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JOURNALISM CHAIR RETIRES

Friends, staff throw party for Beth Grobman. New adviser for La Voz chosen. >> PG. 3



MICHAEL MANNINA | LA VOZ WEEKLY

SOLAR PANELS IN STELLING PARKING LOTS - Construction on this project will be wrapped up by the start of fall quarter. The parking lots will be partially closed in October to enable the final phases of the project to be completed. This will not impeded traffic, and there will still be ample parking, according to De Anza College President Brian Murphy.

SUNKEN GARDEN - All construction will be wrapped up on campus come the first day of classes, with the exception of the Sunken Garden. Delays on this part of the campus renovation have made the completion date uncertain.

Construction brings new changes, ongoing projects during first week of fall quarter

ANDREW PUCKETT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Much has changed around De Anza College during Summer quarter. Construction crews have worked diligently to improve the campus and finish projects on time before large numbers of students return for fall quarter. Projects will continue after the quarter begins, but the majority of projects that may cause congestion around campus will be complete.

Students parking in lots A and B will be quick to notice the installation of two large solar arrays. The Photovoltaic arrays sit on top of large steel structures, which take up most of both parking lots. Aside from the obvious benefits of electricity production, the arrays will provide much appreciated shade for students and their vehicles.

Parking lots A and B will be open and available for students at the start of fall quarter, but sections will be closed starting Oct. 10, said Donna Jones-Dulin, associate vice president of finance & educational re-

sources. Students should be aware of the closures and plan accordingly.

The Sunken Garden is currently undergoing renovation. Delays have caused the completion date of this project to become unclear. For the time being, students should be aware of fencing around the Sunken Garden as well as the steps to the East Cottage, said Jones-Dulin.

Many other renovations occurred during summer quarter. Classrooms in the L quad received new paint and flooring, said Jones-Dulin, along with sound proofing measures in the S quad. Floors in the gyms were refinished as well.

Other projects that were completed include new sewer lines in the S quad, improvements to ADA pathways, and the addition of sidewalks in parking lot A from the Stevens Creek and Stelling bus stops, said Jones-Dulin.

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Fees paid? Enjoy the amenities of VTA with the Eco Pass

MARTIN TOWAR
NEWS EDITOR

De Anza College Students starting the Fall 2011 quarter may have already noticed a new fee when paying for their classes, an unsettling "DA Eco Pass" charging only a few dollars. Is this a new parking fee imposed on the student body? Is it a tax facilitating De Anza to go green? No. In actuality, the Eco Pass fee gives students unlimited free entry to any Valley Transportation Authority bus or light rail.

Of course it does not include ACE, Amtrak, BART, Caltrain, Highway 17 Express, Dumbarton Express, Monterey-Salinas Transit or SamTrans. But that still leaves a map of participating bus and light rail routes that takes passengers from Palo Alto down to Gilroy and back again.

Last spring the De Anza Associated Student Body passed, in a 985 to 124 vote, the VTA DASB Eco Pass program and its accompanying mandatory fee for all students; \$4 for part time students (11.5 quarter units or less) and \$5 for

full time.

To request an Eco Pass, a student needs to be enrolled at De Anza College, registered for classes, have a valid DASB card and have fully paid their fees or be currently enrolled in a payment plan. Following that, it is a matter of logging onto MyPortal, clicking an Eco Pass green leaf icon, filling out a quick survey then waiting three to five business days.

There is a deadline, so be sure to order your pass before the eighth week of the quarter or you will be ineligible.

Once the sticker arrives, attach it to the back of the DASB card and it will serve as the ticket to all VTA buses and light rails.

Six bus lines stop at De Anza: Routes 23, 25, 51, 53, 54, and 55. Route 51 connects to the Mountain View Caltrain station; along with routes 53, 54, and 55, route 51 connects to the Sunnyvale Caltrain station. Eco Passes are valid seven days a week every week

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Campus Snapshot



ANDREW PUCKETT | LA VOZ WEEKLY

CLASSROOM'S NEW LOOK - As you go to class this first week, you may notice a few changes. New carpet and new paint are just a few of changes made to classrooms across campus, as in L-42 (pictured above).

De Anza students take center stage in national study School chosen for its diverse population

MARTIN TOWAR
NEWS EDITOR

De Anza College students were the subject of a recently published five - year study by three economic professors on the relationship between a student's ethnicity, that of their professor's, and the student's academic standing. The paper, *A Community College Instructor Like Me: Race and Ethnicity Interactions in the Classroom*, found there was strong evidence to conclude that students, regardless of race, did better academically if paired with a professor of the same ethnic group.

De Anza College was chosen as it is one of the largest community colleges in the nation, part of the largest community college system - the California Community College system which includes 110 colleges and educates 2.6 million students each year - and because it is one of the most diverse colleges in the United States.

The study, from third quarter 2002 to second quarter 2007, was conducted by Robert Fairlie from the University

of California Santa Cruz, Florian Hoffmann from the University of British Columbia, and Philip Oreopoulos from the University of Toronto. Their findings were published this month in the National Bureau of Economic Research, a journal famous for giving the start and end dates to all U.S. recessions. The study involved more than 30,000 students and is believed to be the first of its kind.

Findings concluded that Hispanic and black students, more than any other, improve their grades and pass rates and stay enrolled longer if their professors are of the same ethnic background. Black students were the most likely to benefit from professors of similar ethnicity while whites were the least likely. Though the benefits of having professors of similar ethnicity were true for all ethnic groups, Asian and white students did equally well when their professors were of either white or Asian ethnicity.

