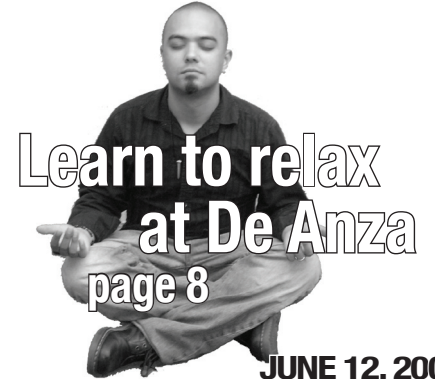




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## Panel discusses God, the press and sexual orientation

Robert Balicki  
LA VOZ

Being religious and homosexual is not inconsistent, a Christian told a panel discussion sponsored by Outlet Wednesday.

"[Homosexuality] exists throughout all of God's creation," said Michael Ellard, an openly gay pastor.

"It's trying to deny that that's not natural," he said.

Ellard discussed sexual orientation, the press, God and adversity in Conference Rooms A and B as part of a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer panel.

Transgender panelist and Christian Pamela Reed said that recent studies show that a person's sexual orientation is determined in the womb.

"God made us this way," she said. "Are we natural or not?"

She said her penis was a "deformity" and having a sex change was just like having surgery to repair a cleft lip, the most common birth defect in the United States.

Ellard said that those who use the Bible to justify homophobia were taking the verses out of context.

"They're being highly selective in a way they're using the Bible," he said.

He cited bible verses that forbid men from contacting women on their period.

Ellard said that the conflict between churchgoers and gay people was a product of a press looking for conflict.

"There is that battle that is sometimes fomented in the press, where it's the people of God versus the queers," he said.

"[The press] think that conflict sells papers and it will get you to watch the nightly news."

He said that many religious institutions, including his own Metropolitan Community Church, see it as part of their mission to fight for gay rights.

One transgender panelist said she had been raised extremely religiously.

"I was even an altar boy. Now, I'm an altered boy," said Lannie Rose, author of "How to Change Your Sex: A Light-hearted Look at the Hardest Thing You'll Ever Do."

She said that despite being taught that what she was doing was wrong, she cross-dressed.

"I became your average heterosexual cross-dresser," Rose said.

Later, she realized that she needed a sex change to become a woman.

"There was a total shock," she said.

"I couldn't believe it could be true."

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## Becoming a queen for a day



Dan Sealana / LA VOZ

"Nova Starr" was the master of ceremonies at De Anza College's Faculty and Student Drag show on Tuesday. **SEE PAGE 5.**

## Voters approve Measure C

Robert Balicki  
LA VOZ

Nearly two-thirds of voters approved Measure C, a ballot item that allows the Foothill-De Anza district to issue \$490 million of bonds Tuesday.

The district board of trustees held a meeting the next day to issue \$300 million of bonds as soon as possible.

"Because of the urgency of some of the projects proposed under Measure C and the fact that

there is currently a rising interest rate market, it is in the best interests of the District and the taxpayers to be prepared to issue these bonds as soon as possible," the board found in its background analysis of the bonds.

The bond money will pay for the construction of a new mediated learning center, wireless Internet, the renovation and maintenance of existing buildings, new equipment, and the replacement of all district computers.

Other projects include pur-

chasing new property, creating a transit center on campus, installing a new bike rack on campus, maintaining the Sunken Gardens, and expanding the planetarium.

The board of trustees found that the bond would cost homeowners an estimated \$24 annually per \$100,000 assessed value.

The bond measure, which needed 55 percent of the vote to pass, passed with 65 percent of the vote.

*Mariya Kisina contributed to this article.*



Robert Erdei / LA VOZ

Next year's senate vice presidents are sworn in by incoming student senate president Tony Suen, left. From left to right: Tony Suen, Tsuji Takeshi, Andy Lau, Rehana Rehman, David White, Joanna Alday, Pedram Hessani-Azad, Shrey Prasad and Yessenia Ramirez.

## Hochstraser pleads not guilty

Robert Balicki  
LA VOZ

Former De Anza College staff member Alexandre Hochstraser pleaded not guilty to one count of first-degree murder last Monday according to Ted Kajani, the district attorney prosecuting the case.

Hochstraser was arrested last June after police discovered a

dismembered body, later identified to be his girlfriend Dolores Gonzales, outside of the couple's apartment.

Police found blood stains on Hochstraser's mattress and bathtub and used reciprocating Sawzall blades when they searched his apartment, according to police testimony given at a preliminary hearing during May.

A tape of a man telling his mother from a prison phone, "I

killed Dolores" was presented as evidence during the hearing.

The man on the tape is believed to be Hochstraser.

At De Anza, Hochstraser had worked in the math department and International Student Office, and held the position of union steward.

The next hearing is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. August 24 in Department 24 of the Hall of Justice in downtown San Jose.

## Technology, environment to be themes for campus development

Robert Balicki  
LA VOZ

Strategic Planning Initiative officials recommended using technology to improve student success and increase the participation of underrepresented demographics Wednesday at a town hall meeting in Conference Rooms A and B.

Business professor Dan Salah unveiled five preliminary themes as a focal point for discussion about the future of De Anza College.

"We [must] engage and motivate everyone's who's involved," he said.

Salah said that this includes students, faculty, staff and "external constituencies," such as businesses, local high schools and the district.

The first theme was to increase representation for historically underrepresented students, such as Latino students and those over the age of 50.

Salah also suggested breaking up groups into more specific categories, such as "the monolithic Asian student that doesn't really exist."

The second theme involved increasing success rates through mentoring, community outreach and community involvement.

The third theme was to continue the emphasis on environmentally sustainable growth, as in the Kirsch center.

The fourth and fifth themes were to use technology and community involvement to help achieve the first three themes.

De Anza president Brian Murphy emphasized that the themes were not final and that community involvement was important.

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# THEMES: Student success is important

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that we're trying to engage the campus community," he said.

"Feedback is an important part of this."

The themes were developed from nine stories written at a two day Strategic Planning conference in May.

