

# De Anza Students Against War form group

## Students protest in Sunken Gardens

By Orlando Santos  
Editorial Editor

A newly formed organization called De Anza Students Against War has been active in speaking out against the war in the Middle East.

DSAW's official statement of purpose says, "We believe the civilized people do have alternatives to killing, and we want to find and present the alternatives to the war."

DSAW has a current membership of about 60 people consisting mostly of De Anza students.

The group is currently seeking Inter Club Council (ICC) approval to become recognized as a campus club in order to receive funding.

In the meantime, DSAW has sponsored many protests, and has organized a number of rallies. On Tuesday, the group held a Middle East informational rally in the Sunken Garden.

Speakers included Sadi Saba from Negotiators for Peace, a San Francisco organization; Martin Lefever, who spoke on the philosophy of war; and DSAW founder Don Wilkinson, who spoke on the moral reasons behind the war and read the resolution to impeach President Bush, which will be presented to Congress.

"What we really want to get across is that we support the troops by wanting to bring them home," said Wilkinson. "I have friends in the Middle East who are begging me to do something to stop the war."

"I came here to give the historical context on why so many Arab people support Iraq standing up against to U.S.," said Saba. "The Arab people, the masses, have no respect for the West because of what they've done."

DSAW hopes to get De Anza students to become more active in debating the war.

Turn out for the rally was unexpectedly low. "A lot of people I know are opposed to the war but say they don't have the time to get involved. If they don't make time now they are going to have to make time later," said Wilkinson.

"I had hoped to see more people here," said Saba. "However, our society is slow to react to just about anything and only until body bags do start coming back will America wake up. I would like to see a more active pro-peace movement in this nation."

"De Anza students in general are very apathetic about the war, and believe everything the president says. If you don't question authority then it's no longer a democracy, but instead a dictatorship," said Wilkinson.

However, Saba says that "De Anza's no different from any other campus or college-not what so ever. This is the type of reaction (apathy) you'll receive in many areas."

As part of their upcoming events, DSAW is planning to have a funeral procession "for the tomb of the unknown civilian," on the De Anza campus starting by the gym.

DSAW will also be setting up an information table on campus, and will organize an anti-war rally every two weeks. DSAW also has plans for peace music rally on the De Anza campus towards the end of March.

DSAW meets twice a week at the Sun and Soil restaurant on the corner of De Anza Blvd and Stevens Creek.

If you want more information about DSAW call Wilkinson at (408) 255-3644 or (408) 257-8887.



Carlos Rivera/La Voz

Chris Nelson shows his support for the troops while Adele Ash shows her support for peace during the protest in the Sunken Gardens Tuesday. The DSAW sponsored the event.

# Talk takes DAC's speech team far

By Melanie Garrett  
Staff Reporter

De Anza's first speech team made the finals in a competitive speaking meet in Sacramento.

The competition, called the Governor's Cup, hosted 46 different colleges including Stanford, UCLA, and Washington State.

The speech team is not a debate team, but rather called a forensic team. The competitions are lectures given by team members on personally chosen topics.

For example, Rob Platt, the member who took De Anza to the finals, spoke on

the health benefits of weight lifting.

The team is coached by speech teacher Elaine Lee. She is very pleased with her eight member team.

"They are very energetic, talented and have a great deal to offer," said Lee. She also feels there is room for growth of their skills. "Everyone needs improvement; there is no such thing as a perfect speaker. Although, I'm very impressed with the group."

"Being on the team is tough, but it really helps in overcoming the fear of public speaking," said James Franzen, DASB President and speech team

member. "Speaking in front of a group of people is challenging and also crucial to success politically and in a variety of other areas."

The forensic team is also a class which meets twice a week to practice speeches and receive critiques from Lee and fellow class members.

To join the team one must successfully pass Speech 1, 8, or 10 and have the approval of Elaine Lee.

This coming weekend the forensic team is attending the 10th Annual Steve Collin's Invitational competition in Modesto.

# Student access policy repealed by Hayden

Press release

In an effort to abate a federal law that could hurt college students' access to education, Assemblyman Tom Hayden (D- West Los Angeles) introduced legislation that will urge Congress to repeal the policy.

According to the regulation, nearly 136,000 of California's first-time students would have to take an academic test before they could apply for financial aid if they did not

already have a high school diploma or the equivalent.

