, singers, rappers and spoken word artists welcome for a free performance at De Anza's Euphrat Museum of Art.

Saturday Feb. 2

This Is Our Sky
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Fujitsu Planetarium
A general astronomy show which covers the phases of the Moon, seasons, constellations and planets. General admission: \$9.

Cosmic Journey
5 - 6 p.m.
Fujitsu Planetarium
See the heavenly bodies in our solar system in a detailed show rendered from satellite images. General admission: \$9.

Stars
7 - 8 p.m.
Fujitsu Planetarium
Journey to the outer reaches of space and observe the beauty and power of stars. Narrated by Mark Hamill. General admission: \$9.

**Laser Beatles:
"Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"**
8:15 - 9:15 p.m.
Fujitsu Planetarium
Enjoy a laser light show accompanied by selections from The Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band." General admission: \$9.

**Laser Pink Floyd:
"The Wall"**
9:15 - 10:15 p.m.
Fujitsu Planetarium
Enjoy a laser light show accompanied by selections from Pink Floyd's "The Wall." General admission: \$9.

Saturday Feb. 9

The Moon
5 - 6 p.m.
Fujitsu Planetarium
Learn about the Moon's phases, craters and other special characteristics. General admission: \$9.

Wednesday Feb. 13

**Reception With The Artists:
"Ancestral Journeys"**
6 - 7 p.m.
Euphrat Museum of Art
Meet the artists responsible for the Ancestral Journeys exhibit at the Euphrat Museum exploring identity and migration.

Tuesday Feb. 19

Day of Remembrance
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Conference Room A
A talk and panel discussion recognizing the 77th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, which marked the beginning of the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. This 17th annual commemoration on campus of this historic day will feature Nancy Ukai, project director of "50 Objects," and a panel discussion on the Japanese American experience and how it applies to today's political landscape.

Thursday Feb. 21

Umoja Paint Night
5:30 - 8 p.m.
Euphrat Museum of Art
Enjoy a night of painting, networking, music and food while raising funds to send students on a tour of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

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Friday, Feb. 1

DASB Senate Meeting
4 - 6 p.m.
Every Wednesday

**Art Exhibition:
"Ancestral Journeys"**
Feb. 4 through March 21.
Monday - Thursday
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Euphrat Museum of Art
View art exploring identity, ancestry and immigration inspired by family history. Free admission. Open to tour groups by appointment.

Mobile Food Pantry
Second and fourth Tuesdays.
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Parking Lot C
Free access to food including produce, meat, dry goods and canned food available to all students.

Open Mic Night
Every 1st Thursday
5 - 7 p.m.
Euphrat Museum of Art

Campus Closed

President's Day
Feb. 15 - 18.

POSITIONS

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- Vice President

Committee Chairs:

- Administration
- Finance
- Student Rights and Services
- Marketing
- Diversity & Events
- Environmental Sustainability
- Legislative Affairs

- Senator
- Student Trustee

IMPORTANT DATES

- Information Session
Jan 23rd at 2:30pm
- Applications Due
Feb 4th by 4:00 pm
- Mandatory Candidates' Orientation
February 6th at 220 pm
- Campaigning Begins
February 24th at 7:00am
- Voting Period
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Soup	Butternut Squash	Red Pepper & Crab Bisque	Beef Chili	French Onion	Clam Chowder
Pizza	Asian Chicken w/ Scallions & Sesame	Cheeseburger	Margarita	Chorizo & Sharp Cheddar	Chef's Choice
Burger	Steakhouse Burger: Black Pepper Onion Roll, Caramelized Onion, Thin Sliced Sirloin, Provolone Cheese				
	4	5	6	7	8
Soup	Chicken Noodle	Beef Pot Roast	Red Lentil Vegetable	Tequila Chicken Fiesta	Clam Chowder
Pizza	Ham & Pineapple & Green Peppers	Roast Chicken, Ranch	Vegetarian Combo	BBQ Chicken w/ Green Onions	Chef's Choice

Student senate endorses second look at eliminated skills coordinator



Shiri Marwaha
STAFF REPORTER



Stephanie Lam
NEWS EDITOR

DASB senators endorsed a statement of support for the eliminated skills coordinator position in the Student Success Center during the Jan. 16. DASB meeting.

Diana Alves De Lima, co-director of the Student Success Center, had presented the

statement about the elimination by at a joint College Council, Administrative Services, Instructional Services and Student Services meeting on Jan. 10.

“Eliminated positions need to be looked at in terms of the college-wide impact and in terms of the overall long-term health of the college,” Alves de Lima said at the joint meeting. “Those positions should be weighed against other positions on the list, rather than positions in the Student Success Center.”

Other positions eliminated included those

in Assessment Center, College Operations, Physical Education and Counseling and College Life. With the eliminations, De Anza completed its goal of reaching \$8.8 million in budget reduction by July 2019.

An hour and a half long discussion took place in Conference Room B, between faculty and staff and interim president Christina Espinosa-Pieb about why certain positions were being cut, and how eliminated positions would affect the work distribution within different departments.

Espinosa-Pieb said the urgency to discuss

and approve the eliminations was due to the upcoming district deadlines. Positions can be reconsidered if a shift in work responsibility within affected departments reveals a job better fit for elimination.