Salah and speech professor Matt Abrahams found what these stories about De Anza's future had in common. Those commonalities became the preliminary themes.

De Anza College president Brian Murphy said that the original stories were nonetheless important because they conveyed more emotion and specifics than one-line themes could.

"They have a sort of human dimension that's really important," he said.

Murphy said that the recent passage of Measure C, a \$490 million district bond approved Tuesday by voters, will be extremely beneficial to the planning process.

"It is just serendipitous and wonderfully so that we have this big boost at the beginning of this project," he said.

The next strategic planning meeting will be July 12.

More information about the Strategic Planning Process can be found at <http://www.deanza.edu/strategicplan/>.

# PANEL: Panel talks about cross-dressing, sex changes and Christianity

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Reed shared Rose's experience with Christianity. She said she talked to a priest while she was still a man, who said she was committing a "mortal sin" by dressing in women's clothes.

"If I continued to do it, I was going to hell," Reed said.

The priest told her that if she got married the cross-dressing would go away, she said.

Reed said that several months

after marrying, she started to cross dress again.

After coming clean to her family and getting a sex change, her wife and two sons stopped talking to her, she said.

Reed said her oldest son still does not talk to her.

Nonetheless, "the hardest thing I had to go through was to accept myself," Reed said.

The panelists said they were not trying to convert the audience to homosexuality.

"We're not here to pound information into your heads, we're here to tell you who we are," said panelist Rhonda Mitchell, who has a gay son.

She said her son told her, "no one in their right mind would choose this as a lifestyle."

The panelists encouraged everyone to be open-minded.

"Nature doesn't work in extremes or absolutes," said Jessica Friedmann, a bisexual panelist.

Mitchell said that everyone should "unconditionally" love his or her children because anyone could have a gay son or daughter.

"Unconditionally is the key word," she said.

Outlet is a De Anza College club that "strives to create an inclusive, comfortable and safe environment for students, staff and guests" of all sexual orientations, according to their description on the Inter-Club Council's website.



Hala Hyatt / LA VOZ

"The power of this process is that we're trying to engage the campus community," De Anza College president Brian Murphy said Wednesday.

## Leviticus 15:19-24 from the King James Bible

*And if a woman have an issue, [and] her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even.*

*And every thing that she lieth upon in her separation shall be unclean: every thing also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean.*

*And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe [himself] in water, and be unclean until the even.*

*And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe [himself] in water, and be unclean until the even.*

*And if it [be] on [her] bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the even.*

*And if any man lie with her at all, and her flowers be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and all the bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.*

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**what's happening on campus**

All events are held at De Anza College and are free and open to all students, unless otherwise noted. Please e-mail events to [Happenings@LaVozDeAnza.com](mailto:Happenings@LaVozDeAnza.com) by Wednesday noon for the following week's publication.

**Student Graduation Information**  
Students applying for an AA or AS degree for 2006 must turn in a petition to the Counseling Center by Friday, June 30. Students who want to walk at the June 24 graduation ceremony to pick up a diploma must see a counselor by Wednesday, June 21. Students with 75 units in a degree program may apply for 2006 graduation as 15 units can be made up during the summer session.

**Cross Cultural Partners Get-Together**  
Wednesday, June 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Conference Rooms A & B, Campus Center:  
Celebrate with food and song, hear testimonials from CCP partners. RSVP by Wednesday June 7 at the signup sheet in ATC 304 (Listening and Speaking Lab) or e-mail [ccpartners@deanza.edu](mailto:ccpartners@deanza.edu). More info is at: [www.deanza.fhda.edu/ccpartners](http://www.deanza.fhda.edu/ccpartners)

**Rock the Discussion: Your education, your voice, do something!**  
Monday, June 12, 12:30 – 2 p.m., Conference Rooms A & B, Campus Center:  
All students can make a difference by participating in a discussion on "How to Make De Anza More Student Friendly." The ideas generated will be recorded and given to the college decision makers. The event is sponsored by Kim Pearce's Facilitating Collaborative Communication class.

**Implementing Plus/Minus Grading Workshop for Faculty**  
Tuesday, June 13 and Wednesday, June 14, 12:30 to 1:20, Don Bautista Room, Campus Center:  
The De Anza Academic Senate will present two sessions for faculty on plus/minus grading, which will go into effect in fall 2006. The session will include an explanation of the new grading symbols and scale, an exchange of ideas concerning how to adapt to the new system and an opportunity for questions and discussion.

**World Famous Dance Demo**  
Wednesday, June 14, 7 p.m., Conference Room A & B, Campus Center:  
Watch De Anza dance students perform. For more information, contact [lucaswarren@deanza.edu](mailto:lucaswarren@deanza.edu)

**DADDIOS in Concert with guest Pete Yellin**  
Wednesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m., Fremont High School Auditorium:  
De Anza's Six O'Clock and Eight O'Clock "Daddios" Evening Jazz Ensembles, directed by Steve Tyler, perform in concert with noted New York saxophonist Pete Yellin. The Fremont High School auditorium is located at 1279 Sunnyvale Saratoga Road in Sunnyvale. Tickets are \$7 General, \$5 Students/Seniors in advance, \$10 General, \$8 Students/Seniors at the door. For more information contact Steven Tyler at [tylersteven@deanza.edu](mailto:tylersteven@deanza.edu) or 408-864-8999 x3450.

**Free Tickets to SJ Giants Game**  
Friday, June 16, 7 p.m., San Jose Municipal Stadium:  
The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, though the De Anza Administration of Justice Program, is offering free tickets to a San Jose

Giants baseball game to De Anza students and staff. Pick tickets up from Mi Chang at the Social Sciences Division Office in L-13 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1 to 5 p.m. this week.