Additionally, to correct their findings for racially biased grading, the researchers expected to find a racial

bias across all age groups, and, with great relief, found none. Researchers concluded that wide spread racial discrimination or preference grading was a non-issue as data showed that age groups older than 21.5 years had a diminished to non-existent benefits. Researchers concluded that rather than professors driving minority students to succeed, students drove themselves to succeed as "young students are likely to be susceptible to role-model effects, while older students are not."

The limited scope of the research, one college in one state, may not have been lost on the researchers as they stopped just short of advising colleges to hire more minority professors writing, "a more detailed understanding... is needed before drawing recommendations for improving overall outcomes. The topic is ripe for further research."

For more information, visit: <http://nber.org/papers/w17381>

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 27

TAIKO PERFORMANCE

Noon - 1 p.m.
San Jose Taiko will perform Japanese drumming on the Campus Center Patio Stage.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

4 p.m., Soccer Field
Come watch the Dons take on Monterey Peninsula College

SATURDAY, OCT. 1

Last day to drop for a refund for out-of-state or foreign students

DE ANZA FLEA MART

8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Parking Lots A & B
The De Anza Flea Market, a student enterprise, is held the first Saturday of every month, rain or shine. The Flea Market contains about 825 vendor stalls and offers food and an ATM for customers convenience.

ASTRONOMY AND LASER SHOWS

FUJITSU PLANETARIUM
The planetarium holds astronomy and laser shows on Saturday nights throughout the quarter. For more information, go to <http://planetarium.deanza.edu>.

\$7 - Astronomy Shows
\$9 - Laser Shows
Today's schedule:
5 p.m. - The Little Star That Could (A)
6 p.m. - Stars (A)
7:30 p.m. - Saturn: Jewel of the Heavens (A)
9 p.m. - Hendrix/Doors Lazer Psychedlia (L)
10 p.m. - Pink Floyd The Wall (L)

FRIDAY, OCT. 7

MEN'S/WOMEN'S WATER POLO

3 p.m. Women's Match
4:15 p.m. Men's Match
Come out to the Pool and see the Dons take on Ohlone College in their third conference match of the season.

SATURDAY, OCT. 8

Last day to add a class, drop for full refund for resident students

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Today's schedule:
5 p.m. - Zula Patrol (A)
6 p.m. - Cosmic Journey (A)
7:30 p.m. - Black Holes (A)
9 p.m. - Beatles Anthology (L)
10 p.m. - Led Zeppelin (L)

FALL PLANT SALE

8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Foothill College nursery and greenhouse adjacent to Parking Lots 7 and 8
Foothill's Environmental Horticulture and Design Department spotlights drought-tolerant and native plants. Bring bags and boxes to transport plants. Cash and checks only. Proceeds benefit the department. Campus parking is \$2.

THURSDAY, OCT. 13

ICC CLUB DAY

11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Main Quad
College clubs host information tables. Students are invited to learn about the clubs and sign up to participate. In case of rain, event will be held Oct. 20.

SATURDAY, OCT. 15

Last day to drop with no record of grade

BOOK ARTS JAM

10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Foothill College Campus Center
A regional celebration of the book arts, print arts and paper arts featuring unique gifts and supplies, more than 50 exhibitors/vendors, demonstrations, artist talks, an art exhibit, a digital slideshow of artist books and a silent auction. Free admission. Parking is \$2. For more information, go to <http://www.bayarea-bookartists.org>.

FRIDAY, OCT. 21

Last day to request pass/no pass grade

PSEC BUILDING TOPPING OUT CEREMONY

1 p.m., Foothill College
VIPS, donors, faculty, students and staff will attend the topping out ceremony for the college's PSEC Building Friday, Oct. 21. RSVPs are due by e-mail by Oct. 13 to Robin Lyssenko at foundation@fhda.edu. The PSEC is the future home of the Foothill College Science & Learning Institute.

SATURDAY, OCT. 22

ASTRONOMY AND LASER SHOWS

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\$7 - Astronomy Shows
\$9 - Laser Shows
Today's schedule:
5 p.m. - Secrets of the Cardboard Rocket (A)
6 p.m. - Two Pieces of Small Glass (A)
7:30 p.m. - Saturn: Jewel of the Heavens (A)
9 p.m. - Spooktacular Halloween (L)
10 p.m. - Pink Floyd The Wall (L)

DE ANZA SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

at. Gavilan (W 71-14)
vs. Monterey Peninsula (W 41-23)

MEN'S SOCCER

at. Mt. San Antonio (L 1-3)
at. San Diego City (L 1-2)
at. Merritt (W 3-0)
vs. American River (L 1-2)
at. Santa Rosa (L 1-5)
at. West Valley (L 0-2)

WOMEN'S SOCCER

vs. Ventura (L 0-7)
at. Diablo Valley College (L 0-1)
vs. Sacramento City College (W 5-0)
vs. College of the Canyons (L 0-4)
vs. Hartnell (T 1-1)
at. West Valley (W 5-0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DASB MEETING

3:30 p.m., Conference Room A
The De Anza Associated Student Body will hold the first meeting of the year on Oct. 5 in Conference Room A in the Campus Center.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Oct. 3 at 6 p.m., Public Session
The is a regular meeting of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Trustees. Review the agenda to verify time and location of the meeting. Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance at http://www.fhda.edu/about_us/board/agenda/