“I really want you to keep in mind, none of this has been easy,” Espinosa-Pieb said to the audience, “but I will always air on the side of keeping filled positions employed and going with vacant positions. If anybody doesn’t know that about me, they will know it now.”

DASB votes to support paper towel removal plan



Yami Sun
STAFF REPORTER

A resolution that would eliminate paper towels from De Anza bathrooms was approved at the Jan. 23 DASB meeting.

Environmental sustainability committee’s “Save Paper Towels” project aims to reduce De Anza’s carbon footprint and paper waste by implementing Dyson air dryers, according to Takuto Ueda, chair of environmental sustainability.

Approval to move forward with the project will be determined at a Campus Facilities Team meeting on Jan. 27.

DASB also approved a funding request of \$600 from special allocations account for extended meeting meals. A proposal to form an ad-hoc shared governance committee tabled from the Jan. 16 senate meeting was also discussed, but no action was taken.

Assesment technician to leave De Anza ‘family’



Julia Kolman
STAFF REPORTER

Assesment center testing technician, Diana Contreras will be retiring at the end of the school year after 13 years at De Anza.

Contreras worked as a testing technician in the assessment center, which will be closing. Incoming students will now be placed using their high school transcripts instead of placement tests.

Contreras’ career revolved around students’ success, both at De Anza and local high schools.

Among the high schools are Independence, Monta Vista, Branham, Cupertino, Oak Grove, Gunderson and Fremont High School. Contreras assisted with students’ performance in English and math, and regularly encountered her former high school students at De Anza.

Contreras often does behind-the-scenes work, yet plays a crucial role in how students succeed.

“When you make a difference in your student’s and colleague’s lives, you feel good,” said Contreras.

Contreras said the most significant obstacle she had to deal with was the passing of her husband, Leonel Contreras in 2016. Leonel was the president of



PHOTO BY JULIA KOLMAN

California School Employees Association and involved in Heat Ventilation Air Conditioning.

Over the years, she said, students had approached Contreras, recalling stories of her husband and his contributions to the campus and themselves.

Acknowledging people at De Anza is crucial to maintaining a positive environment, said Contreras. She is a member of the Employee of the Month Committee and said she enjoyed rewarding and recognizing the staff.

The decision to retire is best for Contreras personally, she said. She plans to focus her

time on her two 10-month-old grandsons, who she said were essential to her life.

Contreras said the De Anza community had been a great part of her career.

“Your colleagues become your family,” said Contreras. “Your family away from home.”

Diana Contreras, at De Anza’s Assessment Center, works in her office on Jan. 16. Contreras’s position was one of the six classified positions voted for eliminated at the Jan. 10. joint college council meeting.



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- Thursday Jan. 31, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Monday Feb. 4, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m
- Tuesday Feb. 5, 5:30-7 p.m.

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Student Success Center coordinator to retire



Elsa Castro
STAFF REPORTER

After serving the Foothill-De Anza community for over 30 years, Stephanie Pham, Academic Skills Center program coordinator of the Student Success Center, will retire at the end of this year.

Pham’s position consists of hiring student tutors for fellow students who are interested in a little extra

support throughout the course of their studies.

Pham said she was happy to be able to support students in their academic journeys over the past five years. The relationships she developed with the tutors were also memorable.

“We are fortunate that we have such a wonderful group [of students] who are very committed, hardworking and

smart,” said Pham.

Pham said the decision to retire was not easy, because she did not feel ready to. But given De Anza’s current layoffs and budget cuts, she decided that retiring early was the best choice for her and her colleagues.

Pham will receive a pension package once she retires.

She said she would continue looking for work with hopes to return to De Anza as a temporary employee in the near future.

