



Students say "STAR System sucks"

By Melanie Garrett
News Editor

In an effort to conform to budget cuts, STAR Registration was brought in to replace the past personalized system.

"The STAR System sucks," said De Anza student Keith Arcaro. "I thought registration was fine the way it was before."

"Because of budget cuts we had to go to this new system," said Lewis Ham, Director of Admissions and Records. "Before, we had to pay employees \$10 an hour. That gets expensive."

The STAR System was offered to students in the

Summer, Fall, and Winter quarter, but it is now the required way to register at De Anza. Ham believes this quarter serves as a learning experience and registering will come easier in the future quarters.

"I prefer talking with people one on one," said Tom Steller, a De Anza student. "You know what you have on your schedule that way."

"Students do not read the instructions," said Ham. "We think they're clear; they're written at an eighth grade reading level."

Ham admits students are forced to use the STAR System if they want to enroll at De Anza. Five operators are reserved for the Physically Limited Programs and for

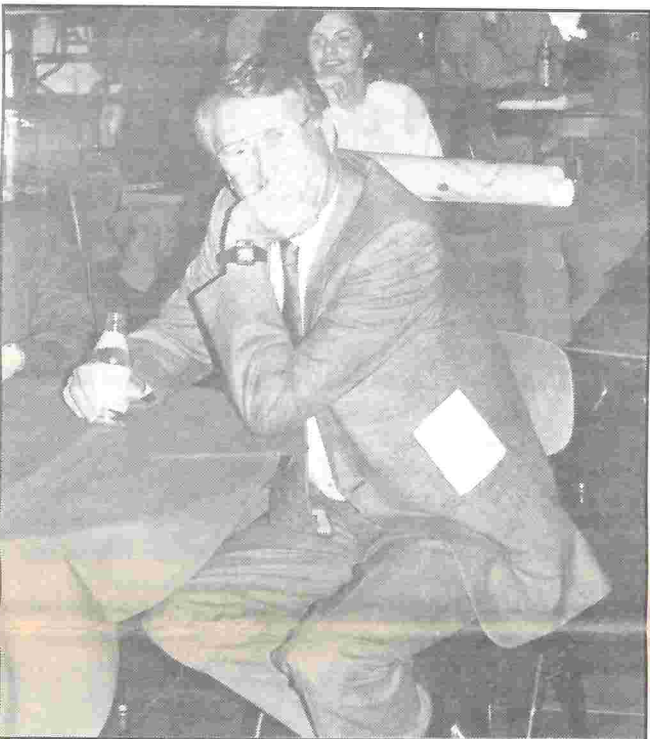
those students who require extra assistance.

"The new system wastes a lot of time," said De Anza student Cherry Kuo. "I have to miss my classes just to register."

"Obviously we need to find a way to make the instructions more readable," said Ham. "I was thinking maybe cartoons."

Currently there are thirty-two phone lines used for registration. An additional eight lines are in the future plans to expand the STAR System.

"We're just trying to do the best we can with the budget restraints," said Ham. "We're not trying to harass the students."



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De Anza President, A. Robert De Hart, enjoys a short movie created by his colleagues to welcome him back during the tenure presentations.

De Hart welcomed back 29 DAC instructors receive tenure awards at reception

By Melanie Garrett
News Editor

A ceremony in the Hinson Campus Center was held Wednesday to honor 29 tenured De Anza teachers. The faculty and employees also took this opportunity to welcome back A. Robert De Hart, President of De Anza after his lung surgery.

"It feels nice and secure," said Barbara Loren, one of eight teachers tenured for the Language Arts division. "But I don't feel any different day to day."

The process in which applications go before the Board of Trustees begins in early October

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—Barbara Loren
Tenured teacher

and finishes in late February. This year there were fifty-four committees of five people from the different divisions who evaluated each application before sending them to the board.

"The application process is very extensive, so the Board usually

picks only the best teachers," said Lisa Pritchett, the Administrative Assistant who handles all applications for tenured applicants. "I believe everyone who was honored here today truly deserved it."

A humorous short movie made by fellow colleague to welcome De Hart back was shown, and he was also honored with a cake which was inscribed with "Welcome Back Bob."

"There's nothing worse than to be sick at home, thinking about all the things I could be doing," said De Hart. "It feels wonderful to be back."

Ex-Costa Rica Pres. speaks at Flint

By Vlad Olic
Special to La Voz

Appearing as part of the "Celebrity Forum Series" was Oscar Arias Sanchez, the ex-president of Costa Rica. The noted humanitarian was greeted enthusiastically by the Flint audience, and in his speech proved all the fame surrounding him to be true.

Mr. Arias realized at a very young age that his life goal was to become president. Born into a wealthy family and a political clan, he came to Boston University to study medicine. The year was 1960, and the young Costa Rican found himself to be amazed by American politics. Watching the Kennedy-Nixon debate was a turning point ("It wasn't Nixon"), and from then on his life became devoted to public service.

In 1979 he finally entered the Costa Rican political scene, when he was elected to the National Assembly. Mr. Arias devoted most of his time trying to

reform the electoral system, until in 1986 he decided to run for the presidency.

The Costa Rican political scene is somewhat similar to the one in America. According to most political scientists, it is the strongest democracy of all Central American countries. To many, its political system presents a model of peaceful coexistence.

This Central American country lies between Nicaragua to the north and Panama to the south - hardly a democratic surrounding. Its area is slightly bigger than that of Vermont and New Hampshire combined.

Under the 1949 Constitution, the president and the one-house Legislative Assembly of 57 members are elected to 4 year terms without the right to re-election. What makes Costa Rica so unique is the fact that since 1949 it has no Army! There are two major political parties and both are center-oriented.

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Ex-Costa Rican President Oscar Arias speaks of world peace during his lecture at the Flint Center.

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Voice of La Voz

What are the lessons of war?

President Bush and many other Republicans are saying that with the victory against Iraq, America has "kicked the Vietnam syndrome." This is something that we are supposed to be proud of. But should we be proud of the fact that thousands of Iraqi civilians were killed during the war and will continue to suffer because of the damage inflicted on Iraq by the U.S. and allied bombings? Should we be proud of the senseless massacre of Iraqi troops who were fleeing Kuwait on the road to the city of Basra?

There has been a lot of talk of kicking the Vietnam syndrome, but just what is the "Vietnam syndrome."

The difference between the Vietnam war and the present war, is that the Vietnam war resulted in a great loss of life on both sides while the war against Iraq was dominated by the United States and its' allies.

In both wars, there was a broad base of support for our countries policy at the outset, but when American boys started coming home in bodybags during the Vietnam War, Americans turned against the war.

War protesters, in the recent crises, argued that a war against Iraq would result in another "Vietnam", meaning that American casualties would be great. There were many other arguments for not going to war, but the question that troubled Americans the most was whether a war would result in a large number of American casualties.

Let's not forget that just a couple of months before Bush's decision to go to war the American public was split on whether to maintain sanctions or go to war.