If the student fails the test, they are ineligible for any federal assistance, including Pell grants, College Work Study and guaranteed student loans.

If the state doesn't comply with the federal regulation, California could stand to lose more than \$271 million in federal funds, \$151 million of which is direct aid to students.

"This is a matter of federal

bureaucrats trying, intentionally or otherwise, to dictate California's educational standards.

One of the continuing strengths of the California economy is its educated workforce, but now the feds are trying to limit who can seek educational advancement and the economic opportunities which college degrees make available," said Hayden.

Last December, the U.S. Department of Education

issued the new regulations in an effort to keep unscrupulous trade schools from recruiting unqualified students and securing financial aid for them which is then later defaulted.

"This new federal policy flies in the face of California 'open access' policy which encourages students to seek educational advancement through our state's community colleges," Hayden explained.

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# Children at De Anza react to wa

By Dunja Pechner  
Staff Reporter

Nearly three weeks ago the United States went to war against Iraq to free Kuwait. The Child Development Center (CDC) now has to cope with the possibility that the war is going to influence or change the behavior of young children.

Concerning the war the CDC follows "Special Edition" Preschool Program, published by the Apple Child Care Center.

This program instructs teachers and parents to wait for questions about the war and to keep their answers simple. Parents should be aware of the fact that children get information from the television, the radio, or parent's conversations. The program also calls for keeping routines as normal as possible, for frequent physical contact to keep the children's sense of security intact, and for listening to their fears. But it is important that the known facts are clarified at the appropriate age level, so that the children don't get "overloaded" with information. That would only scare and confuse them even more.

Asked about significant changes among the children's behavior, Elli Muhlstein, who teaches a class of four-year-old children, said she recognized that the children seem to know about the war, because they make comments about it, but they don't seem understand why the United States is at war.

"Children of this age are not really old enough to understand the causes of war and its background. What they understand is what is going on in their concrete world. What the children have shown some concern about is their own immediate safety," she said.

Paul Chesler, the CDC's program coordinator, said that the four and five-year-old children are aware of the war. They feel that something is different now, but they can't explain how they know.

He noticed that the children have started using words like "bombs," "killing," or "mines," when they are playing games.

"We have seen more aggressive play, than we have seen before. But we've seen slightly different play in the sense that they are now using phrases like "I'm gonna blow you up," or "I'm gonna shoot a missile at you!" phrases we weren't hearing before," Paul Chesler said.

Both teachers agreed that the

children are not able to imagine or understand, what it means to have a war. The teachers see the situation like this: The children are afraid that the war is coming to their homes and their families. They don't know that they are safe here, because the fighting is thousands of miles away. They show their fear with comments like "I hope they don't bomb my house," and their understanding about the war with statements like "Saudi Arabia is a dangerous place."

**"They are now using phrases like 'I'm going to shoot a missile at you!'"**

-Paul Chesler

Paul Chesler said "Young children have a wonderful fantasy life and a magical sense for cause and effect, time and space. When a child sees something on the television in his house, he isn't able to comprehend that that is happening thousands of miles away. So the way it gets reflected sometimes is that they think someone is going come to their house or that they [soldiers] are next door and it's near them."

In addition to this Elli Muhlstein is convinced that the main thing is to take away the fear that anyone or anything that's important to them will be hurt or damaged. She sees it as her duty to give the children a feeling of absolute security and to reassure them. So do all the CDC's teachers lately.



Mark Weiss

Playing at the Child Development Center, Howard Chang, Auria Malek, and Joey Jurs on the swing while Ryne Price pushes.