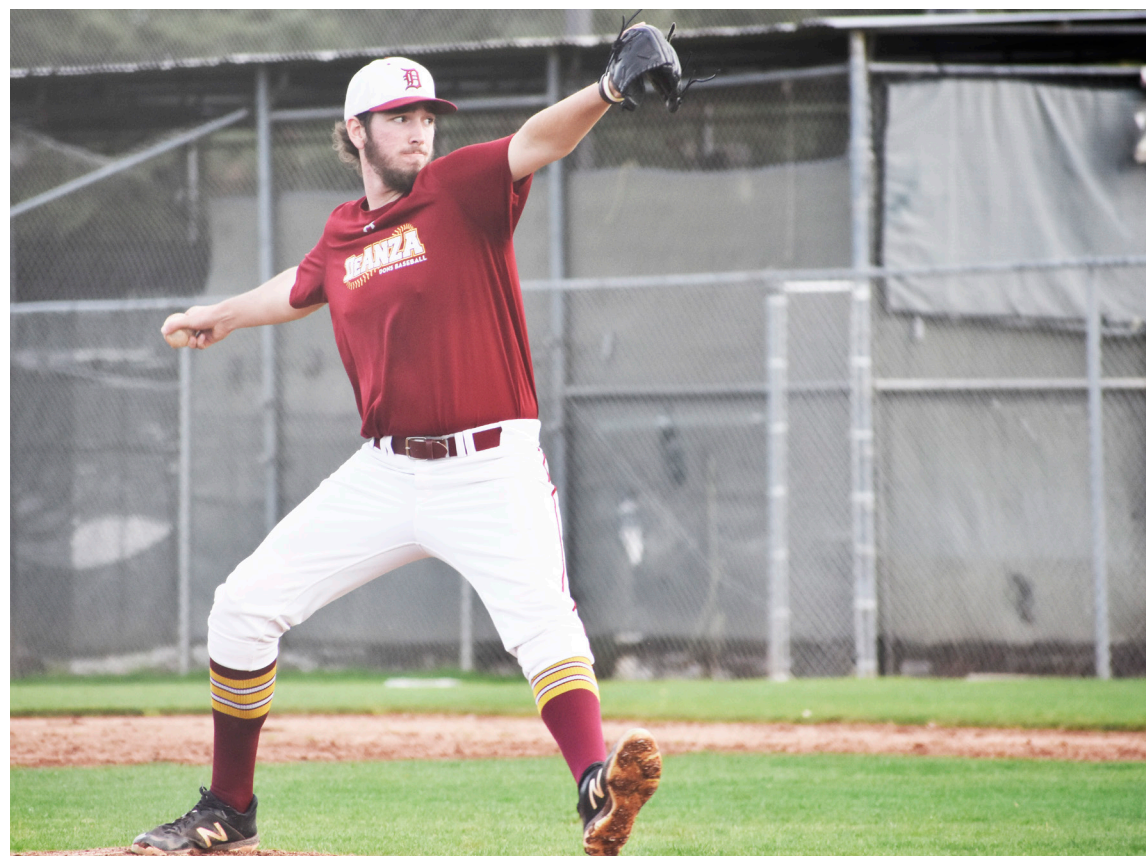
“I love to work at De Anza,” Pham said, “with the experience that I have, I feel strongly that I am able to help and support the students here.”



PHOTO BY TREASURE NGUYEN

Stephanie Pham, Academic Skills Center program coordinator of the Student Success Center, will be retiring at the end of this year. Pham’s position was one of six classified positions eliminated at De Anza College.

Men's baseball raring to kick off season in hopes of playoff berth



PHOTOS BY AUDREY MARQUES



Jaclyn Lim
STAFF REPORTER

The De Anza College Baseball team are prepared for their season this year, with hopes of clinching a playoff berth.

Despite the gloomy weather, pitching coach Matt Risko assures that no problem is too big for the team to overcome.

"It wouldn't be De Anza baseball without a little bit of adversity with the rain coming in buckets the last couple weeks and the smoke taking out a good

amount of practice time, but they always found a way to get better," said Risko.

In preparation for this season, Risko explained how practices for the fall season differed largely from the ones in winter.

"The bulk of the time in the fall is spent making sure the pitchers arms are conditioned. Now that we're approaching the first game on Friday the practices have changed to simulate live game situations and make sure everyone is mentally and physically ready for a long season."

Jaren Washington, 20, child development major, is in his second year playing for the team and he believes that they have a good team this year.

"We are going to be a very hard team to beat. We have a lot of very good talent. We just need to do our individual jobs and play like the team I know we are," said Washington.

"This is the most talent we had here and if we stick together as a group and work together to get the job done every day, we will surprise a lot of people in

Left: Austin Tremeling, 18, throws the ball during the scrimmage game on Jan. 18. **Top Right:** Nick Hoefling, 20, liberal arts major, a left-handed pitcher, deals a strike. **Bottom Right:** Samio Uze, 18, business major, Third Baseman, getting ready for his round on the scrimmage game.

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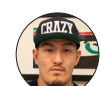
With their opening game against Yuba, third basemen of the team, Sean Rooney, 19, business major, is looking forward to the start of the season.

"It should be a fun two-game series against Yuba. We opened

up against them last year too and won both games, so hopefully we can repeat that this year," said Rooney.

The men's baseball team just opened their season against Yuba College on Jan. 25 at home.

Women's basketball displays strong team spirit despite multiple adversities



Tyson Tsoi
STAFF REPORTER

With a current standing of 3-13, De Anza College's women's basketball team is dealing with an increasing number of adversities as the season continues.

However, head coach Mike Allen remains upbeat about his team's position.

"I'm trying to stay away from the negatives and focus on the positives," said Allen.

Coming off the back of a 65-54 loss to Gavilan College on Jan. 18, a threadbare squad already lacking in players suffered multiple injuries in their last home game.

New players have thus been brought in to alleviate the situation.

One such player is taking this opportunity to gain more experience.

"Coach Mike has me on mainly for defensive pressure against the opposing team. I love the sport so I am just glad the coach gave me

the opportunity to play with the team," said Valerie Batino, 20, kinesiology major, who joined near the end of pre-season.

Batino believes that focusing on what is needed to help the team become a better unit is key to utilizing the full potential of each player and thus overcoming their current adversities.

"There have been a few new players added to the team roster, myself included. That makes it a bit difficult to learn and get used to everyone's style of play but I know that we are all working hard to become a strong cohesive unit, even through all the change and adversity."

"During practice we have drills that work on our teamwork, ball handling, shooting, as well as overall fitness. They help us to become closer as a team and better understand each other's strengths and weaknesses on the court," said Batino.