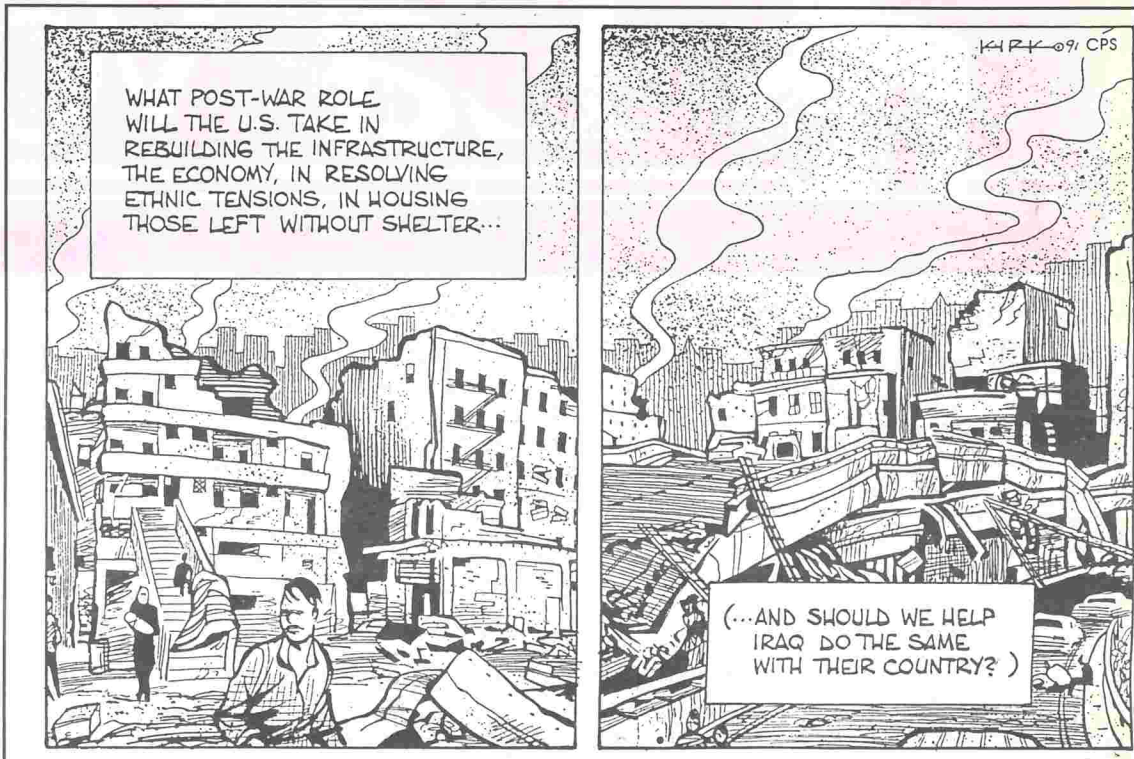
But when Bush gave the order to start bombing Baghdad, and it became clear that the war would result in a low number of casualties on the U.S. and allied side, the American public quickly jumped on the bandwagon and supported the war, like they would with a winning football team.

When the war ended in a stunning military victory for the allies, American polls jumped to an approval rating of 90 percent and those against the war were ridiculed.

So, what have we learned from the Vietnam Syndrome? That as long as we don't suffer ourselves, it's acceptable to beat on other small countries such as Panama and Iraq. We've learned that American lives are the only lives that seem to matter. Is this something that we should be proud of?

And finally...

Use your Spring Break for something constructive this year rather than just partying or becoming a couch potato for a week. Volunteer your time to help the community or campaign for something that you believe in. Or Not!



Letters to the Editor

Peace, drought & STAR cause concern

Dear Editor,
This spring break, from April 3-8, you have the opportunity to help bring an end to the nuclear arms race. During that week, a peace encampment and non-violent demonstration will be held at the Nevada Nuclear Test Site.

The Nevada Test Site, located 70 miles north of Las Vegas, has been the location of over 650 atomic explosions into the atmosphere and decimates the surrounding land. Surrounding communities have recorded scores of cancer deaths and mastectomies

as a result of this reckless practice.

Testing is done to more deadly and powerful weapons. With the cold war now officially over, this kind of destruction is unnecessary. In 1989, the people of Kazakhstan, U.S.S.R. brought an end to atomic weapons testing on their land, and as a result, the Soviet Union has agreed to sign on to a comprehensive test ban treaty (CTBT). The only nation in the world opposed to a CTBT is the United States.

The Test Site is located on

land promised to the West Shoshone Nation by the Ru Valley Treaty of 1863. It was stolen from them at the end of World War Two for weapons testing. It is time to reclaim this land not only for the Shoshone, but for all people and the right to live in a world that is free from nuclear terror.

So this spring break, spend your time constructively, working for peace. For more information on the South Bay Peace Test at (415) 280-1882 or (408) 971-7937.

Andrew Penn

Dear Editor,
Here I stand amongst my fellow students in heated anticipation of registration. Those precious few moments in life when we can talk to friendly old ladies who are anxiously awaiting the chance to get you signed up for your classes.

Yep, I feel good knowing that at the head of the line there awaits a caring, understanding friendly face. Oh look, the line is moving, I'm getting closer. Move it out! Hey I'm next.

Here are the classes I'd like Ma'am. AHHHH!! there I stand; registration papers scattered at my feet right next to my dropped jaw. My worst nightmare; the lovely old ladies are gone. I've got to register on a telephone. No smiling face; no friendly voice; no silly cliches, just a phone. Excuse me sir, do you have a gun?

But hey, no problem because I'm a high tech kind of guy. I've got a call waiting, I've got a microwave, I can handle it.

I pick up a receiver and punch in my "Registration Action Code". I'm in the system, a voice says. "Please enter your student I.D. number." No problem, I know it by heart. "You may now enter your selected call numbers."

I enter them 2*1634#. "Were sorry you cannot enter this class without prior approval from placement."

Look you two bit Ma Bell wanna be telephone, I've been cleared for this class!

Silence. "Please make your next selection."

"You already have a class at this time."
No Way! After a few bystanders wrestle me to the ground and pry away what looks

most like the phones neck from my hands, I lay there with a feeling of great satisfaction. Finally... I have no classes.

Bewildered and beaten I hang my head. Then a voice tells me if I'm having trouble with the phone I can go to one of the ladies at the terminal and she will register you.

Ladies? Terminals? Friendly faces, warm smiles, silly cliches. A dove lands on my shoulder. I am in heaven. There appears to be an angel named "Beverly Ruth".

She grants me my scheduling wishes and gets me into my classes.

As I float back down to earth I see the masses scattered in confusion. Not feeling the seething phone lines slipping around their necks, ready to strangle all hopes of an easy registration.

Bee-Mac

Dear Editor,
As one of "California's Best" we as a college have shown our concern for the environment, setting an example to our community, city, state and country by implementing an on-campus recycling program and cutting down on waste. I believe that as a whole, the student body is concerned about environmental issues, and this has been proven in many ways.

Many of us now take those few extra steps to put glass and aluminum in the recycling cans rather than the trash cans, and when we spoke out, the cafeteria changed from styrofoam to paper plates.

Of course, there is still more that we can do. We need even more recycling cans around cam-

pus. And the cafeteria still needs to eliminate styrofoam bowls, and maybe even the plastic utensils. There is, however, one thing we have to do right now.

We in California have entered our fifth year of drought. The levels in the reservoirs that supply us with water are at an all time low. The cities are reluctant to remove underground water for fear of causing the land to sink, and the situation is said to be 10 times worse than the 76-78 drought.

It is every person's responsibility to modify their lifestyle to waste less water. It's very simple to save water without drastically changing one's life. And here on campus, there are several water wasteful areas that should be taken care of.

Perhaps the biggest is the lock-

er rooms. I can walk in there any given day, at any time and find at least three showerheads that were left dripping. Often this was done by the kids who swam in the afternoons, but I have witnessed adults leaving the water as well. Perhaps we could put permanent signs where you enter the showers saying "Drought effect. Turn off water completely when leaving." Another thing we could do is install low-flow showerheads and water restrictions on all shower and sink faucets on campus.

This drought is everyone's problem, and since we are setting an example on such environmental issues as recycling, why do we also set an example for water conservation.

Robert Benscoter

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L.A. chief "whipping boy" for politicians

By Martin Schiller
Staff Reporter

In a recent article of the Mercury News, San Jose Police Chief Joseph MacNamara was said to have suggested that his counterpart in Los Angeles ought to resign. MacNamara thought that Daryl Gates was responsible for the image problems of the Los Angeles Police Department.

That's ridiculous. Gates wasn't the one in the videotapes, and he probably didn't order those people to beat or kick anyone. The officers in the tape are responsible for their own actions, and should resign and face prosecution because they are the ones responsible for the image of the Los Angeles Police Department. At least that's what I first thought.

From the point of view of a police chief though, MacNamara may be quite correct, and more ingenuous than he intended. Police chiefs have become political appointees, rather than leaders, and are used as whipping boys, messengers and sacrificial lambs. When the public becomes unhappy about police activities a police chief is sacrificed.

MacNamara will do what he's told and when his time comes he will squirm like Gates is doing and then exit.

This is especially effective if the public outcry includes demonstrations and protests, as in L.A.. Then when the lamb is slaughtered, the populace feel empowered.

Damage control is what it's all about. As with every other source of power in our society, the power to direct the police is in the hands of people who choose to remain anonymous. They control lots of money, some of which they use to support politicians and political organizations. They determine public policy in large part by communicating their feelings through the political figures they paid for.

Politicians in turn channel these feelings through the police chief to the patrolmen. And the police chief is their foil when the activities of the police enrage the broader public.