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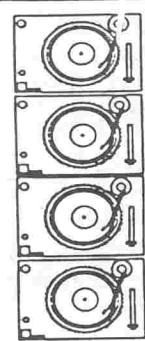
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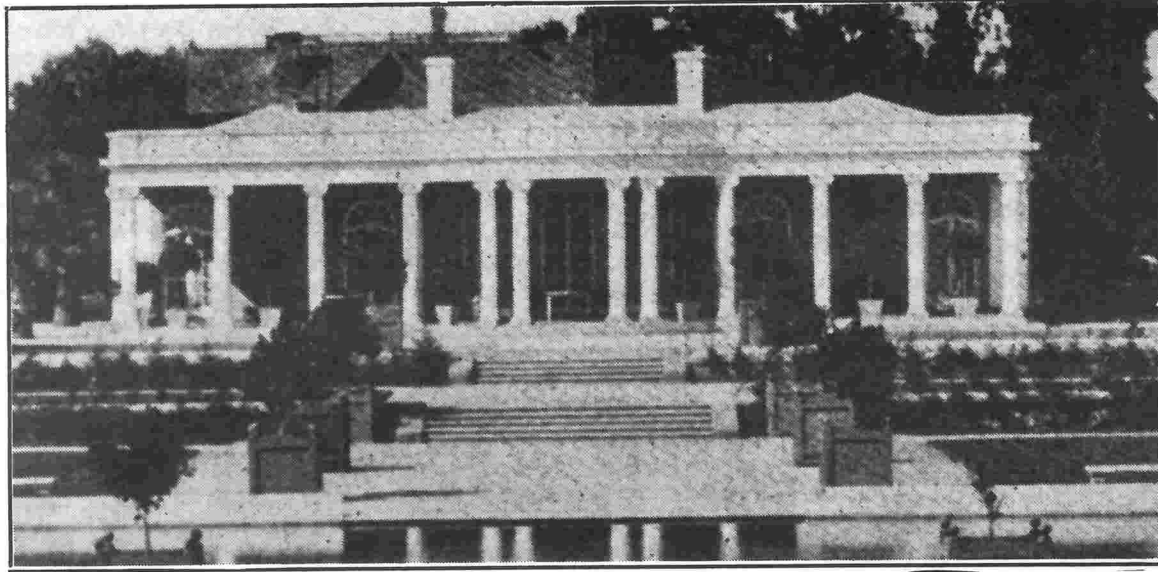
By Orlando Santos  
Editorial Editor

The California History Center (CHC) serves to preserve the local and state history of California. CHC offers a wide variety of classes that deal with all aspects of California history.

Some of the classes offered by CHC include: the study of the San Mateo County Coast, A History of Monterey, California and the Wine World, as well as the History of the State of California from the Indian Period to the 20th century. In most of these classes, students are required to do research papers, which may later be used for exhibits. Another aspect of the CHC classes involves field trips. Most of the classes offer two or three field trips.

"Our program is very much a hands-on approach. It's not a static in-class experience," said Kathy Peregrian, who is a Staff Assistant at CHC.

In addition to being an academic department on the De Anza campus, CHC is also a non-profit foundation which offers tours



California History Center on its original site. It was later moved in order to make room for the construction of Flint Center.

Courtesy California History Center

and lectures. CHC has its own library, the Stockmeir Regional History Library. It is available to all De Anza students, and has a collection of over 2,000 research papers.

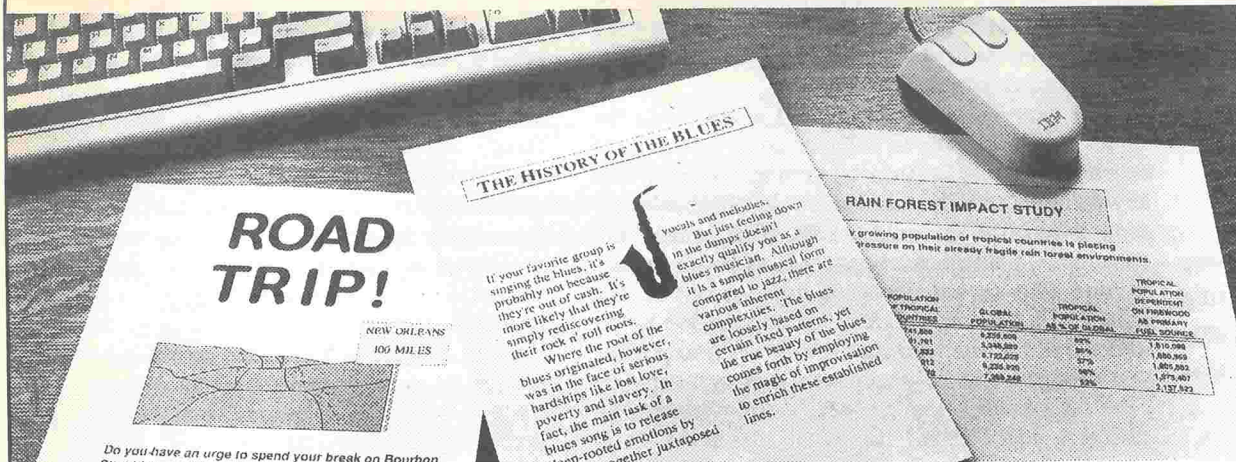
CHC also has a book publishing program called the Local History Study Series, consisting of 34 volumes. The publishing program was originally intended to publish

student research papers. Today CHC works with university professors and others in the field wanting their to be work published.