The Dons return to action on Wednesday, Jan. 30, against Hartnell College.



PHOTO BY DAMON ONG

Key injuries to team players left coach Mike Allen with a tactical headache during a home game on Jan. 11.

Six tips for a healthy year



Mary Sullivan
Guest Columnist

Welcome to winter quarter - with cold, dark, wet days. January is often a time of New Year's resolutions or commitments to be healthier, but often we make unrealistic goals for ourselves. Realize you are already making a healthy change by taking classes, but how about smaller, changes accomplished in just a few minutes each day.

Consider these six simple healthy changes:

Gratitude list - Write down five things you are grateful for at the end of the day or during down time between classes. You might list a friend, your bike, or good health. Research has shown this simple habit done daily or weekly increases feelings of well-being, improves sleep and strengthens interpersonal relationships. Change up your focus.

LOL & sing! - Both laughter and singing reduce stress and improve mood, and it's contagious. Tell a silly joke or story, or watch a funny movie with friends. Smiling makes you feel better as well as those around you.

Stand up for yourself - Some studies show that prolonged sitting is bad for your health, even if you exercise regularly. After an hour sitting, take a five minute walk or do five squats, but get up. There are free apps to help such as Move and Randomly RemindMe. **Take a power nap** - to improve memory, alertness and vigor. A six - 10 minute nap boosts cognitive performance and reduces fatigue in sleep-deprived students. If your eyelids just seem too heavy, allow yourself a short snooze.

Go nuts - Consider nuts as a mid morning or afternoon boost. Those who regularly eat nuts are less likely to die from cancer, heart and respiratory disease than those who eat no nuts. A serving (1 ounce = 23 almonds) of nuts provides 162 calories, 14 grams of heart-healthy unsaturated fat, and 6 grams of protein to power through your day.

Straighten up and fly right - Good posture improves physical health (internal organs and muscles are happier) and helps your attitude too. Poor posture causes physical and mental stress. Slouching causes muscles to work harder, leading to pain and soreness. Pause throughout your day to correct your posture when standing, sitting or walking. It might help you feel more upbeat and energetic.

Small changes are easier to incorporate into our lives, and they add up to big health changes. Write down clear mini-goals and invite friends to join you. It's more fun and you'll have greater success because small additions become your new year healthy you!

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Softball season over before it even starts



GRAPHICS BY EMILY LIU

Instability within the program has caused a lack of players amidst coaching changes over the past year.



Elsa Castro
STAFF REPORTER

De Anza College women's softball has come to a halt due to a shortage of players.

The team was unable to recruit new players for the upcoming season after the departure of their former coach, who left last fall, causing some players to leave too.

"By the time we hired a new coach, it was too late to recruit new athletes as the school year had already started," said assistant athletics director Nick Mattis.

Another obstacle the team was

facing was the inability to sustain a coach for a long period of time.

Unfortunately, De Anza College only offers a part-time coaching position for the softball team.

"I think that has hurt recruiting and stability to build a program," said Mattis.

That lack of stability has also affected the team's performances, with a low winning percentage over the last 12 years.

"Our team has not had a winning record in many years," said Mattis.

The women's softball team won only a single game in the

previous 2017/2018 season, holding a record of 1-33.

Despite the several bumps on the road, De Anza College does have plans to bring the team back again.

"We hope to field a team next year," says Athletics Director Kulwant Singh.

Students interested in joining the women's softball team for future seasons can contact the athletics director Kulwant Singh at <singhkulwant@deanza.edu>

Men's basketball fighting uphill battle to make playoffs



Julia Kolman
STAFF REPORTER

De Anza College Men's Basketball team approaches prospective playoffs with a score of 0-3 in the league as of Jan. 18.

Despite the team's current standing of 8-11, head coach Jason Damjanovik remains upbeat thanks to a prosperous preseason and the strong forms of several key players.

"You always want more. You always want to be better," said Damjanovik. "However, we played a brilliant preseason."

To advance into playoffs, Damjanovik anticipates the team will need to win the remainder of their games in the conference but has his hopes for success, pointing to areas of needed improvement.

"In order to be successful throughout the remainder of the season, we need to focus on our defense and rebounding," said Damjanovik.

Blake Uyehara, 20, computer science major, believes the team is improving together, crediting the coaching staff for their assistance with the team's developments.

"The coaches are really great. They prepare us well for games," said Uyehara.

Like their head coach, several players said they were fully focused on their goal of making the playoffs for the season.

Ajay Singh, 20, finance major, believes the team needs to focus throughout the remaining games,



PHOTO BY DAMON ONG

Darien Davis, 20, communications major, guard, is averaging 16.1 points per game, shooting 50.0% from beyond the three-point arc.

despite their losses so far.

"Right now, we are struggling. We have to get back on track and hope for the playoffs," said Singh.

Singh currently ranks second in scoring, first in total points, and first in total field goals in the state.

Darien Davis, 20, communications major, also shares a similar hope in advancing this season.

"I want to make the playoffs and win the conference, hopefully," said Davis. "Right now, it looks like we have to win the rest of our games to do that."

The outcome of the season is significant to Davis, who hopes for a scholarship to a four-year university.

The Men's Basketball team's next game is on Jan. 30 against Hartnell College.