MacNamara's thoughts weren't given much analysis in the article, which primarily dealt with events in L.A., but I took exception to them. San Jose, and Bay Area police departments generally have problems like those in Los Angeles. No citizen has yet provided such dramatic documentation of our own local problems as the videotape from L.A., but a broad based anecdotal knowledge cannot be lightly dismissed.

Is MacNamara ready to put his head on the block for the "powers that be," or is he going to provide some leadership locally to guide police activities? My suspicion is that local politicians chose the right man for the job. MacNamara will do what he's told, and when his time comes he will squirm like Gates is doing and then exit.

Then comes the book.

DAC offers opportunities for international students

By Sergio Nofal
Staff reporter.

If you are one of those international students who believe that the only limitations in life are the size of your ideas and the degree of your dedication, then you are in the right place. Being the biggest in student body and one of the best two-year institutions in America, De Anza is really a great starting place.

Most international students are here because they want to transfer to a four-year college. Many among them, dream of getting into great universities such as U.C. Berkeley, Stanford, or UCLA just to mention a few. Unfortunately, for the time being, the great majority of international students are not yet prepared. Indeed, there are certain skills international students need to acquire. In comparison with Americans students, the spectrum of things they

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need to learn is much broader.

It is tough out there. In a couple of years or so, several of the new students will be competing with the best students in the country. For this reason, it will be a huge mistake for them to consider De Anza College as just a "springboard" to four-years institutions.

Education in America has to be considered as a whole process, where for everyone of us here, De Anza happens to be the first phase in that education. De Anza is the place where international students will discover how to make the most out of their

strengths, understand how the American education system works and learn how to get along better with all kinds of people. Keep in mind that De Anza College is truly the first phase of our education and is as important as the second. If you leave De Anza unprepared, your opportunity to succeed will be very slim.

Take no chances. Try to get the most out of De Anza. Find out how to properly interact with people, learn from them, from their knowledge and from their experience. Whatever your goals, joining a club can be your start on your way to achieving them.

By participating in challenging out-of-class activities you will not only experience personal growth but also you will be doing something that will look great in your curriculum, and this can have a decisive effect in your admittance to the university of your choice.

De Anza, unlike many other junior colleges, offers an incredibly wide range of clubs for you to join like Alpha Gamma Sigma, International Students Club, Chinese Student Union, Mecha Latino Club, Pep Club, Outdoor Club, and many others.

It really pays off to explore all the choices you have at your disposition. Try to collect as much information as you can about different clubs. Actually, before making up your mind, try different clubs by attending their meetings. Joining the right club may very well change your present life.

Septic tanks could help the state's water shortage

By Martin Schiller
Staff Reporter

I've heard a lot about water conservation lately, but nothing that makes any sense. Flow restrictors on shower heads and ten gallon a day allocations are not the answer to shortages.

One possible response to shortages would be to return to septic tanks for households. Wells could provide general water needs for households and distillation and filtration could be used for potable water. No one drinks more water in a day than could be provided with distillation. And there is no need for a public utility to provide potable water for laundry or lawn watering. Septic tanks, unlike sewers, would have the additional benefit of returning all of the water that a household uses to the ground, contributing to maintaining the aquifer. As Irma Bombeck reminded us,

"The grass is always greener over the septic tank."

Like all of the problems that this state has, water problems are a result of policy that has been set by greedy developers and not by public service administrators. West of the Rockies the shortest and most insidious path to wealth and power is the control of water rights.

None of the homeowners I know in this valley have the water rights to the land under their house, unlike the large corporate leaseholders and owners. These have traditionally used wells to draw water from the same aquifer that all of our water comes from and then used our sewers for their waste disposal.

It doesn't take the kind of treatment plants that are being built in our area to deal with the waste generated in the average household. A pond full of carp could do that

much more efficiently. Our waste treatment plants provide the type of service needed by industrial users and service industries. When the water from the average households is eliminated from the total waste, it becomes obvious that our industrial and service industries are using treatment plants for the disposal of huge amounts of materials that under law should be handled by hazardous waste disposal techniques. This amounts to a huge taxpayer subsidy for business.

Waste treatment plants are money makers for the bureaucrats who administer their construction, and the engineering and construction firms which build them. And public utility commissions will approve rate increases based on the costs of operating these new facilities, and on the volume that is treated.

Other Voices

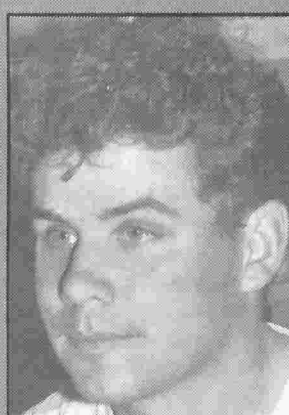
What do you think of De Anza's STAR system?

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Eric Pham

It's stupid. I think we should go back to the old system. There's long lines and it's kind of confusing to use it.



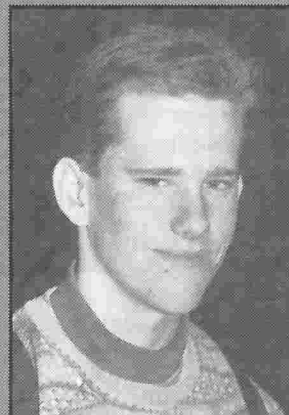
Tim Persyn

If they make it more efficient it could be good. Right now there's not enough phone lines. It need a lot of refining and work.



Kelly Marie Petit

I think it's good. It helps organize things and takes up less staff time. However, as far as customer service, it's a pain in the neck.



Russel Knecht

It's more of a hassle than it's worth. It seems they spend more money for people coming out to revise the system than just paying for operators.



Vicki Simpson

I've never had to wait this long in a line. It was so much easier the other way. This is just too crowded.

Protest against communism grows in Serbia

By Edward Owens

Staff Reporter

After 47 years of more or less silent disapproval, 12 days ago the people of Serbia finally said that they had had enough of Communist dictatorship. It took a while, but according to Western diplomats in Belgrade, there is no going back now.

As the wave of anti-communist feelings swept across Eastern Europe in 1989, Yugoslavia wasn't left aside. Slovenia and Croatia, the two western republics, voted in ultra-right governments in their free elections. In Serbia, the first democratic elections in 50 years were held in December of 1990, and they proved to be anything but fair. The Socialist Party of Serbia (ex-communists) held a firm grip on all media organizations. Not until two months before the elections did the Serbian parliament (at the time all communist) decide on the basic rules of fair play which guaranteed the participation of the opposition parties. Another extreme was achieved, allowing 54 parties to participate and creating an overkill. The first 36 to enlist were allotted 90 minutes on state run television for presenting their programs. Only 100 signatures were enough to run for the presidency, which provided some memorable scenes. One of the candidates was a private "brush & broom producer" who used his TV time for plugging his products! And while the nation was laughing, the socialists were taking over.

The Socialist Party of Serbia (SPS) utilized on the country's ethnic problems. Spurring Serbian nationalism throughout the republic, they had the electorate in the right stage when election day arrived. Leaving the economic questions unanswered, the socialists managed to pull a decisive victory. President Slobodan Milosevic never appeared in a debate or in a challenging interview. He even missed SPS' 90 minutes on TV, claiming that his actions spoke for him. Milosevic won the presidency in a run-off election with Vuk Draskovic, the leader of the ultra-right Serbian Renewal Movement. A former chief of cabinet for a communist boss, Draskovic only recently entered the anti-communist ranks. He did not, however, leave the apartment (one of the largest in Belgrade) he earned during his communist days. Nevertheless, Draskovic managed to paint himself as the anti-communist leader of Serbia. Also

counting on Serbian nationalism, his ideas included a holy war to revenge all Serbian lives lost in the last six centuries. Draskovic was the first to come up with the theory that all Serbs must live in one country, meaning that if Croatia decides to secede, Serbian borders must be extended into it. Milosevic has now accepted this doctrine, while calling Draskovic "a dark-age spiller of Serbian blood". In fact, many observers find a great similarity between the two men, with only one main difference: both want absolute power and only one can have it!

Media organizations in Belgrade played an important role in the elections. Most of them, under strict government control, openly and shamelessly supported the socialists. Distorting facts and printing obvious lies was not something to be avoided. It was a high stake game, and SPS was determined to win at any cost. Belgrade Television came under most attack from the opposition leaders, and rightfully so. Its news show every night looked more like a 30 minute paid advertisement for Milosevic. At the

some political wisdom. To a fair number of Serbs, Milosevic is still a second God. Had the rally been staged openly against him, the organizers would have probably encountered some disapproval. Focusing on TV Belgrade gave them a broader scope.