**This Week's Transfer Events**  
Obtain transfer information from college and university representatives. Events take place at the Transfer Center on the second floor of the SCS Building, unless otherwise noted. For more information, call the Transfer Center at 408-864-8841.  
• UC Davis: Monday, June 5, 9 to 9:30 a.m. drop-in, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. by appointment.  
• Academy of Art University: Tuesday, June 13, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
• UC Santa Cruz, Wednesday, June 14, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
• The Art Institute, Thursday, June 15, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Reading and Writing Center Contest and Celebration**  
Enter the "Name the Plant" contest! Open to all De Anza students attending the celebration of the first year of student success in the Writing and Reading Center (SC3) on Monday, June 19. Students can view the plant and pick up an entry form in the Writing and Reading Center on Monday or Tuesday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and on Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Winners of \$50, \$30, and \$20 bookstore gift certificates will receive their prizes at the celebration.  
All De Anza students, faculty, and staff are invited to come to the first year celebration that will also feature readings by the Carolyn Keen Literature prize winners and the Writers' Salon members, door

prizes, more prizes, fun, food, and recognition of the wonderful staff and students who have made this first year so rewarding.

**Spring Fever Dance Concert**  
Thursday, June 22, 6 p.m., Main Quad:  
The Spring Fever Dance Concert, performed by De Anza dance students, will take place outdoors in the Main Quad, in front of the library. For more information contact Warren Lucas at [lucaswarren@deanza.edu](mailto:lucaswarren@deanza.edu).

**Vocal Jazz Concert**  
Friday, June 23, 8 p.m., A-11, Choral Hall:  
De Anza students will present their end of the year vocal jazz concert. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, \$8 for general admission. For more information, contact Roger Letson at [letsonroger@deanza.edu](mailto:letsonroger@deanza.edu).

**De Anza Graduation**  
Saturday, June 24 at 9 a.m., Outdoor Events Center:  
Celebrate the accomplishments of De Anza's graduates and hear keynote speaker, Madison Nguyen. More information is at: [www.deanza.edu/graduation/](http://www.deanza.edu/graduation/)

**De Anza Choral Concert**  
Monday, June 26, 7:30 p.m., Union Church Cupertino:  
The De Anza Vintage Singers will perform with the Women's Choir. For more information, contact Roger Letson at [letsonroger@deanza.edu](mailto:letsonroger@deanza.edu)

**Summer Session Information**  
Class schedules for the De Anza summer session are available online and at the De Anza Bookstore, in person or by mail. See <http://deanza.edu/schedule> for more information. Monday, July 3 is the first day of summer session. The


college will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

**Need a Place to Live?**  
Use De Anza's online housing board to find a place to live or to find a roommate. It's at [www.deanza.edu/housing](http://www.deanza.edu/housing).

**Bands and Performers Wanted**  
Does your band want to perform at De Anza? Bring or send a promotional package with a tape or CD to the De Anza Student Activities Office in care of La Donna Yumori-Kadu. The Activities Office is located in the lower level of the Campus Center.

**Save up to \$4.50 on Movie Tickets**  
Discount movie tickets are available for \$5.50 for movies at AMC Theaters that have been out for two weeks or more. Students must have a DASB card and purchase the tickets at the Student Activities Office in the lower level of the Campus Center.

**Nominate a Great Teacher**  
The Distinguished Educator Award recognizes De Anza faculty members with extraordinary skills and accomplishments in classroom teaching. This award, presented eight times a year by the vice president of instruction, is given to educators who display substantial, significant and sustained excellence, commitment and enthusiasm to the multifaceted aspects of teaching the diverse student population of De Anza College. Nominations are welcome from students, staff, administrators and faculty. The nomination form is available at the Web site: [deanza.edu/instruction/ed\\_award.html](http://deanza.edu/instruction/ed_award.html) and is due by the first of every month.




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## An ounce of prevention



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It turns out that the old saying, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is really true, according to a newly conducted study by non-profit organization called Partnership for Education.

According to their executive summary, "The U.S. spends billions on healthcare services of questionable value while

### for your health

basic, evidence-based services are not getting done as often as they should."

They continue, "Yet the time available to deliver healthcare services is limited. Brief clinician office visits must address chronic conditions, acute illness, and preventive care.

In this environment, prioritization of healthcare services is occurring but it is rarely systematic or rational. And the consequences of misplaced priorities are high: people die and illness worsens because the most important preventive services do not get done.

Health outcomes in the U.S. could be improved at less expense if the health care system, clinicians, and patients gave priority to services that were most beneficial and offered the greatest value."

The scientists analyzed 25 common preventive services

provided by doctors and ranked them in terms of their health benefits and cost effectiveness.

Here are the 15 most beneficial and cost effective preventive services:

1. Taking a daily aspirin for the prevention of heart disease for men over 40, women over 50 and others at risk.
2. Childhood immunizations for children 1 month to 12 years old.
3. Tobacco use screening for all smokers (no kidding!).
4. Colorectal cancer screening for adults aged 50 and over
5. High blood pressure screening for all adults.
6. Flu shot for adults aged 50 and over.
7. Vaccination against bacterial pneumonia for adults 65 and over.
8. Problem drinking screening or all adolescents and adults.
9. Vision screening for adults 65 and over.
10. Cervical cancer screening for sexually active women or any woman 21 and older.
11. Cholesterol screening for men 35 and older and for women 45 and older.
12. Breast cancer screening for all women 50 and over.
13. Chlamydia screening for all sexually active women 25 and younger.
14. Counsel to use calcium supplements to prevent fractures for adolescent and adult women.
15. Vision screening for children less than 5 years old.

Mary-Jo Lomax is a health educator at De Anza College. For more info, visit the Health Center in the Hinson Campus Center.

## 'Mê Thao' actor returns to De Anza

Mariya Kisina  
LA VOZ

The Vietnamese film "Mê Thao Thoi Vang Bong" ("Once Upon a Time in Me Thao"), directed by Viet Linh, was shown at De Anza College as part of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month on June 1.

Swenson said, "Mê Thao" is a folklore movie, a well-known story in the Vietnamese culture" about a ruler who suffers because of a lost love and when his two servants cede to play music to soothe his pain, misfortune ensues.

An open reception was held before the film screening with those involved in the film.