Wondrous winter season creates unique style



Hwan Lee
IMPULSE EDITOR

The heart of winter brings inspirational student fashion trends to life.

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Aesthetic Match

Abel Atanfu, 19, software engineer major, creates a grey navy hoodie and pants design along with his matching bandana for max comfort.



Vintage Style

Weiyu Sung, 22, economics major, establishes a comfortable and casual contrast of black and white to express her vintage winter style.



Modern Mashup

Eunmi Lee, 21, library science major, combines a luxurious black coat with her black-striped lavender dress shirt to highlight its sharpness.



Winter Beast

William Wang, 21, economics major, displays his winter spirit with a lion themed bomber jacket over his tropical orange T-shirt.

‘Dragon Ball Super: Broly’ shatters viewer’s expectations



Hwan Lee
IMPULSE EDITOR

With its seamless spectacular animation and plot, “Dragon Ball Super: Broly” is an absolute thrill that delivers a flawless visual experience unlike any other animated action film, fit for both anime fans and newcomers to the series.

Even though the theater where I experienced the movie offered poor audio quality, it barely detracted from the exhilaration of the entire film. Its amazing soundtrack delivers that exact feeling of somber tenseness and its hyperactiveness during fist-to-fist combat sequences.

The first twenty minutes of the film delivers an emotional overturn for me, thanks to the movie’s well written script.

The premise of the movie introduces the titular villain

known as Broly as he is forcefully sent to Earth with his father to enact revenge on the people who ruined his father’s life. After being exiled and controlled by his father while living in a harsh planet for years in the past, you actually sympathize and connect with Broly’s rage, making him not characterize as a villain at all.

Broly faces off with the supreme fighters Goku and Vegeta, and despite its finale involving myriads of fighting sequences, Broly ultimately fights with himself to discover what it means to live a proper life, rather than with his cruel father.

Whether the plot or premise of the movie may seem confusing to newcomers, the action sequences involving the fights from both Goku, Vegeta, and Broly were its best viewing point. The final

battle involving a merged form of Goku and Vegeta known as ‘Gogeta’ facing against Broly is so visually pleasing that it literally shattered time in the movie itself with its intense power.

Colorful special effects and smooth combats, along with beautiful transformation sequences made everyone in the theater cheer for its remarkable detail, along with its excellent sound design.

While the film has its memorable moments, it is not perfect. There are too many plot jumps and time skips that makes the film struggle with its pacing. But despite this minor drawback, “Dragon Ball Super: Broly” is a must-watch for lovers of the franchise, or even for those who seek an explosive and memorable action kick.

‘Glass’ portrays delusional grandeur



Phoenix Mantei
STAFF REPORTER

Delusions and superheroes come to life within “Glass,” which explores a new portrayal of said delusional people who actually believe that they are indeed superheroes. A movie that confirms that such a thing could in fact be possible shows that it is significantly dangerous to those with this mindset.

M. Night Shyamalan’s “Glass” is a crossover between his previous films “Unbreakable” and “Split”. While it does a good job of reminding viewers what happened in the movies preceding it, the film is one into which viewers should not go without having seen its predecessors. You will definitely need prior research of the other movies if you jump to this movie immediately after.

The introduction jumps from person to person too much in a way that would make you wonder if you should have rewatched the first two films beforehand. Had I not previously researched information on the first two movies, I would have not remembered these characters enough to understand who they were and what it was that they were trying to accomplish in the film.

In “Glass,” Bruce Willis’ character, who had been the lone survivor of the train wreck caused by Samuel L. Jackson’s character in “Unbreakable,” has become vigilante of sorts and has

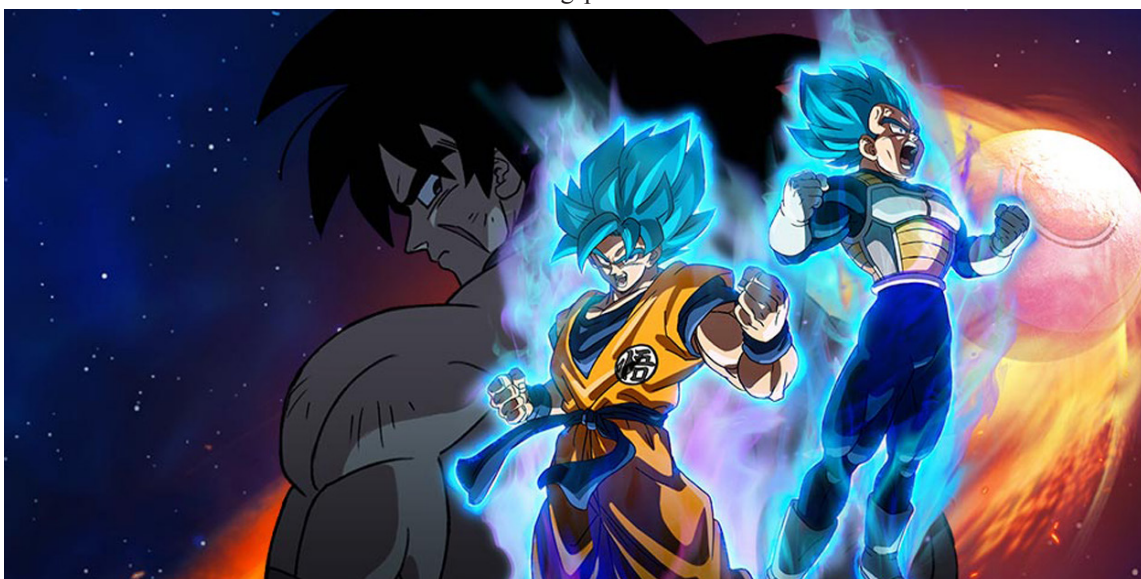
tasked himself with finding and stopping Kevin Wendell Crumb, played by James McAvoy. He is still best known for kidnapping and murdering the female lead characters previously in his movie “Split.”