The peaceful demonstrations turned into a riot when Draskovic, speaking in front of 100,000 people in downtown Belgrade, declared: "This is the power and the will of Serbia. Nobody can stop us now. We can take over Television Belgrade." Following those words, the police attacked the demonstrators, sparking riots that lasted whole day. When it was all over, 2 people were left dead and hundreds injured. Draskovic was arrested, and army tanks patrolled the streets during the night. That evening the report on TVB was that the "masses which hate Serbia" were attacking its legal system. The show began with an unedited footage of the police forces informing a family of one of their colleagues that he had been killed. Only after 17 minutes into the program was it announced that demonstrator had also been killed. Instead of quieting down the incident, the news show brought another 100,000 people to the streets the following day. Finally on Monday (March 11), five senior editors of Belgrade Television were forced to resign along with Serbia's police chief. For the first time, Slobodan Milosevic was forced to back down from his hard-line stand. A multi-partisan commission was formed to determine who ordered the police attack. Many Western diplomats in Belgrade believe that the investigation will lead directly to Milosevic. Conventional wisdom says that things will only get worse for the last communist strong man of Eastern Europe.



Veni, Vidi, Vic
Slobodan Milosevic

"Nobody can stop us now" Vuk Draskovic

time, there was a good joke making its way around Belgrade.

"Hannibal, Napoleon and Hitler meet in hell, and begin talking about the old days. Hannibal claims that had he had Napoleon's horses, he could have easily crossed the Alps. Napoleon says that with Hannibal's elephants, he could have easily conquered Russia. Hitler seems to be the saddest of all. He says: If I had Television Belgrade, nobody would have ever known that I lost the war!!!"

Serbia's opposition parties may have lost the elections, but they were determined to win the TV station. All the opposition leaders came united to the huge rally. Saturday, March 19, was to be the turning point in Serbia's history. The rally, officially held in protest over TV Belgrade's reporting, was really much more than that. It was a rally against the communist dictatorship of Slobodan Milosevic. Probably for the first time, the united opposition showed

How Communism entered Yugoslavia after World War II

By Edward Owens

Staff Reporter

Communism became a reality for Yugoslavia, and its largest republic of Serbia, on November 29, 1943. In the midst of World War II, the leaders of the communist resistance took advantage of the moment and declared a Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia. From that point on, they became the leading resistance force and one which the allies had to recognize. Under the charismatic leadership of Josip Broz Tito, at that time Stalin's protegee, the partisans actually managed to free the whole country with only limited help of the Red Army and some supplies from the western allies. In their line of thought, that was enough to claim power in the post-war political settlement. Only after intense pressure from Winston Churchill did Marshal Tito agree on forming a coalition government. It included a majority of war-time communist generals and a few members of the old government of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia. The latter spent the entire war in exile in London, and had more popularity with their western colleagues than with the people of Yugoslavia. The first post-war elections were held immediately, but were a far cry from being fair and secret. To no surprise, the communists won overwhelmingly, and the few people who dared to vote against them found themselves under government persecution.

In a sense, both the Soviets' and the western allies' action helped Yugoslavia's communist regime in its early stages. Ever since Yalta, Churchill and Stalin couldn't come to a decision on interest spheres concerning Yugoslavia. Tito also had a border dispute with Italy over the port of Trieste, until eventually Yugoslav forces gave it up in the 50's. Due to the allies' support of Italy in this matter, it became a rally point of the communists who claimed that they were protecting the independence of Yugoslavia. On the other side, by 1948 Joseph Stalin was trying to unite all communist countries under the Comintern - with him as the absolute leader. Tito would have none of that as well, and again used it as an issue to rally Yugoslavs around him. Many of them viewed him as a true hero at the time. Had he held free elections after he gave Stalin the "historic no", he would have probably come out as a winner. But he didn't, and from then on it was only a downward road. Tens of thousands of people that supported Stalin (ultra communists within Yugoslavia) ended up on Goli Otok, a concentration camp island in the Adriatic Sea. Most of them never came back. So Yugoslavia was forced to take a separate path. It was run by the communist party officials, but it never entered the Warsaw Pact nor did it support it. At least formally, the party was separated

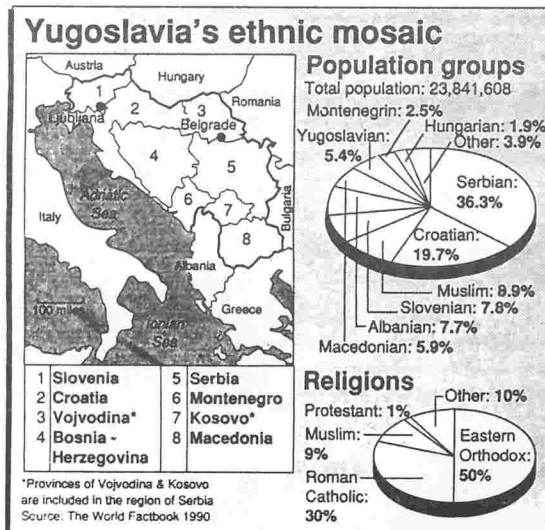
from the state. Historians now claim that this is the reason why Serbia still has a communist (recently renamed to socialist) government today. Life was never as bad in Yugoslavia as it was in other places.

Communism wasn't the only problem the people of Yugoslavia had to face since the country was formed on December 1, 1918. There was their traditional dislike for each other, especially between the two largest ethnic groups - the Serbs and the Croats. Serbia used to be an independent Kingdom until the Ottoman invasion of Europe in the late fourteenth century. When the Turks came, many Serbs fled their monstrous treatment of civilians and settled to the north, in what is now Croatia. They were welcomed by the Austro-Hungarian empire which used them as a barrier from the Turks. The religious aspect of Yugoslavia's problems today comes from those times. The Eastern Orthodox Serbian population was tormented

the Turks, Serbian people also had bad experiences with their "brothers" on the north. During World War II, Nazi Germany formed a puppet, fascist Independent State of Croatia, giving it "independence" for the first time. The 1.5 million strong population of Serbs within the ISC was the first to be attacked. Along side with Jews, gypsies and communists, the Serbs were systematically rounded up and brutally murdered. Often, entire villages were burned to the ground along with their inhabitants. In especially designed concentration camps across Croatia, Serbs were killed in manners that exceeded Japanese brutalities in Manchuria. By the time the war was over, a million Serbs were left dead simply because of who they were.

Getting back to contemporary times, during the mid 80's Yugoslavia was quietly burning from within. The Serbs still didn't like the Croats, and the Croats still didn't like the Serbs. On the south, in the Serbian province of Kosovo, the large Albanian minority was pushing for its independence. The Serbs feared that they ultimately wanted to succeed and become a part of the country they once fled - Albania. Kosovo is the ancient fatherland of Serbia, the place where all its monasteries are, and in a sense the heart of spiritual Serbia. Though today Serbs find themselves outnumbered by the Moslem Albanians of Kosovo, they have their explanations. From the Ottoman invasion in the fourteenth century, to the post-war communist settlement plans that forced the Serbs out, to the incredible birth rate of Albanians (over 8 per woman) - the Serbs feel cheated out of their land. To such a state of mind of the Serbian people, their today's president Slobodan Milosevic (Mee-lo-she-vich) entered the political scene in 1987.

At the time, the federally controlled militia was openly favoring the Albanian side in their dispute with Serbs Milosevic, until then a low profile Serbian communist official, was determined to make a change. During a speech he gave in Kosovo, militia forces began a quarrel with some of his supporters. Slobodan, as he is popularly known, came down from the podium, placed himself between the militia lines and the people, and shouted the words: "Nobody is allowed to beat the Serbian people!" The romance between a born leader and his people had begun. It took some political maneuvering in the traditional bolshevik style, but Slobodan finally became president of the Republic of Serbia in 1988. His Marxist ideology was overshadowed by his nationalism, and the Serbian people didn't seem to mind. Communist or not, he was something new on the political spectrum.



simply because of its fate, since the Moslem Turks were on a crusade. Those Serbs who refused converting to Islam were either killed or forced into hiding. Thus, today Yugoslavia has the largest Moslem population in Europe. On the other side was Austro-Hungaria, one of the strongholds of Catholicism. It traditionally controlled the territories of today's Croatia and Slovenia (also Catholic). Throughout history, and especially on the "bloody Balkans", the three never got along well.