CHC encourages De Anza students, as well as community members, to become members of the organization. The membership fee begins at \$24.00 and supports most of the costs of the center. Funding for the academic program as well as the maintenance of the building is provided by De Anza College. The remaining costs which include the tours, exhibitions, library, Local History Studies Publications, lectures, publication of the "Californian" magazine, and registration are funded through membership fees. Members receive invitations to exhibit openings, discounts on tour and event programs, registration assistance, and three issues a year of the "Californian" magazine.

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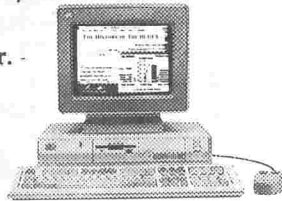
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## Americans should not hide behind flag

Not since the beginning of the Vietnam war has the American public felt such a great sense of patriotism. This patriotism unfortunately is very superficial. While Americans claim that this is the greatest country in the world because of its democratic principles, many seem to take the freedoms we have for granted.

A great number of the 83% Americans who support the war have criticized the anti-war protesters for expressing their first amendment right to freedom of speech. They have also accused the anti-war movement of being un-American. There is nothing more American than getting out and expressing your point of view regardless of what side you're on.

There are still those who have the "love or leave it" philosophy which was so prevalent during the Vietnam war. What separates our country from the many totalitarian countries around the world, however, is that we don't have to go along with everything our leaders tell us.

Americans however, no longer question authority as they should, but accept whatever our nations leaders tell us as the absolute truth.

Many of those who support the war have no knowledge of the history and people of the Middle East, but have made a hasty decision based on the disinformation they have been provided by the President.

Many Americans also feel that we can do without our first Amendment right to freedom of press. Polls show that over 80% of the American public favors the Pentagon's censorship of the press. If we don't know what the truth is, there is no way we can make informed judgments which are so crucial to a democratic nation.

While most Americans worship the American flag and would be willing to legalize flag burning, many of those same Americans seem ready to give up their basic rights which makes the United States the great country that is. Our flag is meaningless, however, if we don't protect the rights many people around the world are fighting and dying for.

### And finally...

It's Black History month again. Let's remember that we should all share and enjoy the festivities presented at this time of the year. If you don't particularly like Black History then please let the people that do enjoy it and don't hassle them.

## Success of Patriot will lead to an increase in defense budget

By Eugene Renteria  
Editor in Chief

Wars change a lot of things. Wars can end recessions, as any war can. Wars can take lives. Both things are happening now because of the War in the Gulf. Lives have and will be taken and SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative) or "Star Wars" program has been given a new life because of the war.

The success of the "Patriot" missile has prompted the interest in the SDI program in congress again because the so called third world nation dictators will be able to send missiles to the continental United States and destroy cities, military bases, or anything they want.

According to Lockheed, 20 countries either have ballistic missiles or are going to get them. This will help sell the missile but what I want to know is how do the people of Lockheed know that their missiles are aimed at us?

Sure, if the third world wanted to attack the United States they would use more than just mis-

siles. So why don't they make an anti-everything weapon so they can be prepared for anything.

The newest form of missile to missile technology was tested only about a week ago off the coast of California.

The ERIS (Exoatmosphere Reentry Vehicle Intercep-

tion System) test was a success

according to officials of Lockheed. This will make congress take a second look at this program, which this country does not need.

The other barrage of acronym missiles that the makers want to push are ERINT (Extended Range Interceptor), THAAD (Theater High Altitude Air Defense), HEDI (High Altitude



Air Defense). All of them cost more than they are worth because in this day and "peace" is what people want "war".

The biggest threat to our ally and has its own problem to deal with. The "third world" doesn't want to start any conflicts in the years to come because of this war anyway. Why use money to develop a program that will only go to waste and urge the third world countries to test its effectiveness?