The acting and cinematography are amazing. I believe the script-writing and directing were also well done, which shows that Shyamalan has definitely improved from some of his previous movies unrelated to the franchise.

However, I take issue with the movie’s portrayal of mental illness. In 2016, “Split” received a lot of backlash for portraying the only mentally ill character as the villain. In “Glass,” the villain is unclear, and we see many characters who are told that they have a mental illness in the form of a dangerous delusion, which makes the situation much worse than the previous movies.

I applaud M. Night Shyamalan for his latest work “Glass” and the research that is apparent that went into the film. However, the movie’s portrayal of mental illness has left me with a negative feeling.

Overall, “Glass” deserves a 4/5 for the aspects of the movie that may keep me up at night in the best way.



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Miles Voci
STAFF REPORTER

Education should be a right, not a monetized business, and Gov. Gavin Newsom's new \$40 million budget plan to help fund an additional year of tuition-free community college for California provides the aid students desperately need.

More often than not, it feels like students can barely afford to support themselves. According to a report by Community College Review, the average tuition for an in-state student is

\$1,700 a year, whereas an out-of-stater will be charged \$6,800 on average.

This is a lot of money, considering a fair portion of community college students being working-class and struggling to even buy something as necessary as textbooks.

Former Gov. Jerry Brown, signed a bill in 2017, making the first year of community college free throughout the state at participating colleges.

Although Newsom's budget plan goes a long way in funding

statewide community college education, some argue that taxpayers will be negatively affected. Critics say more education funding will directly raise the California taxpayer's tab.

According to the Sacramento Bee that the governor's proposed budget also emphasizes a significant increase in funding for Cal Grants to reward economically disadvantaged students. This is a big deal because more often than not, it feels like students can barely

afford to support themselves.

Expenses such as parking, food and transportation, make education hard to afford, when it shouldn't be.

Not having to worry about tuition can go a long way in helping students mental health as well as it alleviates the mental stress that stems from the financial fiscal aspect of education. This would give students the incentive they need to continue their academic studies and achieve more in life.

CON: Free tuition is not really free, you still pay some other way

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Free tuition is about as free as a small drink in a combo; you're still paying for it, but not as much.

Gov. Newsom wants to extend free tuition for community college to two years. As a long time student I am not affected, yet I know many other people who could heavily benefit.

Life in California is insanely expensive, and being able to afford an education requires

sacrifices for a lot of people. The question then becomes, is it actually free?

The current program comes from the excess budget that California gets from the taxes that we all pay. So even if you are benefiting from the free tuition, you are still paying for it.

Take the bus pass that De Anza College offers, for example. Everyone who attends the college pays around \$12 per quarter for the pass, regardless of whether or not they take advantage of it.

A common fear some might have is free tuition could raise taxes, but Californians already pay such high taxes that the state has a significantly large excess of cash to burn after budgeting. But if they were to put fifty million into this program, that money will not go into healthcare, or public transport.

Many students can not afford cars and get trapped in circles of repairs that force them onto a shoddy public transport system. Healthcare is a sacrifice many

make in order to afford their education, often taking the cheapest plan they can or depending on the government, since the law dictates that they have health insurance.

If the state does give out free tuition colleges could also raise textbook or food prices in order to compensate, as they are given a set amount of money based on an average instead of the flexible amount given by paying students.

DA Voices: Thoughts on the government shutdown



Amy Gallagher
STAFF REPORTER



Sabrina Stewart,
OTI Supervisor

"One of my best friends works in Washington D.C. and it impacts her every day going to work because she isn't getting paid. It's hard to do everyday things like getting gas and buying food."



Rhozhen Panahi,
20, biology major

"It isn't affecting me directly, but a friend of mine's social security number was stolen and he currently can't fix it."



Osman Saeday, 19,
computer science major

"It isn't really affecting me, but even if it is I wouldn't know it."



Tiffany Nguyen,
18, business major

"It hasn't affected me besides what I've seen on the news, but I'm worried. It's not a good feeling seeing people not getting paid."

Raising the minimum wage does more harm than good



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Increasing the minimum wage in California is beneficial to students who work, but is detrimental to employees and businesses of all demographics in the community because it can lead to competition, higher prices and several other problems.

Increasing the wage to \$15 per hour in urban Los Angeles might be beneficial to employees because it would help them afford living in a costly area. But in rural communities such as Fresno, a \$15 minimum

wage can be detrimental since a majority of the employees live on a minimum wage and the cost of living is significantly lower than a metropolitan area.