The fear of religious persecution is especially deep with the Serbs. Their Eastern Orthodox fate is, except by them, practiced only in Ethiopia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Greece and the Soviet Union. Besides the 500 year long occupation by

Humor

"Do you have a problem?"

By Deborah Roth

Feature Editor

"Do you have a problem?" I jumped. This was the first human voice I had heard after listening to fifteen minutes of an inane computer recording suggesting that if I ever wanted to register for any classes whatsoever, I would really and truly *not* hang-up. And now, I finally get to talk to a real person, and the first thing she asks me is if I have a problem. I considered my answer carefully.

Well, other than the fact that my phone was permanently welded to my cheek, I hadn't received any registration materials in the mail and I was becoming really attached to the soothing voice that kept talking to me while I was on hold, I didn't think I had a problem.

I said as much. She seemed disappointed.

"Well, then, you can't register this way, you have to use the STAR system. Only students with problems can register on the phone. Sorry."

She didn't sound sorry.

"No, Wait!" I said frantically. "Please, don't hang up! I do have a problem, really, I, uh, ummmmm, have a four dollar charge that I haven't paid yet, yeah that's it, a four dollar fine, that's a problem that will keep me from registering, right?"

There was a disbelieving silence. I waited anxiously. And then, I heard those magic words:

"Social Security number, please." A few moments passed and then she spoke,

"Oh, you *do* have a problem." She sounded happy. Chirping about fines, parking stickers, and registration fees, she finally got around to asking me what classes I wanted. Painstakingly, she typed in the information.

"All right, you have gotten all the classes you wanted. Do you have any other problems?" she asked hopefully.

I didn't, and after I hung up and wrenched the phone away from my ear, I could only shake my head and wonder about a system that only works for you if you have problem.



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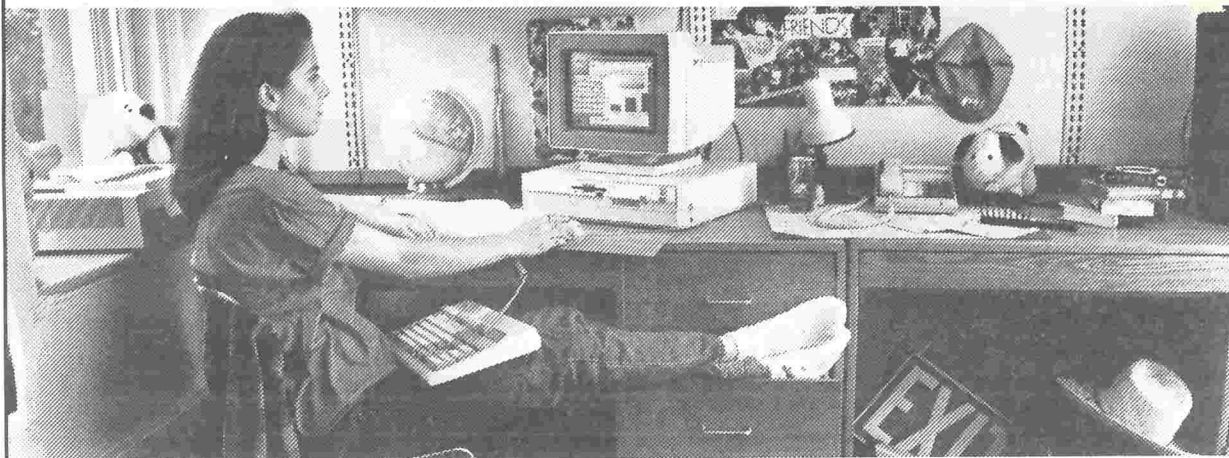
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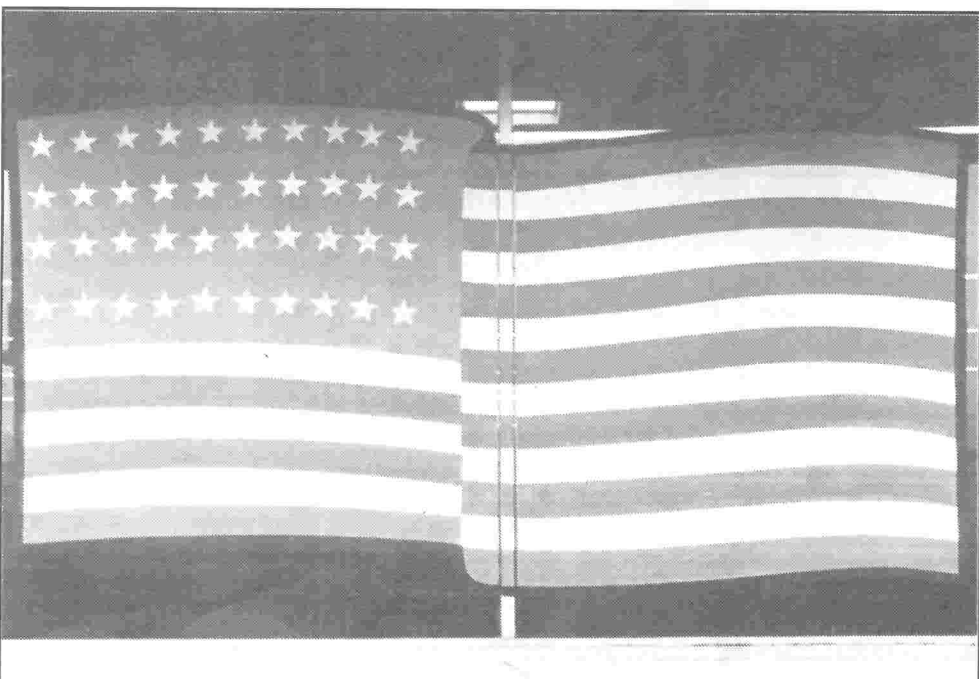
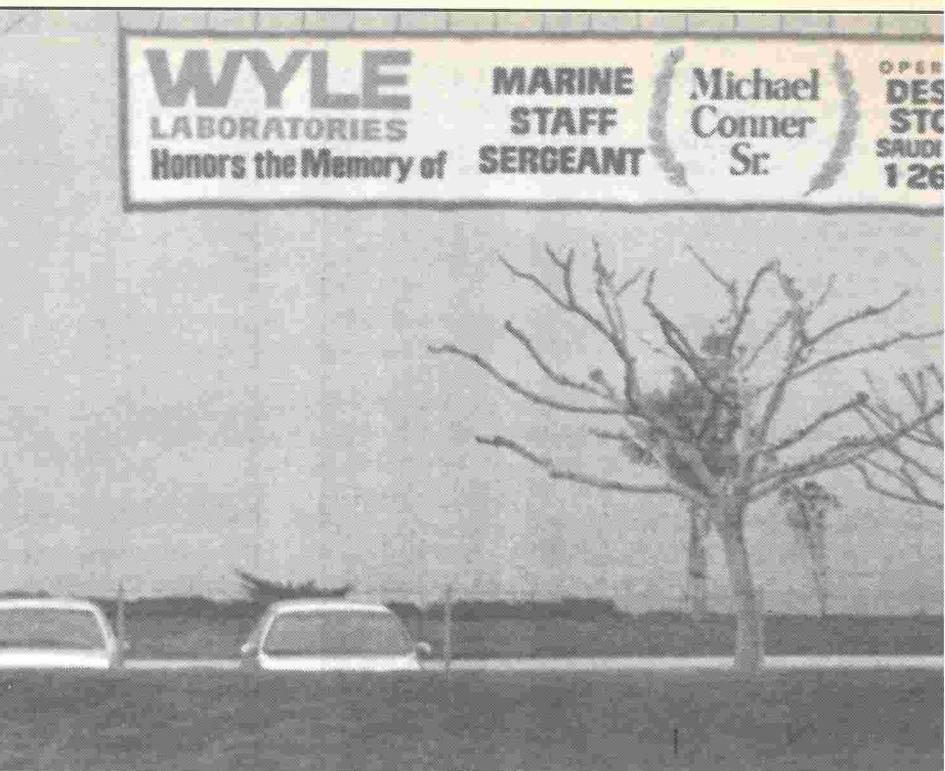
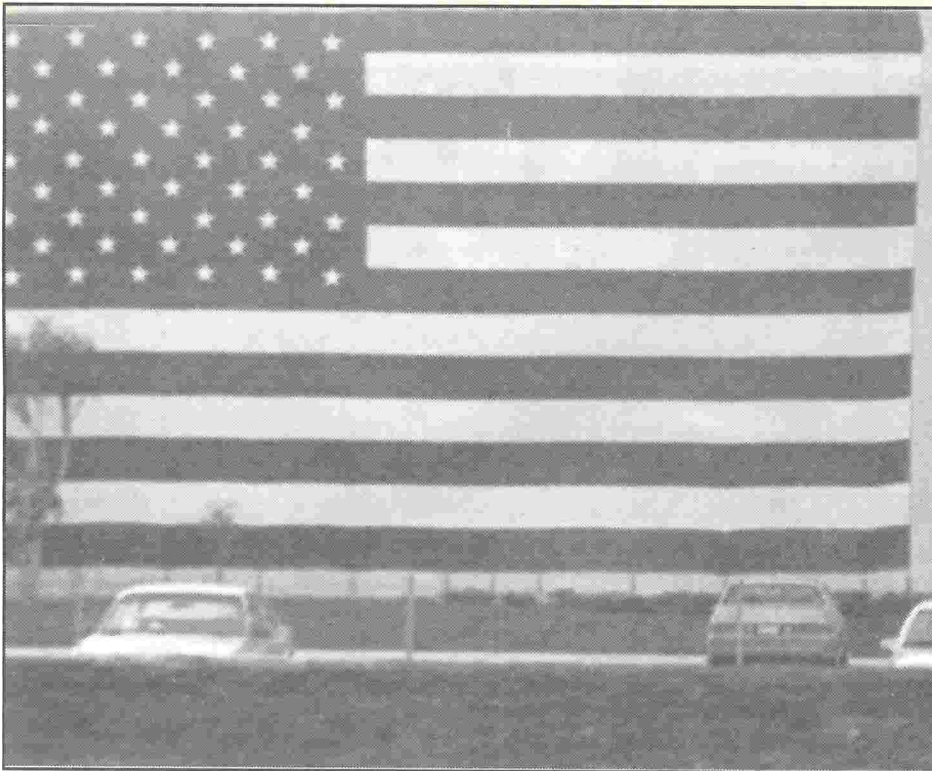
SUPPORTING