ASFC WELCOME WEEK

September 26 - 29, Foothill College
The Associated Students of Foothill College (ASFC) hosts Welcome Week the first week of every quarter. Stop by the information booths in the Main Campus Center Plaza and Dining Room as well as the Middlefield Campus for complimentary refreshments, entertainment and information. Find out how you can earn leadership and community service units for planning and attending Foothill events. Welcome Week is sponsored by ASFC, OwlCard Student ID and the Student Activities Office. For more information, call 650-929-7282

HAPPENINGS

Send notices to lavoz@fhda.edu by noon Wednesday preceding the publication week. Please type "Happenings" in the subject line. La Voz does not guarantee publication. All events take place on the De Anza College campus and are free, unless stated otherwise.

The History of Spain: Three 10-week quarterly sessions (Fall, Winter, Spring) on the creation of the Spanish nation. Fall quarter begins with prehistoric Spain, the invading Celts, Carthaginians, Romans, Muslims, Carolingians. Winter quarter covers the Medieval period and the confrontation between Islamic and Christian Spain. Spring quarter covers modern Spain and the empire of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. 3 units of academic credit per quarter from UCSC Extension; 9 units fulfill a one-year History or Humanities requirement. Located 5 minutes from De Anza, easy parking, small classes.

Enroll on Monday or Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Fall Quarter begins October 3 or 5 through December 12 or 14, 2011. Fee is \$335 per 10 week quarter. Class syllabus at: <http://westernciv.com/syllabi/spain/sylspainfall.shtml> Lecturer: Professor William H. Fredlund, Stanford Ph.D. Call to register Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: The Institute for the Study of Western Civilization, 10060 Bubb Rd., Cupertino, CA 95014 408-864-4060.

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Or sign up for **JOUR 62** to freelance for La Voz Weekly, where you can write stories, help with production or take photos!

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and the Fall quarter pass is valid from Sept. 12 – Jan. 23, 2012. The Eco Pass is quarterly with a two - week overlap between the start and end of each academic cycle.

Eco Passes will expire so be sure to request your new pass at the start of each quarter.

For a full list of VTA routes, interactive maps or to plan a trip, visit: <http://vta.org>

For more information on the Eco Pass program visit: <http://deanza.edu/ecopass>

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How to get your Eco Pass sticker:

1. Register and pay fees
2. Obtain DASB card
3. Order Eco Pass Sticker
4. Receive sticker by mail
5. Attach the Eco Pass Sticker to your DASB Card.
6. Enjoy rides on VTA buses and light rail to campus and other locations

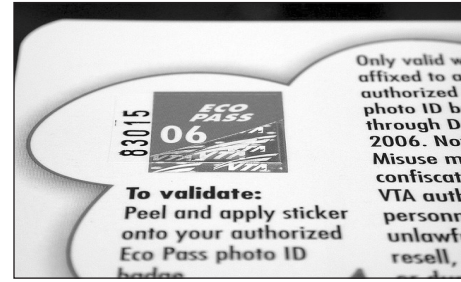


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ECO PASS STICKER - As of Friday, 1,700 students have applied for an Eco Pass Sticker. In the coming weeks, that number will likely increase.

News In Brief

Beth Grobman, mass communications instructor and adviser for La Voz Weekly, retired this summer after 24 years at De Anza, with 11 as coordinator of the Distance Learning Center.

In 1998, Grobman came over to Journalism as department chair and adviser to the school paper.

During her 13 years as adviser, she worked with 40 different staffs of reporters and editors. She took students to more

than 20 regional and state-wide conferences. She was rewarded with seeing many of the students who passed through the newsroom transfer out to 4-year universities and later excel in media jobs.

Thank you, and happy retirement!

With the adviser position for the paper vacated, part time journalism/mass communications instructor Cecilia Deck has been chosen for the position.



FESTIVITIES FOR THE HONORED - Beth Grobman, former adviser to La Voz Weekly, cuts the cake at festivities with colleagues and friends Thursday in the Language Arts Division Office. Grobman retires after 24 years of service at De Anza College.

Dons duel with Monterey Peninsula College at home 1 add win to record

The De Anza College football team moved to 2-0 this season with a 41-23 victory over Monterey Peninsula College. Freshman running back Vicente Lopez ran for 151 yards and three touchdowns in the win.

Opening the game in response to quick scoring by the Dons displayed last week, The Lobos (0-2) immediately applied a ball-control offense consuming almost seven minutes to open the game. The drive was topped off by a 46-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback David Fales to freshman receiver Andre Melendrez.

But the Dons immediately responded. It appeared the MPC was in great field position after a fumble recovery on the kickoff. However, the fumble was negated by an offside penalty on the kickoff. With a kickoff retry, the Dons cashed in as sophomore Glyn Borel returned the kick 87 yards for a Dons' touchdown to tie the game.

However, Lobos' Davon Taylor ran the next kickoff 89 yds for a touchdown giving the Lobos a 13 - 7 lead. Kicker John Wilson missed the point after touchdown attempt. Late in the first quarter, MPC extended the lead to 16-7 with a 30-yard field goal by Wilson inside the final minute of the opening quarter.

The second quarter belonged to the Dons. Freshman quarterback Nick Marra found fellow freshman receiver Joshua Williams for a 46-yard touchdown.