More than 30 faculty and students attended a reception before the film, including the Vietnamese Student Association. Dean of Language Art John Swenson introduced the film's main characters Don Duong and his sister Susie Truong Bui to the audience.

Duong has taken English as a Second Language classes at De Anza in 2003 after immigrating to the United States.

Duong is one of Vietnam's most famous actors, appearing in more than 30 films, including "Three Seasons" (1999), "Green Dragon" (2001) and "We Were Soldiers" (2002).

Bui's son Tony Bui was the director of "Three Seasons" while her other son Timothy directed "Green Dragon".

Duong was criticized by the Vietnamese government for his role in "Green Dragon," a film about

Vietnamese refugees who decided to leave for the United States.

The government also labeled Duong as a traitor for his role in "We Were Soldiers," which deals with one 1965 battle between the U.S. and the North Vietnamese Army. According to a San Francisco Chronicle article, the government saw one scene as anti-Communist.

Following Duong's appearance in "We Were Soldiers," the Vietnamese government revoked his passport and placed him under house arrest.

According to a BBC News article, the Ministry of Culture and Information banned his work, including "Me Thao" (2002). He was not allowed to continue acting.

Duong said that the government mentally and emotionally abused him and his sons. The San Francisco Chronicle said that military officials demanded that photos of Duong in the banned movies be taken from the walls of his and his sister's Saigon restaurant.

They later put out cigarettes on other pictures of Duong. In the same article, Duong said his sons were "attacked in the newspapers and harassed at school."

Duong's letter to the Vietnamese media explaining that he was not a traitor ended up in Vietnamese

newspapers in the United States.

During Duong's house arrest in 2002, supporters included both the Vietnamese and American community, Swenson, Mel Gibson, Patrick Swayze and then U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell. They intervened in order to give Duong his passport to leave Vietnam for the United States.

Duong lived in his sister's San Jose house during 2003. He is currently waiting for new movie roles and is a professional singer.

Swenson said that the actor is an important part of the community at De Anza, especially



Photo courtesy of methao.com

Actor Don Duong plays a traditional Vietnamese instrument in his latest film, "Mê Thao." The film was shown at De Anza College.

for the 2,500 Vietnamese students.

Duong hopes "Mê Thao" will restart his career since it has been shown in many U.S. and Canadian cities and in international film festivals in Japan, France, Singapore, Belgium and Italy. The film won the

2003 Rosa Camuna at the Italian Bergamo Film Festival.

Duong said that he was not weaving in politics through art and that he was not concerned with the politics.

"I'm just an actor," he said who got caught in between two governments, in reference to his earlier films.



## GRADUATION FAQs

**Q: WHEN AND WHERE IS THE GRADUATION CEREMONY?**  
THE 2006 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24 AT 9 A.M. IN THE OUTDOOR EVENTS ARENA NEAR THE SOUTH ENTRANCE TO CAMPUS.

**Q: WHY SHOULD I GET A DE ANZA AA OR AS DEGREE IF I'M GOING TO TRANSFER?**  
A: MOST STUDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO TRANSFER ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR AN AA OR AS DEGREE. AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE WILL BE AN ASSET ON YOUR RESUME AND MAY HELP YOU GET A BETTER SALARY IF YOU ARE WORKING WHILE ATTENDING A FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY. AN AA OR AS DEGREE WILL SHOW, IN PERPETUITY, THAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AN EDUCATIONAL GOAL, IF ACHIEVING A BA OR BS DEGREE TAKES LONGER THAN PLANNED.

**Q: I'M STILL 15 UNITS SHORT OF THE 90 REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION - DO I HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR TO GRADUATE?**  
A: YOU CAN STILL GRADUATE WITH THE CLASS OF 2006. YOU CAN TAKE UP TO 15 UNITS THIS SUMMER SESSION THAT WILL COUNT TOWARDS YOUR DEGREE.

**Q: DO I HAVE TO ATTEND GRADUATION CEREMONIES TO GRADUATE?**  
A: NO. THE GRADUATION CEREMONY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24 IS A WONDERFUL EVENT FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, BUT ATTENDANCE IS NOT REQUIRED TO RECEIVE YOUR DIPLOMA.

**Q: WHEN DO I NEED TO PETITION TO GRADUATE?**  
A: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE GRADUATION CEREMONY AND WALK DOWN THE AISLE TO RECEIVE A DIPLOMA, PETITION BY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 AT 9:00 A.M. THIS WILL GIVE YOU TIME TO PICK UP YOUR GOWN AT THE CAMPUS BOOKSTORE. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONY, YOU HAVE UNTIL JUNE 30 TO TURN IN YOUR APPLICATION. YOU CAN GET YOUR PETITION FORM FROM A COUNSELOR IN THE COUNSELING CENTER.

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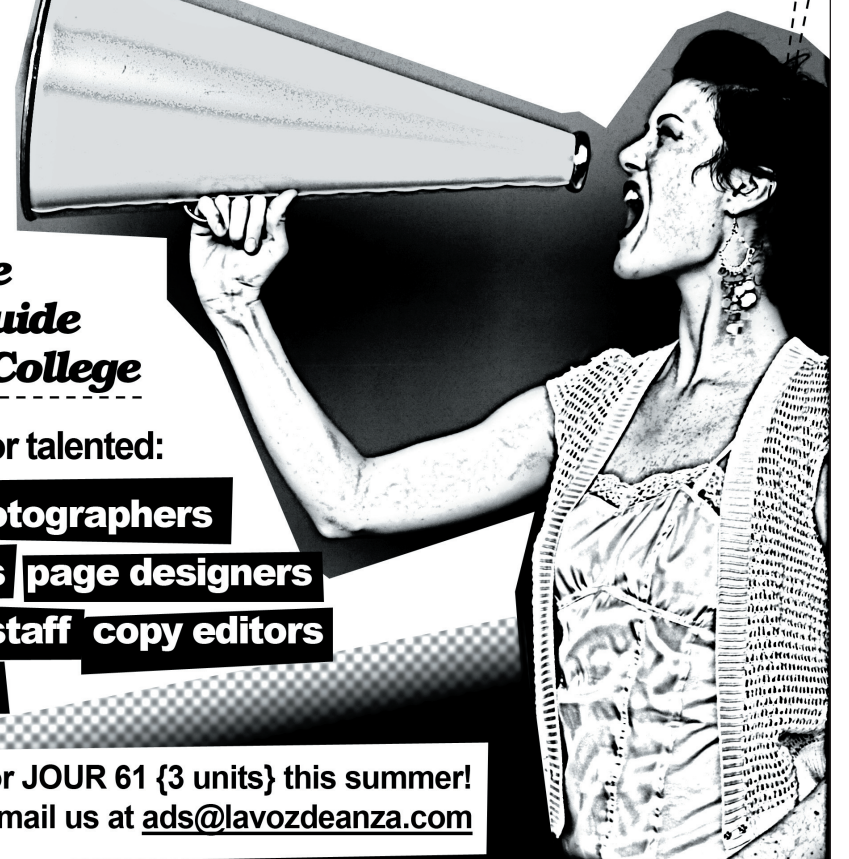
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# What a drag!