Now that the Gulf War has ended and many of the troops are starting to come home we decided to give a photographic overview of people and companies in the Bay Area showing their support for a job well done. Support was shown in many different ways but two of the most common were the public display of yellow ribbons and the American flag. Often times the way that support was shown was in a large enough way that you would be able to see it from a distance.

Many peaceful rallies were held throughout the Bay Area with people from all aspects of life. Some of these rallies were held at different schools in the area and many of the students were showing their support by hanging signs or yellow ribbons around the campus. Certain schools, like De Anza, had people from different branches of the service and people from past wars come in and talk to students and faculty to let them know what they can do to help out.

Just driving around town you can see many people showing support by putting yellow ribbons or flags on their cars. Some people even put up signs that they bought at the local stores or ones that they made just to show people how they were feeling about the War.

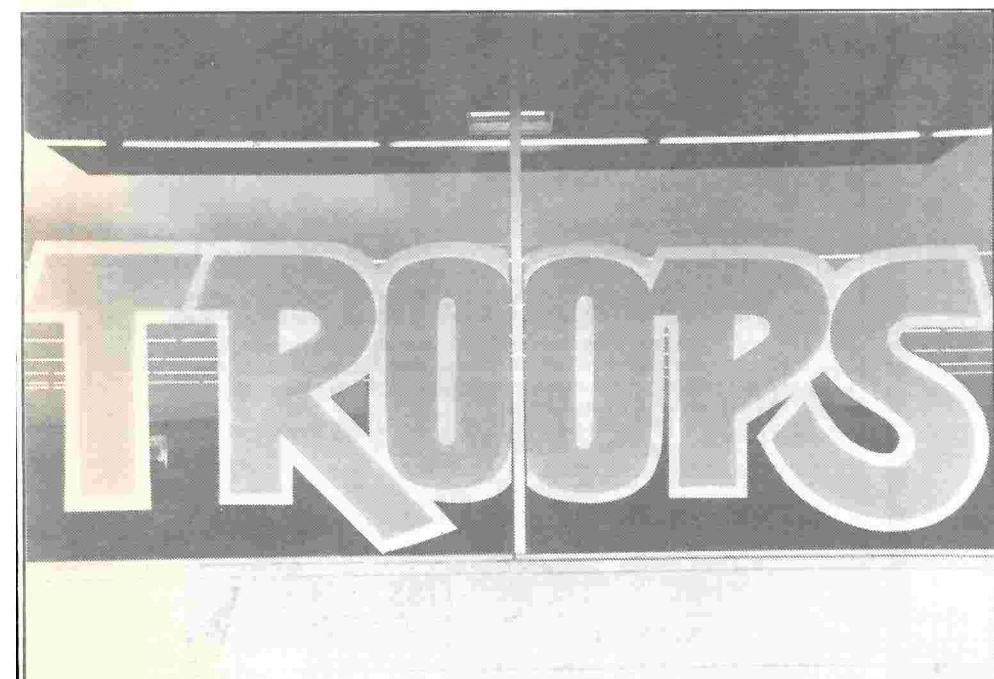
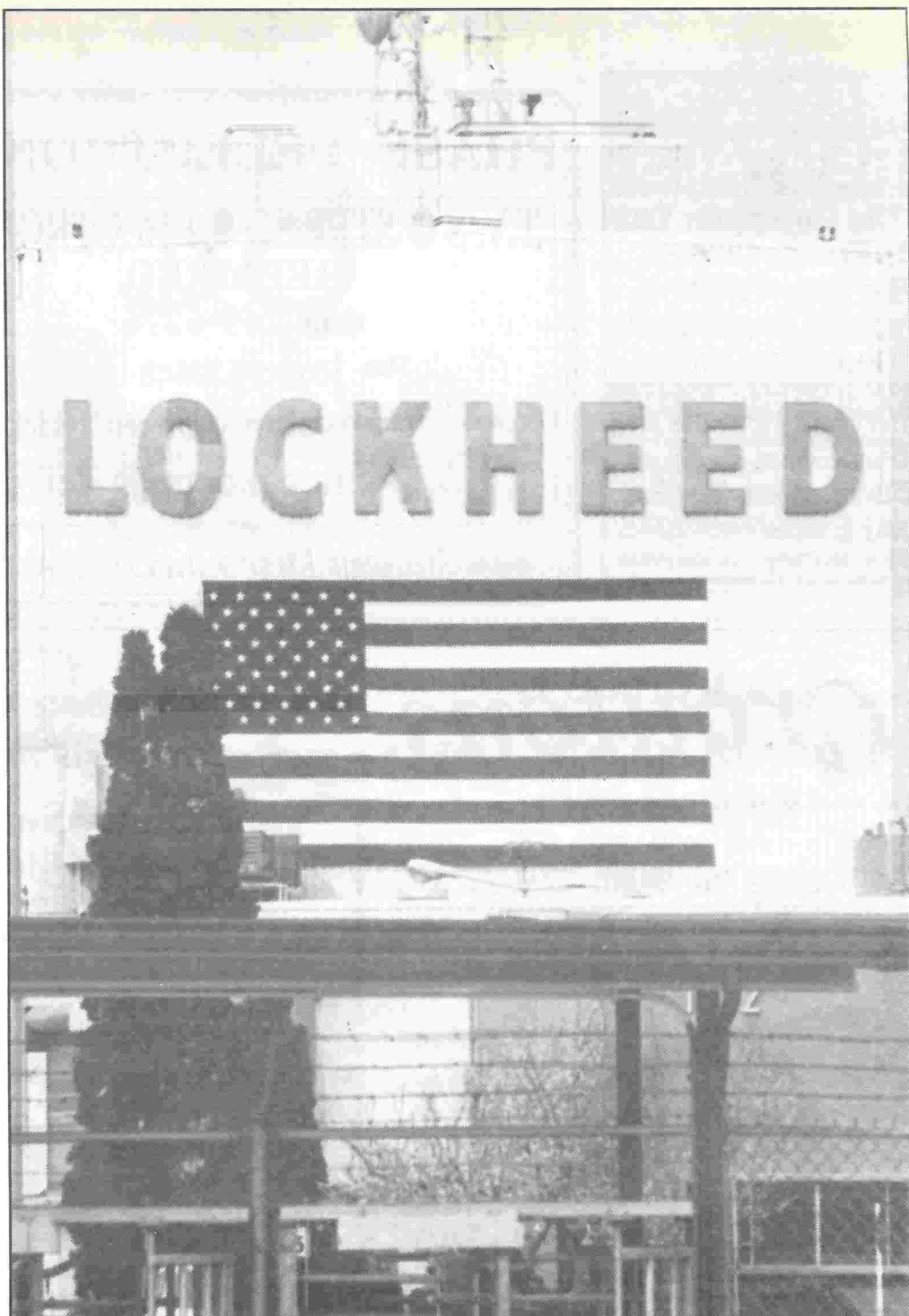