SDI will only take money away from programs that our nation needs so it can heal its inner wounds and fight its middle east effectivity. The money will drain our pocketbooks as well as our spirits so why not worry about something else to pay for. Our government should concentrate on one thing at a time and do it right before it gets its feet in another costly venture.

### Letters to the Editor

Dea Editio,

Oh, Lord, where shall I begin? Once again it's time for me to stand on my soapbox and try my hardest to persuade the average student to "get off his apathy" and get involved. Instead of hopping on the bandwagon with those who criticize the obvious mistakes in last week's issue of La Voz, I propose that if anyone out there really cares about the quality of the paper, let them volunteer their time and talents for the betterment of such. Furthermore, I would like to point out that I am optimistic about the future of La Voz, now under the hands of a new editorial board and editor-in-chief. (On the aside, I hope this letter will be printed without spelling eos.)

As I have before many times, I again invite the students of De Anza to enhance their educational experience here at De Anza by getting involved with any campus activity. La Voz could obviously use some more stuff. So could DASB, ICC, or any club on campus. Student involvement is where it's at, and anyone who says different is missing out on the chance of a lifetime. I extend my appreciation to the students of La Voz who slave every week to produce something needed, although not always wanted.

What better accomplishment can someone take pride in their lifetime than to have made an impact on another human being's understanding? We're all on this little planet together, yet all too often we lose sight of what really matters. In the lessons of history, one thing is always evident: The people who brought about change were the ones who got involved, not the ones who say on the sidelines and heckled the players. Don't deprive yourself of experiences that could fulfill your life, enhance your knowledge of the world, and make you overall more valuable to your fellow mankind. In the immortal words of Jason Feskos, one of my most endeared heckles, "Do something, swine!"

James J. Franzen  
Student Body President

Editor,

In the debut of Static, an independent publication for De Anza students, there appeared a letter from Student Body President James Franzen which was

critical of La Voz. Franzen correctly speculated that many of last year's staff of La Voz "been driven off by an individual who needs to be slandered."

As a former editor in chief of La Voz, I believe that I can shed some light on Franzen's cryptic statement. I, too, wish to be careful of committing slander, so I will begin by stating facts.

In October of 1990, after I had left La Voz, I submitted a letter of grievance against the faculty advisor of La Voz, Tim Haley. The letter, which was signed by ten other past and current members, including two other past editors in chief who had served under Mr. Haley, alleged that the faculty advisor had failed to instruct his students on the fundamentals of newswriting, had used intimidation against students, and had completely ignored the bylaws under which La Voz has operated for more than 20 years. The letter was signed by several administrators and members of the review committee, and although most of us who signed the letter also included our phone numbers, none of us have received any kind of follow-up from the college administration during the intervening three months.

My proudest moment as editor in chief of La Voz was when it received the first place award for General Excellence in California, presented by the Journalism Association of Community Colleges. Less than one year later, I am reading non-words as "Wensday," "infuntly," and "d" in the pages of La Voz (Jan. 17).

Franzen continued in Static to say "I am enraged that a program that did so well last year has fallen to such lows... What has happened?" Not only who has been there, it is my opinion that the faculty advisor has created such an unpleasant atmosphere at La Voz that many talented students indeed being "driven away" (witness the absence of Static).

And sadly, it is my opinion that the De Anza administration has opted to turn a blind eye to the legitimate grievances of its staff in this matter.

Brian J. Boxall

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# It's not too late for us to learn

By Sergio Nofal

The present time is one in which the prevailing mood is a feeling of impotent perplexity. Now we see ourselves involved in a war that will bring disaster.

This is not a war between "good vrs. evil", "right vrs. wrong". This is simply a war of interest vrs. interest. We are not fighting for Kuwait. We are fighting for ourselves.

The media, very partially, has been dedicated to make the public believe that all diplomatic solutions had been exhausted. The claim that war was the only logical alternative to resolve the crises must not be accepted. Thousands of human beings from both sides are going to pay with their lives the price of our stupidity.

A rabid nationalism has hypnotized a great percentage of Americans, many of which, in the boredom of everyday life, flocked to join the Army in an enterprise that seemed to promise so much excitement, adventure, and glory. But recruits are quickly being disenchanted. Warfare, they are learning, is a bloody business in which the enemy is not always the opposite army. Many Americans are constantly dying by the so called "friendly fire."

Casualties grow higher every single day.

