

Subject: From President Brian Murphy: Allegations re Student Athletes

Date: Mon, March 5, 2007 10:45 pm

Dear Colleagues,

I want to be in immediate touch with you about an alleged incident involving De Anza student athletes.

We have learned that the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department is investigating a weekend sexual assault in San Jose and understand that some members of De Anza's baseball team are under investigation. We are very concerned for the alleged victim and are deeply disturbed about these allegations. As you are aware, De Anza College has zero tolerance for the behavior alleged to have occurred.

We, therefore, are working swiftly and proactively to assist the investigation of this incident by:

- * Requiring anyone involved in or aware of the alleged incident to cooperate fully and completely with the police in their investigation.
- * Canceling the baseball game scheduled for Tuesday. It is inappropriate for a game to be played when the focus should be on full and complete cooperation with the ongoing investigation.
- * Preparing to suspend from participation in De Anza College sports any student involved in the alleged incident. This would include any student who observed or was aware of any disturbing activity that they did not immediately report.
- * Working to schedule a meeting with all coaches and athletic teams to reaffirm the conduct De Anza College demands from its students and student athletes.

Beyond these immediate steps, I expect that our student disciplinary process will fully address any allegations of inappropriate behavior on the part of any of our students, in addition to whatever criminal process may unfold.

If calls from the media are misdirected to you or your office, please refer the reporter to Director of Marketing and Communications Marisa Spatafore at extension 8672.

I will continue to be in touch with you regarding this alleged incident. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Brian Murphy