A COUNTRY



Top Left: Yellow ribbons like this one are seen around the Bay Area and the United States
 Left: Michael Connors Sr., the first Gulf War casualty, is remembered by Wyle Laboratories in Sunnyvale where his wife works.
 Bottom: In their windows that face Highway 101, MMM Carpets show their appreciation for the work the troops did in the War.
 Right: Lockheed, being the major company next to Moffett Naval Base, shows their support in a big patriotic way.
 Top: This crowd of people shows their support for the troops and the U.S. in the way of a night rally in Downtown San Jose.

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Behind the Desk:

History made fun at DAC

By Eli Wieder
Staff Reporter

In his class, U.S. History Instructor Mr. Bruce brings to life the characters of history. Mr. Bruce uses stories and humor to create interest for his students.

When Mr. Bruce was in college he was interested in an instructor's lecture and he wanted to incorporate the style the instructor used into his own teaching technique.

"By learning from the past you get a better understanding for the future."

Learning history can be dull if you don't get into it. If you are studying the history of how Americans settled on the frontier but you're only interested in facts and details, have you learned enough? If you can actually get a feeling for what it was like when the Indians were forced onto reservations or when the first train took off across the country then you have a better idea of what history was like.

Suppose, for the sake of argument, that you were doing research on the Spanish American war and wanted to become familiar with the characters in your essay. Of course you can find facts or books about the subject. You have to analyze everybody who was involved, including the generals, soldiers, presidents, journalists, innocent bystanders.

In Ken Bruce's history class he tries to take you inside the characters of history to know what they felt like. Harper Lee said in her book *To Kill A Mockingbird* that the only way you understand somebody "is to get inside their skin and walk around in it." Mr. Bruce does just that.

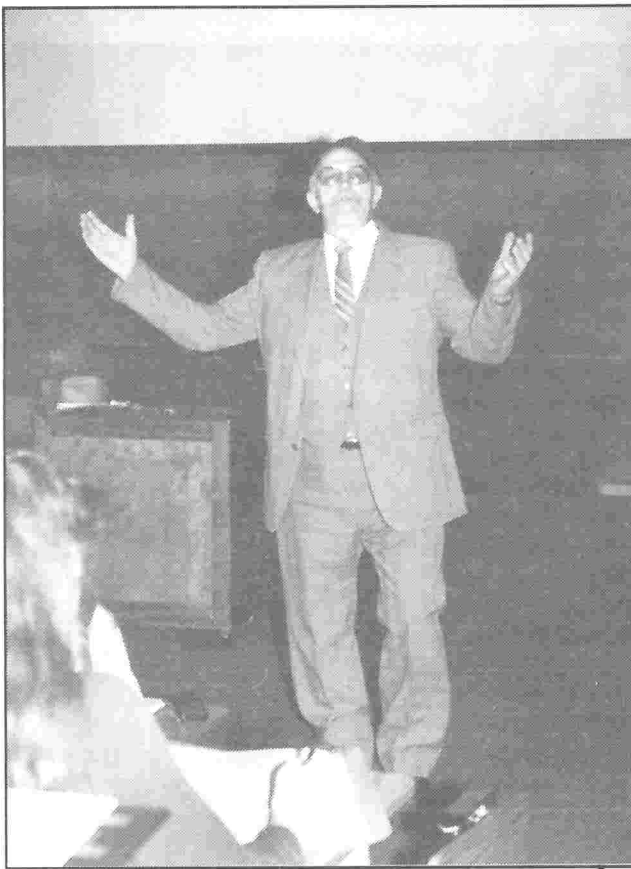
In organizing his class, Mr. Bruce says

"The very first thing you do is obviously review the material that you are going over and then you decide what objectives you are going to cover in the fifteen minutes allotted to you. You have the objectives, and then you go over the objectives set, and you utilize the technique"

In talking about his thirty years experience of teaching Mr. Bruce said,

"What you are doing is constantly researching and constantly updating material. That is why I have all these books and journals that have to be read. What is the latest, what have we discovered unearthed. You see the historical factor remains constant. How we interpret those facts that also means something. So there is some new data that may change and alter the conclusions of the facts that we had before."

When asked about what he puts in his lectures, Mr.



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History teacher Ken Bruce, teaching during one of his classes.

Bruce says,

"Everything I talk about is going in the lecture. That means the whole story up till 1912 is going in the lecture," and you find that "Our generation isn't much different from generation that has been there before."

The most important thing he says, "A good teacher can never be replaced."

In an interview with a student who attended Mr. Bruce's history class the History of the U.S from 1850 to 1920 he said the lecture is very informative, he gets you inside the characters so you know what's going on.

So the next time somebody asks you a question about the Comstock Lode go to attend Mr. Bruce's class, then read up on it, and form your own opinion. Check it out.

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Dons eye first place

By Gary Russell
Staff Reporter

The De Anza baseball team continued to keep pressure on the top spot in the Coast Conference by cutting first place Canada's lead to half a game. After losing a make up game to Mission College on Wednesday, the Dons went on a three game winning streak that included wins over Gavilan, Monterey, and Hartnell.

Wednesday's game was a continuation of a game on Tuesday that was delayed by rain in the third inning with Mission and De Anza tied 1-1. Unfortunately for the Dons, Mission hitters erupted for ten runs and just blew De Anza away 10-6, wasting a brilliant plate performance by Adam Noto. Noto went 4-4 with a single, a double, a pair of home runs, and 3 RBI. Noto leads the Dons in five offensive categories including batting average (.329), RBI (20), hits (31), doubles (6), and runs scored (16).

"This was the first time that our bullpen couldn't get the job done," said coach Ritch Price

after the loss. "We just fell apart at the end."

The Dons were able to bounce right back the next day, however, with a 3-2 road win over Gavilan. Daryl Kuykendall threw a complete game seven-hitter for the Dons, striking out eight and picking up his fifth win of the season. The game was tied at two in the top of the eighth inning when Bret Hemphill ripped a two-out double to bring home the winning run for De Anza. Jim Lettis was the big gun for the Dons, getting three hits and scoring a run.

The fans that watched Saturday's home game against Monterey were witness to another De Anza pitching gem. Jamie Ybarra went the entire nine innings, giving up only three hits and striking out seven opposing batters.

For the second game in a row, the Dons' offense didn't make much noise, but the three runs they scored were enough as Ybarra overpowered Monterey for a 3-1 De Anza victory. The Dons did get two hits out of Hemphill and lead off man Eddie Garcia had a

base hit, an RBI, scored a run and stole two bases in the win.

"Everyday that it's not raining we're playing a make-up game," said Price when asked about his team's lack of run production. "We haven't had any time for batting practice. Our pitching has carried us this far and once our hitting comes around we should be as good as anyone."

While Tuesday's game against Hartnell exhibited another fine pitching performance by Daryl Kuykendall, the De Anza bats woke up from their three game slumber to score seven runs as the Dons pulled within a half-game of conference leader Canada with a 7-2 victory.

Bret Hemphill had an RBI double and a three-run homer, and Eddie Garcia chipped in two hits, but the real story was Kuykendall. He allowed only one unearned run in eight innings and recorded six strike outs as he improved his record to 6-0. His 1.40 ERA is the second lowest on the team.

Men's Volleyball stays unbeaten

By Michael Barton
Sports Editor

De Anza beats Foothill

The Dons overcame Foothill's fast start with a 15-13, 15-7, and 15-7 victory over the Owls on Friday. The Dons improved to 3-0 in the conference.

The Owls caught De Anza off guard early with outstanding serving and hitting, taking a 13-10 lead in the first game. But the Dons regrouped and scored five straight points to win the game. De Anza closed out the match with two easy games.