The first of Lopez's touchdowns gave the first lead of the day for De Anza. Lopez reached the end zone with a 1-yard run with 6:37 remaining the first half. But Lopez was not done on the day. With touchdown runs of 49 and 47, Lopez helped De Anza have their largest lead in the game of 34-16.

Lopez was not the only feature runner for the Dons. Freshman Harold Jones ran for 102 yards and one touchdown, which was late in the game to secure the De Anza victory. Defensively, leading the Dons in tackles was sophomore defensive back Robertson Daniel with four solo tackles and four assisted tackles. Freshman defensive back Marcus Womack led the Dons in solo tackles with six.

For MPC, sophomore running back Anthony Francisco lead the team with 84 yards on 19 carries.

The information in the article was gathered from a press release.

Eat your breakfast, lunch and dinner in the De Anza College Food Court!

Hours Open:

Monday - Thursday
7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
(* closed 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. for cleaning)

Friday
7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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- Pizza
- Burgers
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- Cold & Hot Sandwiches
- Pasta
- Ice Cream
- Beverages
- Fruit

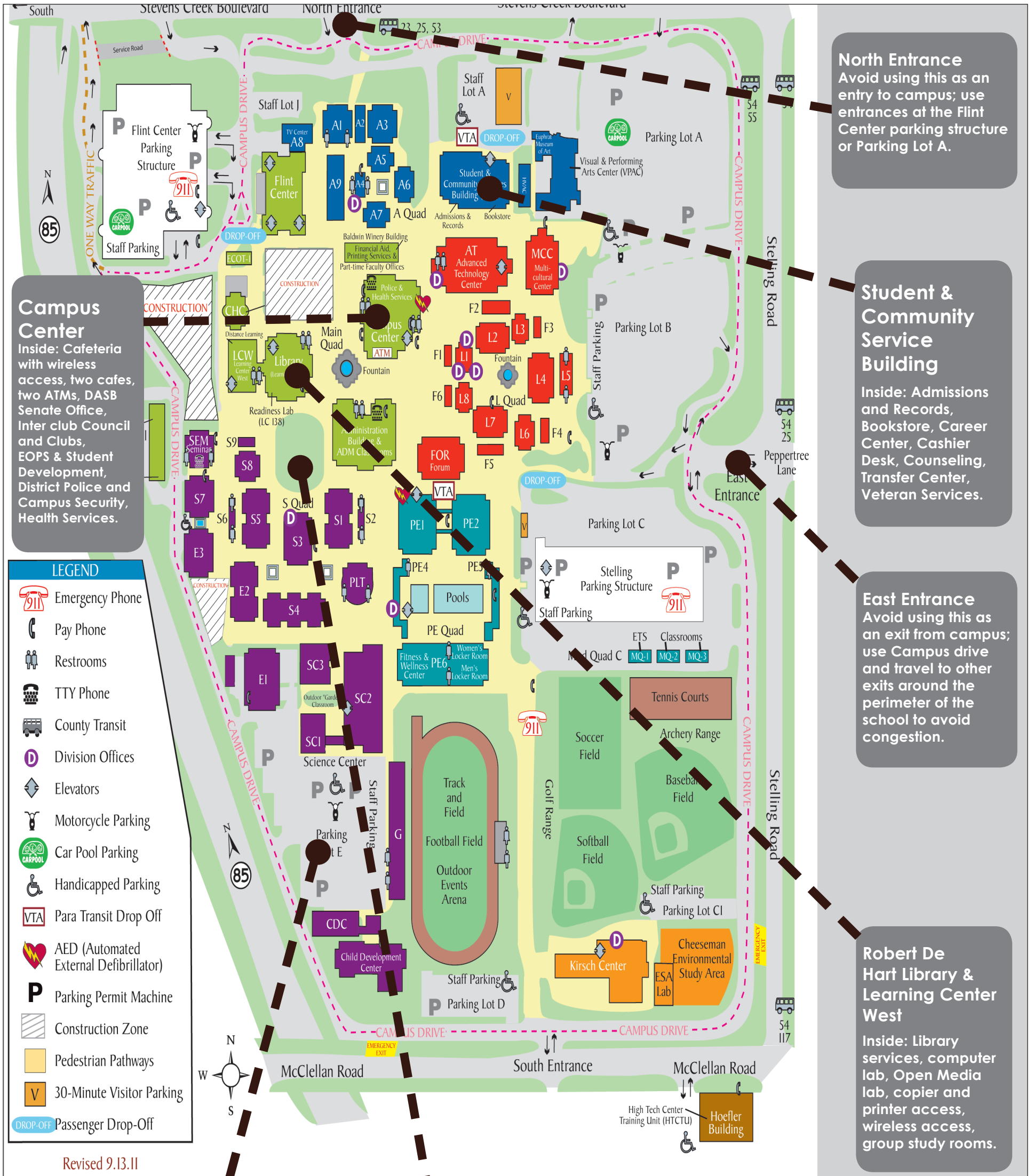
Located in the Hinson Campus Center

Campus Map

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S Quad Field
Shaded, quiet area. Perfect for lunch or studying with friends.

Hard to find classrooms:
 AT 102, 103, 120 - basement level of ATC building
 AT 300 Classrooms - upstairs in ATC
 S57 - west side of S5 building, next to bathrooms
 L43 - east side of L4 building, next to bathrooms and L42 classroom
Faculty offices (F buildings) - located around L Quad numerically in order from F1 on the west side of L Quad.