Performers wow students at gender-bending event

**Dan Sealana**  
LA VOZ

Drag queens and drag "kings" entertained a nearly-packed house Tuesday during De Anza College's Faculty and Student Drag Show. The show, which kicked off a week of Gay Pride events on campus, was held in Conference Rooms A&B and was hosted by nationally-known drag queen, "Nova Starr."

Technical difficulties with the audio system didn't ruin the festive mood of the drag event. "We need new dildo batteries for this [microphone]," Starr said.

Between performances, Starr interacted and joked with the audience. At one point, he had volunteers of different sexual orientations come to the front of the stage to try on different outfits.

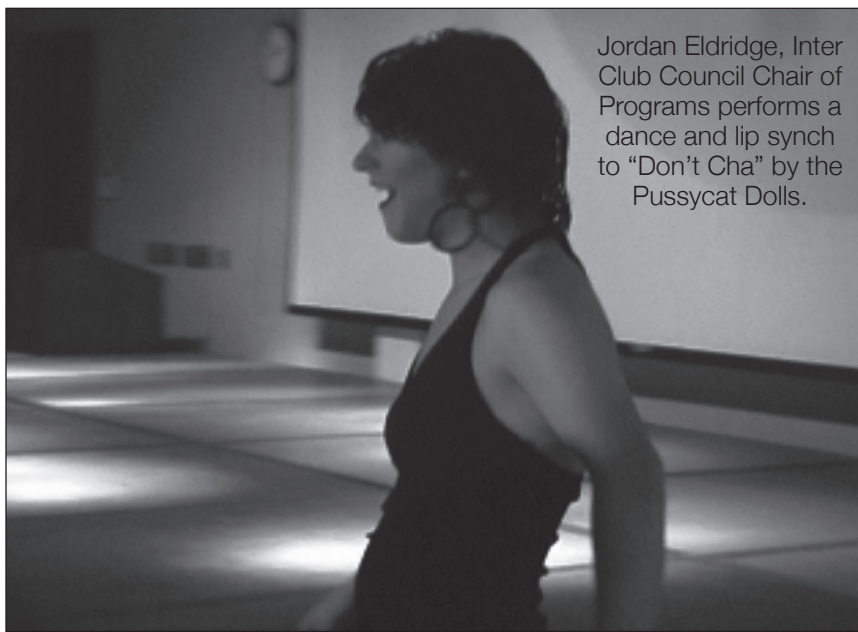
Jordan Eldridge, Inter Club Council chair of programs, was the last gender-bending performer of the afternoon. Eldridge wore a black dress and entertained the crowd with a lip sync and dance performance of "Don't Cha" by the Pussycat Dolls.

The show was sponsored by the Outlet club and DASB Diversity and Events.



"Nova Starr," master of ceremonies, opens the show with a lip sync and dance performance.

Below: After the show, Nova Starr speaks to La Voz about stereotypes, homophobia, and becoming a drag queen.



Jordan Eldridge, Inter Club Council Chair of Programs performs a dance and lip sync to "Don't Cha" by the Pussycat Dolls.



Instructor Sal Breiter, dressed as Mary Poppins, performed a lip sync version of "A Spoonfull of Sugar."

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I made a cool discovery recently. Seems the locals were on to Rio Adobe way before me. Rio Adobe way before me. Rio Adobe is one of those places that automatically gets on your favorites list. I knew even before my food arrived that I was going to return again.

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OK, the fresh salsa bar is eight bowls deep, the chips are made fresh, and the beer roster is quite respectable. (It's a bit of a hybrid—you order at a counter, but then your food is brought to your table on ceramic plates.)

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**Free speech: not just for popular opinions**

Last week, *La Voz* published an opinion article entitled, "Gay pride events fail to make homosexuality 'normal,'" by James Schulte. Predictably, many people were upset and offended by the strong views in the article.

It's fine to disagree with a writer's opinion. We are all entitled to our views. But what's disturbing about much of the feedback we received about the article is that many felt it should never have seen the light of day.

At a college that prides itself in being open-minded and tolerant of different viewpoints, we were surprised at how many people supported censorship. One letter to the editor even boldly proclaimed that Schulte "should not survive in a progressive newspaper such as *La Voz*."

*La Voz* is not a political newspaper, and we don't have a political agenda. If you reviewed back issues of the news-

paper from the last several quarters, you would find opinion pieces that fall on both sides of the political spectrum.

Over the years, the staff of *La Voz* has been made up of people with a wide variety of political ideologies and sexual orientations, as well as different ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds. There is no stereotypical model of the typical *La Voz* staff member.

We print a disclaimer in every issue that states, "Opinions expressed by staff and contributors are the opinions of the individuals and not necessarily the opinion of *La Voz*."

Apparently, many readers miss that. Many of us at *La Voz* felt that our fellow staff member's opinion piece last week was offensive.