De Anza coach Debi Schafer credited the Dons' resurgence to a quicker attack provided by setter Dave Van Jeckle and to outside hitter Ramon Rodriguez, who kept the Owls' defense on their heels.

Dons sweep Ohlone

De Anza improved their conference record to 2-0, beating Ohlone College in straight games, 15-7, 15-10, and 15-9, last Wednesday night.

The Dons used a well-balanced attack from outside hitters Ramon Rodriguez and Pepe Delahoz to put the Renegades away.

Before the season, De Anza coach Debi Schafer had some concerns about how her team would play in the middle, but Schafer had nothing bad say about that position after the game. "Ron Dorsey and Josh Cohen are holding down the middle very well with quick attacks off setter Dick Van DerLuit," Schafer said.

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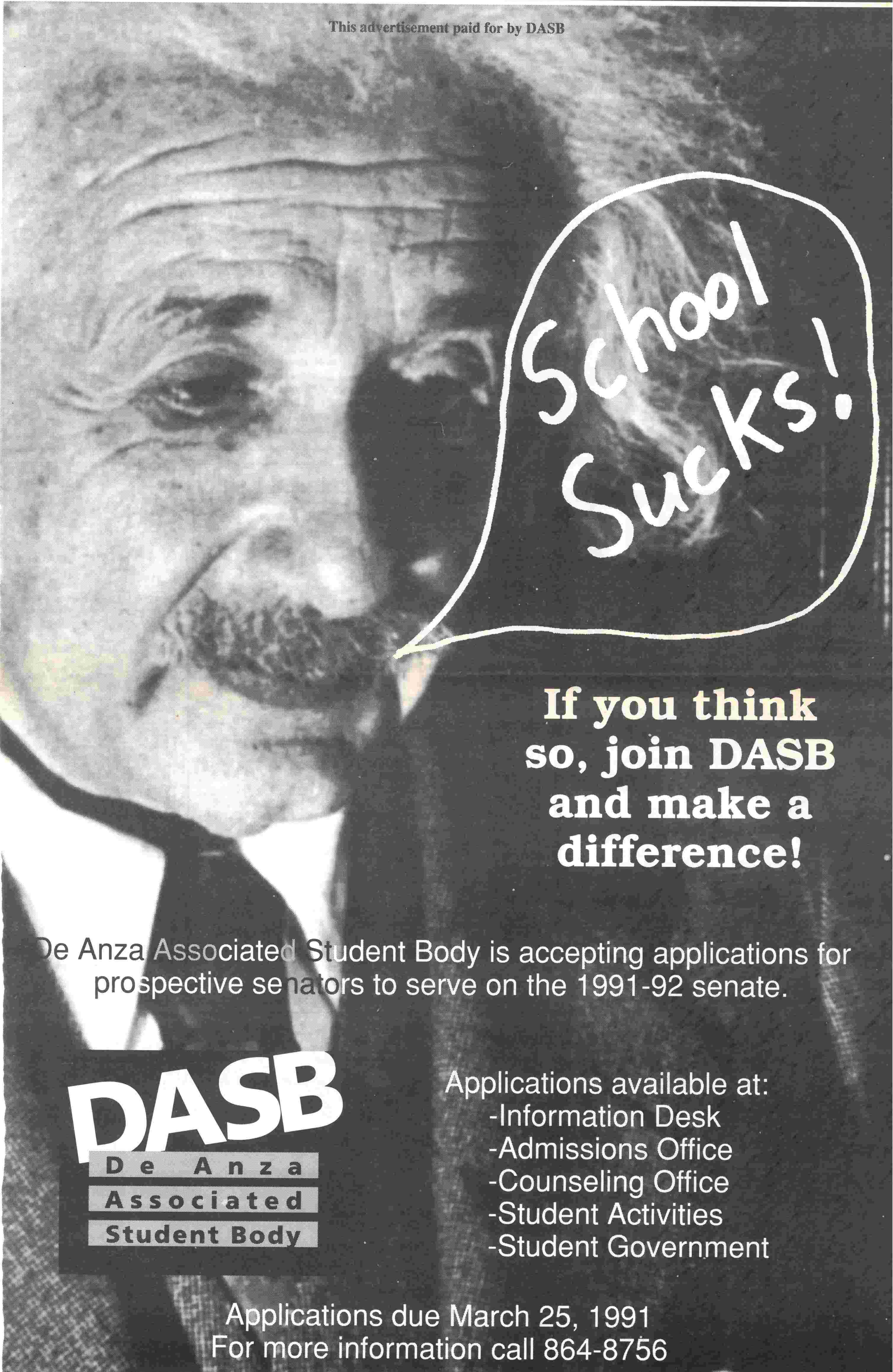
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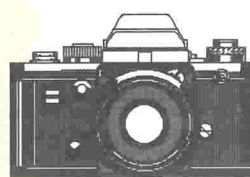


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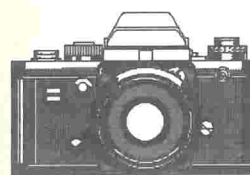


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Portuguese Club wants members

By Melanie Garrett and Eli Wieder
La Voz Staff

The Portuguese Club is recruiting members for the upcoming Spring quarter. "I wanted to bring an appreciation of the Portuguese heritage to the De Anza students," said club founder and President Carlos Borba. "I'm really excited about being a part of the group."

The cultural aspects of the club will be emphasized in some of their activities which include dances, guest speakers on the background of Portugal, and attending

a bullfight. The club will also be involved in volunteer work.

It is not required to be Portuguese to be a member of this club. An Asian member who has visited Brazil said, "I'm more enthusiastic about learning about the Portuguese culture in Brazil, so I'm really excited about being a part of this new organization."

Each member has different reasons for joining the club. Andre Jatho shares his reason. "I'm in it for the food, and the chance at the bull!"

Ex-president visits De Anza

Pres. continued from front

In 1986 Oscar Arias, as the Liberacion National candidate won the presidency by beating Costa Rica's current president, Rafael Calderon of the Christian Unitada Social. The high point in his presidency came in 1987 when he won the Nobel Peace Prize for initiating the five country peace plan in the region.

Speaking at Flint, Mr. Arias provided an insight into how the almost Cinderella-like political success of his country was achieved. Costa Rica has one of the highest literacy rates on the continent, achieved through compulsory education since 1869.

The concept of the "Welfare State", now explored by the west, was introduced in Costa Rica some 60 years ago. Since there is no army - there is also no army spending. This enables the country to

spend four percent of its two billion dollar Gross National Product (GNP) on housing projects, six percent on education and seven percent on health.

Asked how his country manages to protect its independence, Mr. Arias remarked that "We risked" when abolishing the army, and that today Costa Rica relies on international institutions

for protection.

The Nobel-Peace prize winner also praised President Bush for choosing to go through the United Nations and the U.S. Congress before declaring war, but warned about alliances with dictatorships. Names were mentioned, but it was obvious that he was thinking of Syria and Hafez Assad.

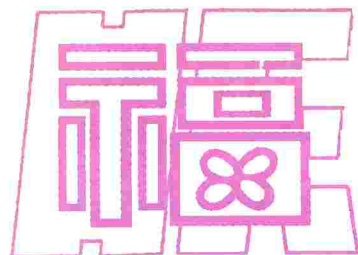
Mr. Arias also denounced arms sales to third world countries, claiming that it creates a never ending circle - all the nations just keep on building their arms reserves.

He even managed to score some points for graciousness, when he asked of economic aid, not for his country, but for Nicaragua and Panama, "Two new democracies who need it more."

Liberacion National held the presidency for eight years and according to Esban Pacheco, a personal friend of the president and De Anza student, in 1990 voters felt "It was time for a change."

For 1994, Mr. Arias is predicting yet another change - his wife, Margarita Penon de Arias is expected to run (and win) those elections.

As they were leaving Flint, many of the liberal-oriented members of the audience had to wonder if there was a better-qualified and more-popular man to run for presidency in this country. If Mr. Arias was American, it would be hard to imagine anyone from the Democratic ranks winning more popular support than him.



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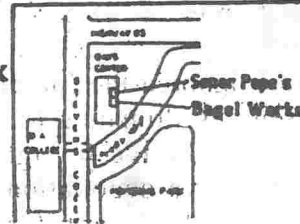
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