Parking Lot E
Use this parking lot only if you have classes in the immediate area.



Advanced Technology Center
Common Name: The ATC
 Inside is the Writing and Reading Center, where students can receive help with writing skills, and behind this building is the Student Services Center.

Places To Eat Around Campus

Sushi Ya!

- Mon - Sat: 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. / 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. / Closed Sundays
- Back-to-school sale: 10% off
- Gyoza \$4.95 / Crab Sunomono \$8.95 / Mixed Oshi sushi \$7.75
- Assorted Nigiri \$6.50 / \$7.20 sushi / a la cart as low as \$3.60, high \$11.75

Togo's

- Mon - Fri: 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. / Sat: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Sun: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Food typically around \$5.49 - \$6.29 / Soup and chili \$2.54 - \$3.89
- \$5 daily specials. Come with soda and chips.

Simply Thai

- Mon - Fri: 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. / Sat: Noon - 9:30 p.m.
- \$7.95 lunch special Mon - Fri 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Appetizers \$6 - \$10 / Salads, soups, noodles \$8 - \$11
- 10% student discount
- Dinner card

Hobee's

- Mon - Fri: 6:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. / Sat: 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sun: 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Breakfast \$7.75 - \$9.75 / Omelette, cheesy scramble / Quesadillas \$9.25
- Pasta \$10.25 Burgers \$9.25 / Sandwiches \$7.95 - \$9.25

Coffee Society

- Mon - Fri: 6 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sat - Sun: 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
- Coffee \$1.75 - \$2.15 / Latte \$3.25 - \$4.25 / Vanilla latte \$3.75 - \$4.75
- Cappuccino \$2.75 - \$3.25 / Espresso \$1.75 / Iced Latte \$4.00
- Blended Mocha \$4.25
- \$4.32 burritos / \$2.73 scones

Quickly

- 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
- Slush, juices less than three dollars
- Octopus balls \$5 / Sandwiches, beef stew \$2.99 / \$4 Rice bowl

J & J's Hawaiian Barbecue

- 10:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- Seafood, chicken, rice bowl, sushi, Burgers
- Cheese \$2 Combo \$5.25 Double \$2.99 \$6.25

For a more comprehensive list for choices, look for this article on <http://www.lavozdeanza.com> next week.

RON ASHKENAZI

STAFF WRITER

Just left class and want to grab a bite to eat? New to the Cupertino area? Let La Voz help you with that. De Anza College is surrounded by a wide variety of dining options that fill every taste and budget. If you leave campus near the A quad and walk across Stevens Creek Boulevard, you'll find yourself at the Oaks Shopping Center. There are a lot of places to eat, some of which even have offers for De Anza students.

A very popular place to have some \$1.75 coffee and hang out, Coffee Society offers good service, lots of seating, and free Wi-Fi. There are even food products like burritos in case you're hungry as well as thirsty. They have all the coffee shop mainstays like lattes, cappuccinos, and espressos, so no coffee aficionado will be left out.

Sushi Ya! restaurant is running a back-to-school sale, taking off 10 percent of the price for sushi, nigiri, donburi, etc. Simply Thai also has a 10 percent discount to De Anza students as well as a reliable lunch special. It's open from lunch time to late, making it a great stop for students who let out of class in the afternoon. They even have a card promotion that rewards repeat visitors with iced tea and food.

Owners of a Five Stars Card can get a

lot out of these local venues. Places like Pho-Licious display this participation out front. Pho-Licious also has take-home menus that double as coupons for later visits, making their eponymous pho all the better of a choice. Best yet, they offer free delivery on big dinners; great for long study sessions. Sitar Express Indian Fusion Cuisine has take-out for the student with spice on the mind. Quickly, located close to Mary, has an enormous menu with many features around \$3; the epitome of the quick, cheap meal.

If you're in the mood for something closer to sandwiches, the Oaks has a Togo's for those cravings. The space is big with the outstanding feature of this location being the \$5 specials that include a sandwich, soda, and chips.

If you've got something to celebrate, Hobee's is there for you. "This place is famous for its blueberry coffee cake," said Chris Burley, instructional designer at sister college Foothill, as he waited for his number outside Hobee's door.

On the dessert side of things, Orange Tree Frozen Yogurt, near Hobee's allows you to build up your own dessert, starting with a base of frozen yogurt in flavors like vanilla, strawberry, peanut butter, and lychee, and add on any amount of fruit and candy you want. Since the price of the dessert depends on the weight, this is a great option for

somebody watching their diet and wallet.

Jamba Juice offers a similar sweet experience with their smoothies and yogurt, values that hover around \$3.50 to \$5. Jamba Juice's Morning Motivation, is perfect for the store's 7 a.m. open time.

Outside the Oaks shopping center, across Stelling Road and clearly visible from Parking Lot A is a Panda Express. Your reward for a brisk walk from campus is a \$5.99 choice of 1 side and 2 entrees, or \$7.29 for 3 entrees if you're hungry.

Past the Panda Express is a Hawaiian Barbecue offering seafood, chicken, rice bowls, sushi, and some nicely cheap burgers.

Across Stevens Creek is Whole Foods. Their selection of organic foods makes for good dinner shopping, but they offer dinner ready-made of pizzas and sandwiches; a great destination for late day shopping and eating.

If you have a car or feel like a good walk, keep going along Stevens Creek to find on your left a shopping center with a Panera Bread and a Peet's Coffee.