What was once believed to be a short war is now becoming a long one. In addition, the Muslim world is beginning to sympathize with Saddam's cause. War may no longer be under control.

Why all this nonsense bloodshed? Even if Kuwait is liberated, American troops will have to stay for an indefinite amount of time to help restore regional security. Sooner or later, Washington will have to come to terms with Baghdad. President Bush's own words "no concessions, no compromises" will vanish irremediably. It is not too late to start planning a cease fire and eventually, reach an agreement. Peaceful solutions are possible.

Not so long ago, a skinny old man defeated the Great British Empire. He used no weapons, yet he prevailed. His name was Gandhi. He strongly believed that there is nothing to be gained by violence. Patience, steadfastness, and tolerance are the secret to achieve victory. Significant changes in life are not, as we think, instantaneous like one achieved on the battlefield. Real changes are slow, subtle, and almost imperceptible. Gandhi once wrote: "It is quite proper to resist and to attack a system, but to resist and attack its author is equal to resisting and attacking oneself. For all we are painted with the same brush, and are children of one and

same Creator, and as such the divine powers within us are infinite. To slight a single human being is to slight those divine powers, and thus to harm not only that being but with him the whole world."

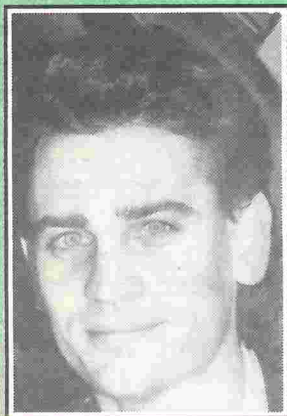
We must face the sad reality that we are really slow to learn, even when all that is to be learned is to the road to harmony, welfare and happiness. Maybe we can only learn by even more bitter than we have already had on the opposite road. But if we are to learn; if massive destruction and slaughter are to bring us sanity rather than madness, it will be because some men and women among us have preserved sanity and hope throughout war. And what is more important is that the more such people there are, the more chance there is that this nasty experience will bring America some good sense and wisdom.

The duty of our generation is to attempt to achieve all this. In one or two decades, we students will become the most influential force in America. Everyone of us can do something to increase this chance of creating a New Order in which freedom and peace will prevail over oppression and wars. Each of us can make a difference by steadfastness and courage throughout the dreadful months ahead.

## Other Voices

Does National condom week promote sexual promiscuity?

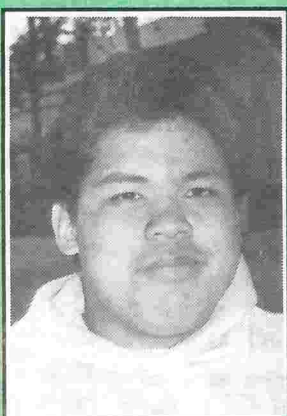
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**Paul Wiczorek-**  
No, I think it promotes awareness. It brings it out in the open and lets people talk about it easier.



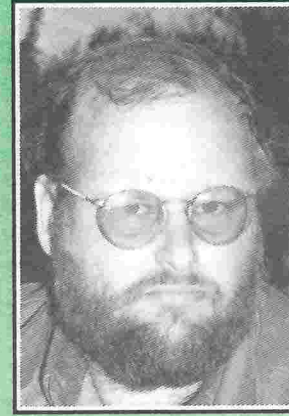
**Stu Olson-**  
No, it's a good idea and it's something people need to be aware of. It's important students learn about birth control and venereal disease.



**Pat Llans-**  
I don't think so. I think it promotes safe sex much more than it promotes sexual promiscuity.



**Jeanne Gilovich-**  
No, I think it promotes good thinking and good attitudes towards health and whoever you're involved with.




**Robert Springer-**  
No, it's something people are going to do anyway.

# Dons maintain one game lead

By Michael Barton  
Sports Editor

## Dons defeat Cabrillo

 Kurt Siwek scored a game-high 30 points to lead the De Anza men's basketball team to a 90-77 win over Cabrillo in last night's Coast Conference game. The Dons improved to 13-2 in the league, 21-6 overall, holding on to their slim one game lead over second place Skyline.

Siwek was deadly from the outside, but it was his inside play that made Cabrillo Coach Carl White completely change his game plan midway through the

second half.

"I don't care if we win or lose — just stop that guy (Siwek)," White screamed as his players ran by chasing Siwek.