But what we also found offensive were the comments we received from students and faculty denouncing us for publishing the article. Some have sug-

gested that, at such a predominantly liberal college like De Anza, *La Voz* shouldn't be featuring a conservative columnist.

*La Voz* is not a mouthpiece for De Anza College. We are under no obligation to always portray the campus in a positive light, or to advance the political ideology of the majority of students and faculty.

If you don't like the opinions that *La Voz* has published this quarter, do something about it. Write us a letter and tell us what you think.

Or, better yet, sign up for Journalism 61 in the fall and join *La Voz*. Any student is welcome, no matter what your political leanings are, to join the newspaper staff.

It's a sad commentary that, at a campus as "progressive" as De Anza, its school newspaper needs to give students and faculty a lesson in free speech.

*La Voz asks:***When does free speech become hate speech?**

E-mail your answers to [lavoz@fhda.edu](mailto:lavoz@fhda.edu).

**Sensitivity, logic needed in gay debate****yekaterinaBARILOV**

When I was 13 my mother worked as a part time babysitter to earn a little extra money on the side. A few times, she brought home children to play in our backyard while she did chores. Once, she brought home a 10-year-old boy named Mike.

My little brother, who was his age, showed him the rope swing in the back, his dinosaur collection and his toy guns. Mike sheepishly looked at the ground and asked if he could see my room. I showed him my toys and his face lit up.

He grabbed a huge stuffed dog with a pink bow and said, "I love this kind of stuff." He asked if I had any dolls. I gave him a long-haired blonde Barbie in a red short skirt and he became engulfed in playing and changing outfits.

When Mike's father came to pick him up, he discovered him in my room, still playing with the Barbie. He turned red, mumbled something about having to go immediately and jerked Mike's arm away from the toys.

After they left the front door, we heard the father yelling. I don't know if Mike was gay, but I do know that he didn't

have an easy time that day.

I am not against anti-gay opinions. I'm against assumptions. I'm against poor arguments, and I'm against name-calling and thoughtless accusations on both sides.

I know where that mindset comes from. I understand why people can feel that their lifestyle is being threatened, that accepting the possibility of a healthy gay relationship undermines their views about what a relationship is. But that fear has caused a lot of damage.

I'm not here to preach about how closed-minded views cause homosexuality related hate crimes each year. We know that ridiculing an effeminate man or calling an assertive girl a butch-dyke is wrong. That's not what I'm trying to address.

Neither am I trying to argue that gays deserve their own marriage licenses, and that we should all hug and hold hands.

I'm asking people to think before they say something.

Mike's dad yelled at him that day because he believed Mike was being weird and it was unnatural for him to play with toys marketed to the opposite sex. But what if Mike preferred watching movies with Barbie-like girls in short skirts instead of playing with them? Would that be considered normal?

What we're seeing here is an intense defensive reaction to a perceived threat to a way of life. Mike's dad's reaction is a generalization of a whole range of behaviors associated with gender identity.

The problem is that the threat is so

ambiguous. There is no way to draw a clear line between masculinity and femininity, so how can you label a behavior as threatening? This ambiguity causes people to overcompensate and attack anyone who exhibits traits of the opposite sex.

Arguments that appeal to anger are just that — arguments that are designed to make you angry.

There is nothing wrong with being angry. Often times anger is a logical and natural reaction. But we shouldn't be making arguments based on anger.

It works both ways. Just because an article made you angry, it doesn't mean that the author did not make a good point. Just because somebody brings up Hitler and Nazism in a comparative argument, as James Schulte did last week, it shouldn't cause you to throw the argument away.

Maybe what he meant to say is that children raised in a gay environment would not have the same choice their parents had in forming an opinion about gender orientation.

In that way, these children are presented a world view from a biased environment, a little bit like Nazism created a system that was engineered to present a single mindset with little representation of other ideas.

I'm not saying it's true. I'm saying it might be an interesting point to discuss.

So please get angry, get offended, and get accusatory. But please, try to filter what you see through a thin lens of logic. It would help all of us.

# La Voz loses credibility with Gay Pride Week article

**Cyrus Hedayati**  
Guest perspective

Reading the June 5 issue of *La Voz*, I couldn't help but notice the headline for James Schulte's opinion piece, "Gay pride events fail to make homosexuality 'normal.'" Having read Schulte's op-ed stories before, I was aware of his views, but I was nevertheless alarmed by the article, not only at the misguided arguments he made, but the lack of professionalism with which he presented those arguments.

As a journalism major at De Anza, I took Journalism 21B: Intro to Feature Writing, a class I shared Schulte. When our teachers, Cecilia Deck and Brad Kava, taught us the basics of writing an opinion story, they emphasized the importance of objectivity even in the newspaper's most subjective section. Opinion pieces ought to rest on facts, they said, not pure conjecture.

Judging by Schulte's article, he either didn't pay attention or disregarded their teachings. His arguments rely on inflammatory statements, not persuasive reason, to make their mark on the reader.

Take this nugget of wisdom: "If gays can adopt children, they can more easily brainwash them with their agenda, as Hitler did with the Nazi Youth."

While such a ridiculous comparison would be out-of-line in any conversation, Schulte presents no statistics regarding the adopted children of homosexuals to lend his argument any credibility.

His statement succeeds only in shocking, not persuading the reader. I suspect that was his aim.

What follows is worse: "Gays push their agenda with so much self-righteous vigor that anyone who dares to stand up to them is automatically labeled a bigot."

This statement forces us readers to decide whether Schulte was too lazy to find evidence of this supposed "self-righteous vigor", made it up, or just wanted to rant about vague ideas that offend him. None of these reasons belong in a journalist's mind while writing an opinion story, and Schulte doesn't even have ignorance as an excuse.

But Mr. Schulte's most embarrassing failure is that, in an article attacking the effort to portray homosexuality as "normal," he never bothers to define what "normal" is.

His article fails in the most fundamental of persuasive arguments: stating an argument, and proving it.

Without a clear objective, Schulte stumbles from target to target, ignorantly gay-bashing until he runs out of insults. By presenting his unfortunate homophobia with so little persuasive evidence, Schulte only

reveals his position as indefensible.