"If I am making \$15 right now at a bank, and someone is making \$12 at a fast-food restaurant, and that gets raised to \$15, it creates pressure to raise the wages of that bank teller," said Jerry Newman, a professor at the University at Buffalo's School of Management, to ABC News. According to a 2017 Bureau of Labor Statistics study, 53.2% of minimum wage employees work in food preparation and serving-related occupations.

"They (Restaurants) can raise prices [instead of cutting jobs] to cover the additional costs [of a rate hike]," Ed Leamer, director of UCLA Anderson Forecast, told UCLA Anderson Review. "Retailers and manufacturers compete internationally and can't do that."

Student employees primarily work to pay for academic expenses, housing, gas and food, but only support themselves for only a short period of time with their wages.

"College students do tend to be lower-wage workers," Cecilia Rouse, an economics professor at Princeton University told USA

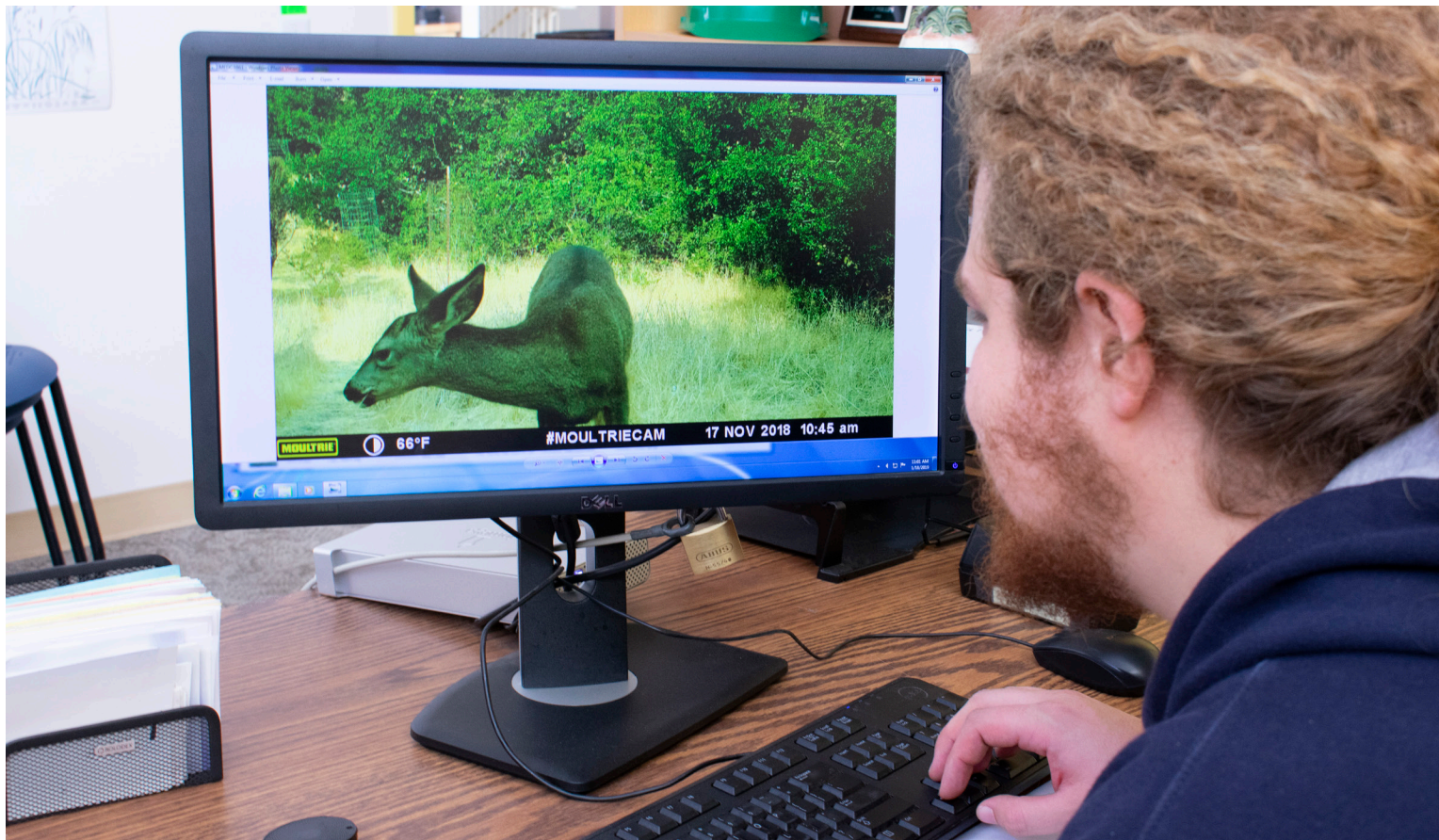
Today. "But college graduates are generally higher-wage workers."

This contrasts with the remaining demographics where employees have to support their families and their reliance on these jobs makes them work for a longer time than college students.

The increase of minimum wage also forces employers to raise wages for other positions that earn more.

"Maybe employers cut jobs to cover the added costs," said Leamer. "Or they pass on those costs to their customers... but that money doesn't just appear out of thin air."