Below is a list of all the places I have mentioned with hours of operation and other pieces of information to help you make your mind. Bon appetit!

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Need books for classes? Bookstores, online, rentals are the choices

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You've just finished your first day of class. Now you have an idea of what the class is like and a syllabus in hand. There always is that unavoidable section of the syllabus with textbooks, required and recommended. Where will these books come from?

You have two main choices. The more likely choice will be to go to De Anza College's own bookstore. The bookstore is located in the Student and Community Services building near Staff Lot A. The bookstore contains a majority of the books required for classes, and keeps them stacked in organized, labeled shelves for your access. The bookstore gets very busy on the first day, so there will be people to help you out and rules to follow. One important thing to note is that many books come new, used, and rentable. Renting a book for the quarter may be an attractive option if funds are tight.

If you want to try an alternate

venue, cross Steven's Creek Blvd. into the Oaks Shopping Center and seek out Premier Off-Campus Text Books. They are also in the business of buying and selling text books for De Anza and other schools. Even after all the buying is done, keep this place in mind. If the class changes mid-semester and your book is no longer needed, Premier can buy it back at any time.

In case these options are out, the nearest Barnes and Noble is down on 3600 Stevens Creek Blvd. It certainly pulls through when it comes to books on language, such as AP style guides.

If you get advanced notice of your book or know for a fact you won't need it right away, you can order it online. The De Anza bookstore website is a very helpful tool for locating books either for purchase online or seeing if it's in stock.

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RENTALS AND ETEXTBOOKS - Aside from buying textbooks, other options available to students include rentals from services online such as Chegg.com, or abandoning the print textbook altogether and buying an e-textbook to view online.

Do you have PCOS? Are you concerned about your weight or your risk of insulin resistance/ type 2 diabetes?

Stanford School of Medicine is seeking healthy overweight subjects with PCOS to participate in a weight loss study.

Subjects must meet the following entry criteria:

- Age 18+
- Diagnosed with PCOS
- Moderately overweight (BMI 25-40)
- Nondiabetic
- Willing to use an effective nonhormonal form of contraception during the 4 month weight loss period
- In addition to weight loss, participants will be randomized to either placebo or a medication that may enhance weight loss beyond the dietary weight loss program.

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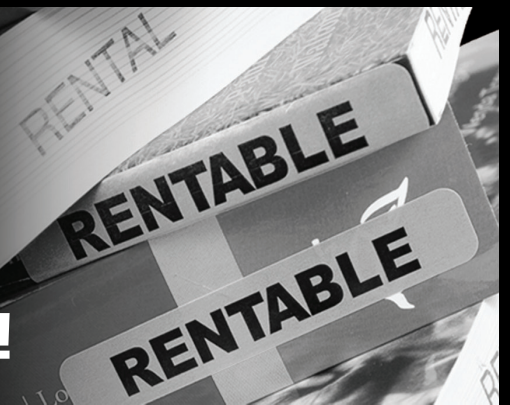
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EDITORIAL | Welcome to Fall 2011

Welcome back to school, De Anza students! Summer has finally come to a close and the time to hit the books has returned. If any of you are like me, this is a rather difficult pill to swallow. The days of sleeping in until noon, the nights of staying up until sunrise with friends... why can't summer last all year?

Well, my friends, it's because it is time again to educate and elevate ourselves to prepare for the future. It is time to realize our dreams and continue working towards becoming the individuals that we want to be. De Anza College is the perfect place to do just that.

For those of you who are joining us for the first time, I am very pleased to inform you that nearly \$500 million dollars has been raised over the past decade to improve the De Anza campus. In a time when other colleges in California are struggling with money, it is inspiring to see a community which has decided to stand together and send a message that education is still a top priority.

For those returning students, you may notice a few changes around campus. Construction companies have been diligently working throughout the summer quarter to build us a better school, one that is more energy efficient and easier to access for those with disabilities. Among many other things, new solar arrays have been erected over parking lots A and

B, and pathways across campus have been rebuilt to better comply with ADA standards.

With all of the outstanding work occurring around us, it is easy to understand that De Anza is a special place. This college stands as a thriving center of knowledge here in the Silicon Valley and produces students with growing potential, and the community in which it resides has shown it's desire to foster that growth.

I have a few pieces of advice to share, learned through my own experiences here on campus. They may seem simple, yet each has vastly improved my personal college experience.

First, get involved. Don't simply slip into class then sneak out the back door when the professor is done teaching. Ask questions. Talk to those around you. Make friends with the students next to you. Join a club that interests you. You will be amazed at how quickly your time at school is enhanced when you break down the wall of shyness and recognize the wealth of diversity that surrounds you. Becoming a part of campus life alongside your fellow students is just as important in your educational career as going to class and earning good grades.

Second, never turn down an opportunity. If you are offered a position of leadership, invited to a club meeting, or simply see someone who might need di-

rections around campus, jump on the opportunity! You will never know what lies behind a closed door if you fail to open it. College isn't only about learning facts and skills; it is also about pushing childhood boundaries and comfort levels that will eventually transform you into an adult. By allowing situations to unfold around you, life has a chance to sweep you up and take you to new and exciting places.