As a journalist whose experience included freelance and staff writing for *La Voz*, I'm offended that its editorial staff considers Schulte's pejorative-laden screeds to be worth of print. I've read comparable writing on bathroom stalls, but not in newspapers.

While writing for *La Voz*, my editors told

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me that the paper had a responsibility to uphold a professional standard of journalistic integrity. Never have I seen that standard so blatantly ignored.

For a newspaper representing such a liberal student body, *La Voz* has featured a surprising number of conservative writers and editors since I began reading it nearly two years ago. That balance of opinions has been one of its greatest strengths.

But Mr. Schulte's article was not only a crass attack on De Anza's homosexual and transgender population, but an insult to *La Voz*'s credibility as a respectable publication.

As I flipped through the paper in disgust at Mr. Schulte's article, I found something even more distressing: a mock dart board with Mr. Schulte in the middle.

The caption read, "We here at *La Voz* keep careful track of what you care enough to write us about. If, like us, you've been keeping track, you know a lot of it concerns one man: James Schulte. Attacks, censorship, physical harm... people have wished everything and the kitchen sink on *La Voz*'s humble conservative columnist. And we've heard you."

Instead of reveling in all the attention Mr. Schulte's articles are drawing, your editors would be smart to consider the means by which he gains attention, and the effect is has on the newspaper's image.

It's up to you whether *La Voz* should be a publication reflecting the professionalism of a private newspaper or a tree stump for Schulte to shout from.

## Death of Al-Zarqawi a crucial step in winning war on terror



**jamesSCHULTE**

It hasn't been a good couple of weeks for all those who are trying to wage "Holy War" against the United States and its allies.

From the capture of the men who wanted to kill the Canadian Prime Minister to the death of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, terrorists have been stopped in their tracks.

Al-Zarqawi was nothing more than a violent killer who would harm any and all that got in his way. With the nickname of the "slaughtering sheik," Al-Zarqawi is believed to have personally beheaded at least two American hostages.

It will take some time for the Iraqi insurgency to find a new leader who will be as organized as Al-Zarqawi was.

The U.S. should take advantage of this window of opportunity while the insurgents are still scrambling for leadership. The insurgency won't be squashed overnight. But if the U.S. military can keep up the pressure and pull apart the insurgency, Iraq can be on its way to becoming a stable and independent nation.

Meanwhile, Jamal Abu Samhadana, who founded the Popular Resistance Committees that regularly launched homemade rockets into Israel, was appointed to the interior ministry in the new Palestinian government. But that didn't stop Israel from launching a rocket attack, killing him and four of members of his entourage.

Encouraged by these victories, we now have to resolve to be more bold and push on with the war against terror at this crucial time. With Al-Zarqawi dead, the newly formed government in Iraq can now more easily pull together and forge their people into a solid nation under democratic rule.

The calls continue to come from liberals to pull out our troops and run.

But first we must make sure that Iraq is truly stable and that the country can defend itself.

We need to send more troops to the region to end these insurgences once and for all so they don't rise up later to become a bigger problem.

The death of Al-Zarqawi and other terrorist leaders is a crucial step towards a new beginning not just for the United States, but the world.

When Iraq becomes a stable, democratic nation, it will be a jewel that shines for the rest of the Arab world, showing that freedom can be enjoyed by all.

### Cartoon biology

In last weeks opinion article, "Gay pride events fail to make homosexuality 'normal,'" James Schulte claims "... in the world of Darwin, the homosexual creature would be considered an evolutionary dead end," and asserts "the ability to procreate" as an exclusionary principle of normality.

I'm a heterosexual Darwinist with no dog in this fight. I've seen enough fundamentalist bigotry and know that gays can take care of themselves nicely in the face of it. But Schulte's attempt to impute an alliance between creationism and Darwinism is completely flawed by his ignorance of modern Darwinism and the centrality of the "selfish gene" theory to its explanatory framework.

No one in modern evolutionary biology believes that a species' survival requires that all its members engage in direct sexual reproduction. To paraphrase Richard Dawkins, a body is a gene's way of making more genes.

Evolutionary "normality" supports the perpetuation of genes. In some species, certain members engage in direct sexual reproduction, while genetic kin

— those who share a greater proportion of the same genes — engage in direct or indirect support of the direct breeders, especially in species practicing "high parental investment."

In other words, if you — as a homosexual close relative — engage in the extended care and protection of the offspring of your close kin, you might increase your shared genes' chances of survival by a far greater margin than if you'd simply directly attempted to breed.

This phenomenon is widespread in the animal kingdom, and shouldn't be a surprise. Sexual diversity in animal ecologies works very well, in a manner analogous to the role of division of labor in free market economies. Schulte's assertions are cartoon biology. He lacks an education, and needs to own up to his ignorance before he embarrasses himself again in public.

- Russell Whitaker

### Hatred is not 'normal'

James Schulte gives himself authoritative license to define "normal" in

his article "Gay pride events fail to make homosexuality 'normal.'" What he unfortunately does not realize is that he is no more equipped to define what is normal than I am or anyone else is for that matter.

In his argument, he states "If you can't meet one of the basic needs of a living creature, the ability to procreate, you can't by any definition be considered normal." By that token, women who hit menopause or suffer from uterine cancer, and men who suffer from testicular cancer and are not able to have children, by his definition, are not "normal."

He also presumes his interpretation of the Bible is the only "normal" interpretation available. Unfortunately, he does not understand that there are open and affirming churches, such as the Congregational Church of Campbell, that preach love and accept LGBT people as "normal" spiritual beings.

He also misinterprets what pride events are about, calling them a way to normalize the gay "lifestyle" and get more people to adopt this lifestyle. Someone does not choose to be homosexual or transgendered. They are born as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender individuals,

### letters and comments

a form of their identity that was created in God's likeness (if you are of Christian faith).

Pride is about is knowing who you are and ignoring those who say you are something else (i.e. not "normal"). I'm proud of who I am — a person who was designed in God's image and is committed to the Christian value of loving others for who they are. While I define this value as "normal," I guess Schulte does not.