Wildlife project shows videos of creatures around campus



Interns from De Anza College have been working with the South Bay Clean Creek Coalitions to track beavers on Los Gatos Creek and track salmon.

The camera trapping is to show the public that wild beavers are creating dams.

By creating dams, they help to slow the flow of river, lab technician Mehran Karimi said.

“This goes to show how important it is to have these wildlife species around us because they do us a great service and they protect the ecosystem,” he said.

De Anza interns Robert Scott and Emma Bonasera, working in the Arastradero Preserve, have spotted different species such as the western gray squirrel, black-tailed deer, Virginia opossum and the red shouldered hawk.

“I go through all the photos on that day I go to Arastradero and provide a detailed summary of what we captured as a whole,” Scott said.

Interns go into a bit off the beaten path and look for obvious signs like animal scratches or scat

Above: De Anza student intern, Robert Scott looks at a deer on recorded footage on Jan. 18.

Right: A M-50 Moultrie camera is disguised as tree trunk for camouflage.



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before setting up a camera said wildlife science major Emma Bonasera, 37.

She said sometimes they were wrong in their placement and boring to watch the wind.

Lesley Alfaro, wildlife science major, 24, said this program makes her want to be more humble, living a simple life, but at the same time engaging with

the world and making it a better place.

“This is bringing awareness to something bigger than wildlife and it brought a lot of exposure to me,” Alfaro said.

“This gives a great POV in terms of the entire ecosystem,” Karimi said.

“We also work in cleanups and ecological restorations. The

more we clean, the more wildlife returns. We’re showing how important it is to keep our creeks and forests clean and green.”

Backed by the environmental science department, the wildlife science project offers students to get a degree and opportunities to join the project.

Political scientist brings humor to Flint Center



Ashley Gonzalez
STAFF REPORTER

“How the hell did our country get to the point where we could elect that guy?” American political scientist, Ian Bremmer asked an audience at the Flint Center on Thursday, Jan. 17.

Bremmer hit the nail right on the head, when he informed the audience on global issues and how these issues drive controversies in the United States.

His goal in speaking, he said, was simply to inform the audience of what’s happening around the world, why it’s happening and in turn “reduce the level of crazy by 10 percent.”

Throughout the event, Bremmer had the audience laughing and clapping, making the politically centered event more light hearted and lively.

“I don’t believe that our



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Ian Bremmer speaks on Jan. 17 about global issues at the De Anza College Flint Center

country is falling apart,” he said.

Bremmer reassured the audience that his main focus was to create a roadmap of why headlines have been so controversial and why he believes

the world is in fact, not going to hell.

When it comes to all advanced liberal democracies, Bremmer said a significant challenge we face that drives headlines,

includes an immense portion of our populations who feel, with much justification, that the system is rigged against them.

“This is not because of Trump, Trump is because of this,” he said repeatedly.

“For those of us who believe if we just get rid of Trump it will all be fine again, no,” he said.

The problem is not rooted in our elected officials but it is rooted in who is electing them because, “that’s not going away and it’s not only happening in the United States.”

In the face of issues around the world, Bremmer spoke about hope and encouraged the audience to take on a new perspective on things.

Ian Bremmer is a part of ongoing Celebrity Forum events, organized by the director of student activities in Foothill, Robert Henning.

De Anza offers classes in Philippines

Chesa Caparas
Guest Columnist

“Whose land is it?”

That is the question driving De Anza’s Study Abroad trip to the Philippines in Summer 2019.

This July, students will have the opportunity to learn about the history, culture, and politics of the Philippines, starting at University of Philippines Diliman and followed by a week in the mountainous Cordilleras region.

The program’s driving question was chosen in part because the Philippines has a long history of occupation and colonization.

The Philippines is also rich in natural resources, leading to conflicts over who can access those resources. The ongoing struggle over land rights impacts everything such as housing, education, and even access to water.

As a result, De Anza has partnered with People’s Solidarity Education Tours to learn about local efforts to make the Philippines a more just place.

Students will see themselves as more than just tourists.

They will learn the deeper and painful history of the Philippines, but they will also work with local groups trying to improve the livelihoods of everyday Pilipinx.

They’ll visit historical sites, ecological reserves, and even have time to shop at the Mall of Asia!

However, at each site, students will also think about how place is politically, socially, and economically constructed.

Upon returning from the trip, students will better understand that they are part of living history, not just in the Philippines but even here in the Bay Area.

According to a 2014 Equity Profile report by the San Francisco Foundation, Filipinos are the second largest Asian population in the San Francisco bay area.

Understanding Philippines history will give insight as to why so many Pilipinx migrated here.

Studying abroad is a life-changing experience.

For example, one current international student at De Anza writes, “studying abroad enables me to discover my interests, develop my own abilities, and get on well with different cultures.”

Even De Anza professor Sherwin Mendoza, who went on a similar trip when he was in college, remembers his experience fondly: “I went on a study abroad trip to UP Diliman in Summer 2003, and I think the most important thing that I left with was hope.”

Although the Philippines faces tremendous challenges as a country, the students and community members I met gave me hope that Filipinos can transform the society so that people will be able to rise out of poverty.”

Chesa Caparas is a De Anza English instructor going on the Study Abroad trip.