I have been here at De Anza for almost three years now and fully regret how long it took me to become active and engaged on campus. When I joined the La Voz newspaper staff earlier this year, my life at De Anza finally began. Campus suddenly had a magnetic force over me; I would rarely want to leave. The people I have met along the way and the events I have taken part in have opened my eyes to an entirely different aspect of this school that I failed to realize had been there since I first stepped on campus.

So as the quarter progresses, allow yourself to become immersed in De Anza College. Become a part of the culture. Leave your mark behind for others to remember. By doing so you may find yourself leaving here with more than just an education; you'll be leaving here with the memories of a life experience.

Andrew Puckett
 Editor-in-Chief

Ratemyprofessor.com a poor way to see who's the "hot" teacher

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OPINIONS EDITOR



Registration season is in full swing and De Anza students rush to pick their favorite teachers before all the spots are filled. Of course, not all of us have been at De Anza long enough to establish rapport to be able to choose our teachers confidently and wisely. This is where ratemyprofessor.com comes in; a website run on opinions of students who have had bad experiences with teachers, who in turn get terrible reviews. This website allows experienced students to rate professors on a scale of 1 to 5 on clarity, helpfulness, easiness, and even gives them the option to tick a chili pepper indicating whether the teacher is eye-candy or not.

Not only is this website morally demeaning to the faculty who spends time educating society and the future-holders of tomorrow, it's judgmental and puts faculty members at an unfair hierarchy. A chili pepper determining how "hot" a teacher is? Really? What ever happened to good old-fashioned values and keeping your shallow opinions to yourself? I know it's hard to believe, but even the homework-piling and strict professors have souls!

With that said, let's move on to accuracy. How many times have we chosen a professor with a 4.5 rating, or a solid 5 and never ended up getting the experience or the grade we wanted? More than enough times for me at least. People automatically assume that every student wants a teacher where they can sleep through the lectures and get an A+. Contrary to what you may believe, not every student is that lazy. Some students like to challenge

themselves with a large workload that will actually help them learn something. Isn't that what we all come to school for anyway? To learn? Oh wait, that's unheard of. Plus, on what basis do these people rate the teachers on? Everybody has his or her own idea of what's "super easy" and "crazy hard, don't even try" level. These comments on the website throw off prospective students, who may be missing out on a really great learning opportunity just because they listened to some pissed off and lazy student.

Every teacher has his or her own unique way of teaching; let's appreciate that. They didn't become teachers without degrees, so they are more than qualified to be teaching you material. Besides, who would want to come to class if all teachers taught the same way, with the same grading style, with the same structure in every class? With the recent fee increase, one unit now

costs \$25; that being said, some of us are actually forced to fight our laziness and go to class, and would really appreciate not falling asleep.

To avoid labeling this as just a rant, I would like to advise all new students to think twice before choosing a professor based on their ratings on ratemyprofessor.com. Realize that these ratings could just be some angry students who didn't try in class and got the grade they deserved. Point being, everybody is different; everyone excels in different areas of study. You are in college to try new things. Try out some of the teachers yourself, not based on a website. I am more than willing to bet you that most teachers will impact your life in some positive way or another.

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Reality 110: Good intentions, gone bad

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I've recently come out of an intensely withdrawn phase, following the realization that seven years in college has been far less academically beneficial than I would have hoped. And that left me feeling defeated and disillusioned, knowing that my existence is pretty insignificant.

From a young age, we're taught to be dreamers, and to follow those dreams to the ends of the earth. That's all fine and dandy and whatnot, but more often than not, time spent dreaming is far less productive than time spent doing. It's that whole actions

speak louder than words business.

So we have all these delusions of what we want to be. Some of us want to be environmental scientists, others want to be musicians, others just want to be happy and stable. The grim reality is that achieving these dreams requires faith, patience and a whole lot of tenacity. Oh yeah. One more thing. In order to get to a comfortable place, enduring grievous hardships such as poverty, stress and depression is just a fact of life. This does not account for how long hardships will be present in one's life until the dream comes true, if it does at all.

Inner city streets are flooded with failed seekers, many of whom possess a great amount of talent, but were unable to break through into the working class of artists, musicians, actors

or whatever their passion is. Some are more fortunate than others, and have a passion that is likely to yield a steady income. For example, a world-class unicycle rider is bound to make less money than a world-class F1 racer. Why? Because of the way society allocates investments in entertainment, and how entertainment is marketed. I can see it now... "World class unicyclers! Live at the THUNDERDOME!" ... Doesn't exactly have the same ring to it, huh? The passion and level of skill is roughly the same, but the payout is incomparable, so while the F1 racer is living the high life with champagne and caviar, the unicyclist sleeps in alleyways, with ambient noises lulling him to sleep.