- Chris Weber

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# Tai Chi class calms students

Kristen Toner  
LA VOZ

While some students are flooding into classrooms — worried about the test they're about to take rushing to turn in assignments — tranquility fills the air. In this corner of campus, students calm their minds and center their focus on their bodies.

These students are participating in one of the four Tai Chi classes offered at De Anza College. The practice of Tai Chi can be thought of as a combination of a moving form of yoga and meditation.

The goal is to cultivate the body's chi, the vital force that animates the body to enhance health and vitality. Students

perform a series of slow, elegant motions to calm the mind and promote balance, strength and flexibility throughout the body.

Lynn Dougty, in her second year at De Anza and a major in marketing, said she comes to the class to work on her body alignment and inner peace.

"I love it, can't live without it," she said.

According to the Tai Chi Academy in Sunnyvale, Western science recognizes the following benefits to the practice of Tai Chi: increased oxygen uptake and utilization, reduced blood pressure and increased bone density. Other benefits include increased strength and range of motion of the joints, increased flexibility, reduced

levels of stress, improved immune function and heightened mood states.

"Most students feel more relaxed and breathe better," said Coleen Lee-Wheat, head coach of Women's Tennis and Tai Chi instructor. "Most students don't realize they're not breathing well."

Yuki Mori, a student of the massage therapy program in her second year at De Anza, is on her fourth Tai Chi class. She said her posture and body alignment has changed and become better than before the class.

De Anza will be offering two courses of Tai Chi this summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information students, can check

# NFL heavier than ever



James NEWBURG

Ever since baseball's steroids controversy came to light three years ago, sportswriters have spilled buckets of purple ink about the public's loss of innocence.

They cry about the need to clean up the record books so juiced-up sluggers don't receive undeserved recognition. Riding upon their moral high horse, they demand stringent drug testing and tough penalties for players found guilty of using steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs.

Baseball is given a bad name for its drug problem, but where are these same worrying sportswriters when it comes to football?

The new National Pastime that gives us a secular Christmas at the end

every January is held up as the gold standard for fairness in competition.

We don't see the splashy headlines each month trumpeting the latest player to test positive for something.

"If only baseball had a testing program like the National Football League," they muse.

We may not see "steroids" in the headlines that often in the football section. The last major steroid scandal in football happened last year when at least three Carolina Panthers players obtained multiple prescriptions for steroids from a doctor being investigated by the federal government.

The performance-enhancement problem in football isn't just about drugs, though there are plenty of beefed-up linebackers and punters. Football's real problem is that players have gotten extremely, unnaturally, unhealthily huge.

The average player weight has increased 10 percent in the past 20 years, according to a study published by Scripps Howard in January. Last year's NFL training camp rosters had more than 500 players weighing over 300 pounds.

San Francisco 49ers fans only have to remember back to the last training camp to think of the inherent danger in this trend toward extraordinarily gigantic football players. In the locker room after a preseason loss to Denver, rookie offensive lineman Thomas Herrion collapsed in the team prayer circle and died.

Herrion was 23. He was listed at 320 pounds.

His death puts a young face on another sad statistic from the study: football players are more than twice as likely as baseball players to die before the age of 50.

Baseball and football are two sides of the same coin when it comes to the issue of performance enhancement. The media attention is focusing on baseball because a) it is in season right now and b) the problem is morally unambiguous: drugs are bad.

Even though there is steroid use in football, the sport's central problem exists in a moral gray area: just what is proper diet and exercise for a professional athlete?

The problem of performance enhancement in sports goes deeper than the latest steroids scandal. If sportswriters believe that cleaning up professional sports is a moral imperative, then it is their duty to not just pass judgment on the issues that are obvious, but also those that are ambiguous. Anything less is hypocritical.

# player OF THE Week



Kayla Hilton  
LA VOZ

In her first year at De Anza College, Whitney Campbell joined the swim team and won first place in three races at the California state community college championships.

She came into the championships undefeated and seeded first in the 100 and 200 hundred yard freestyle and second in the 50 yard freestyle. She went on to win all three events.

Playing sports and being physical runs in her family. Her older brother plays basketball and her older sister was a ballerina and gymnast.

"I have always been more like my brother. My sister is the girly girl and I'm the tomboy," she said.

Campbell accidentally signed up for swimming in Physical Education during her junior year at Mountain View high school.

Before that, she played basketball, volleyball and soccer but she found out she was good at swimming and she joined the school team and De Anza's swim club which

helped her make it on to De Anza's team later.

In her freshman and sophomore years, she had chronic migraines and seizures, which made it impossible for her to do what she really wanted to do — horseback riding.

"I've always been into horses, I was the horse crazed girl. I guess I still am. Because I was having seizures I could have fallen off [a horse] and gotten trampled," she said.

Swimming was also the only sport her doctor allowed her to play. Her doctor told her that the chlorine in the water would kill the mold in her lungs, and she is almost healthy now.

Her major-equine science, race track industry program — will lead to a career in race horse training where "basically your whole life is on the track," she said.

In the fall, she will be transferring to University of Louisville. It is one out of two



## Whitney Campbell

**Birth date:** 6/4/87

**Birthplace:** Mountain View

**Position:** Sprinter

**Major:** Equine Science

**Dream School:** Louisville University

**Favorite Food:** Mexican

**Most Memorable Swimming Moment:** "State championships. It's freshest in my mind"

schools, the other one being University of Arizona, that offers both swimming and the type of equine science she wants to pursue.

"I'm very happy to leave to school," Campbell said. "I'm more than ready to go. I wish I would have went last year."

She came to De Anza to make a name for herself in swimming. She did that by far. Not only did she become a champion but a record breaker. Campbell broke the, pool record in all three events and tied the state record in the 100-yard freestyle. Also she broke the conference records in the 100- and 200-yard freestyles.

She was named outstanding female athlete of the year and got a full scholarship to University of Louisville. Even though University of Arizona was her first choice they failed to give as good an offer.

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