I guess now you have to ask, "how does this affect me? I'm a political sci-

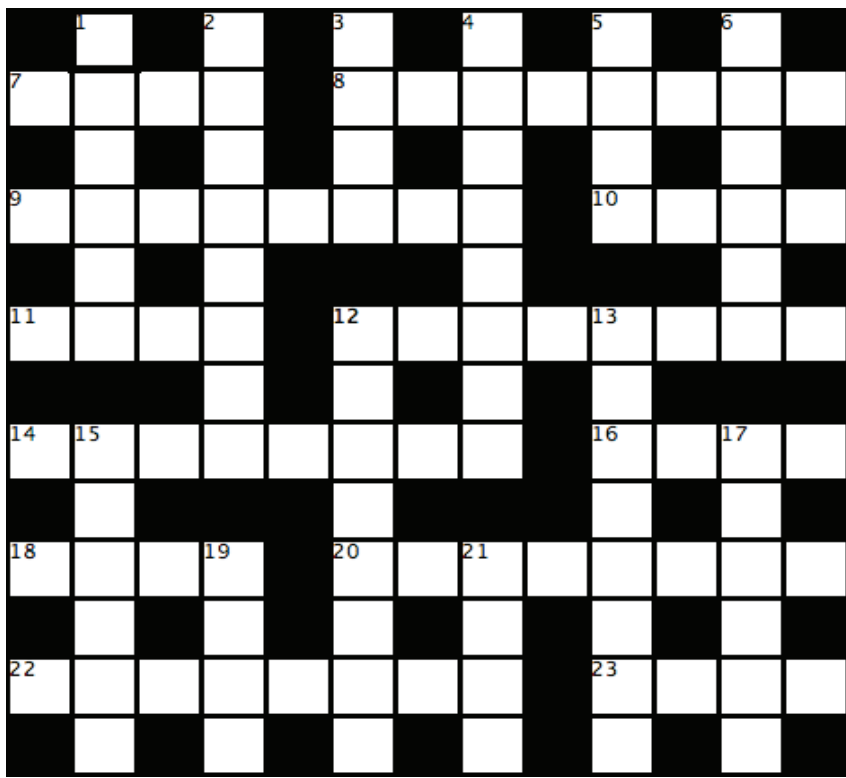
ence major, there's definitely a future for me!" Well yeah, there's a future, if you want to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in loans on grad school, only to have to work medial jobs to pay said loans back for the rest of your life. Otherwise, you'd better start practicing your shorthand, those order books aren't going to fill themselves.

It's not to say that we have no future, but it's not looking as bright as it was when we were blissful children, thinking all dreams come true and everything is always beautiful. The truth is that in order to get anywhere, we're going to have to throw our lives to the winds of fate, and hope they carry us somewhere near our destination. If they do, great! If they don't, that's life.

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- 7. Motion picture
- 8. Migraine
- 9. In accord
- 10. Strike breaker
- 11. Melody
- 12. Type of Mexican sandal
- 14. Devotee of sugary beverage
- 16. Limbs
- 18. Criticism
- 20. An errand boy
- 22. Abnormally narrowed
- 23. On sheltered side

DOWN

- 1. Delay
- 2. Remove air from
- 3. Native of Thailand
- 4. Front of an advancing army
- 5. Edible roots
- 6. Flog
- 12. Careless
- 13. Cat of unknown parentage
- 15. Flattened at the poles
- 17. Dealer in food items
- 19. Japanese syllabic script
- 21. Sprouts

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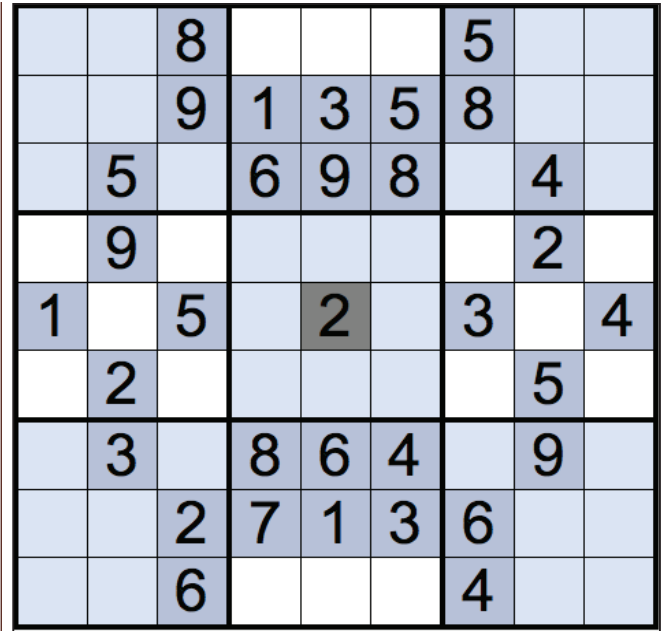
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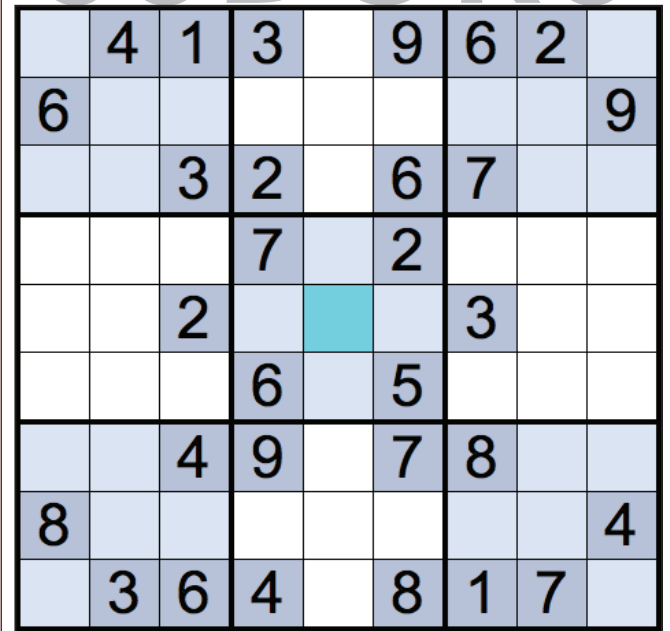
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