Cabrillo stayed close for most of the first half after losing an early lead, but De Anza scored 7 of the half's last 8 points to take a 41-31 lead. De Anza came out in the second half and jumped to a 23 point lead on a 20-8 run with 14:20 left.

"We got into the fast break like we do every game and I got a lot of easy shots," Siwek said after the game.

With a big lead, De Anza Coach Tony Nunes went to his bench, but the subs weren't able to maintain the margin, making the game look closer than it really was.

Andre Collier and John Ryan both scored 13 points for De Anza and freshman Mike Clark added 14.

## De Anza beats Los Medanos

Despite an impressive first half by Los Medanos forward Raphael Glover, the visiting Mustangs were no match on Friday for De Anza, losing 94-61.

The Dons improved their con-



Steve Rickman/La Voz

## Mike Clark #10 slams one against Cabrillo.

ference record to 12-2.

Glover kept the Mustangs in the game most of the first half, scoring 16 of the 18 points in the first 17 minutes.

Early in the game, Los

Medanos turned several De Anza turnovers into easy baskets and built a 13-6 lead.

The Dons then answered with a 17-4 run to go ahead 23-17, but the Mustangs scored six straight points in a 9-3 run to tie the game at 26.

That was the last threat the Mustangs would make as De Anza out scored Los Medanos 17 to 4 over the next 7 minutes, going into halftime with a 43-30 lead.

"We let them hang in there the whole first half," said Don forward Kurt Siwek, who finished with 21 points. "We weren't rebounding well and we gave them a lot open shots."

Siwek, who leads the team in rebounding with 8.4 rpg was held to 4 rebounds for the second consecutive game, but 6-7 freshman Mike Clark jumped in and grabbed 10 boards.

"I think we have to be pleased where we are not right now being in first place," Siwek said. "We're still not playing anywhere where we should be."

Other De Anza players scoring in double figures were Andre Collier (15), Clark (11), John Ryan (12), and Guy Kitagawa (10).

## Celebration of Champion's night next week

De Anza College will honor its Fall Sports Programs on Wednesday, February 13, during halftime of the De Anza - Ohlone men's basketball game (Tipoff at 7:30 p.m.). Trophy presentations will be made for various league champions, along with recognition for outstanding achievement and team honors. Make plans to attend.

## De Anza vs Cabrillo

PLAYER	FG	FT	PTS
Collier	5	3-4	13
Ryan	4	3-4	13
Siwek	14	2-2	30
Kitagawa	1	0-1	2
Clark	7	0-0	14
Hicks	2	1-2	5
Townsend	1	0-0	2
Vu	3	0-0	8
Hetrick	0	0-0	0
Johnson	0	1-2	1
Senkeresky	1	0-0	2
TOTALS	38	10-15	90

## De Anza vs Los Medanos

PLAYER	FG	FT	PTS
Collier	6	3-4	15
Ryan	5	0-0	12
Siwek	9	3-4	21
Kitagawa	3	2-2	10
Clark	5	1-2	11
Hicks	3	0-0	6
Vu	2	5-7	6
Johnson	3	0-0	7
Senkeresky	1	0-0	2
Townsend	0	0-0	0
Hetrick	0	0-0	0
TOTALS	37	14-19	94

# O'Brien learns quickly in first year

By Michael Barton  
Sports Editor

So how is freshman Shannon O'Brien finding the transition from high school to college basketball?

Well, if you take one look at the numbers she's been putting up, you would have to say she's adjusting just fine. O'Brien leads the Lady Dons in scoring and rebounding with 19.7 ppg and 8.4 rpg, good enough to place her 3rd and 15th in the state respectively.

And all this on a team that likes a balanced offense and with another rebounder scorer like Trish Montgomery, who is heading to San Jose State next year on a basketball scholarship.

"Personally, I didn't think I would do as well as I have done this year as a freshman," O'Brien said during a practice she sat out because of a sore knee. "I thought I would contribute my eight or ten points but he's (Mike Gervasoni) a great coach and the team has helped too."

And the competition hasn't hurt either. Most of the Lady Don wins have been laughers, with scores like 95-58, 91-48, and 67-38. Up to this point, O'Brien evaluates the conference like this: "From what I've seen it's pretty weak," she said. "I wish there was better competition."

Before the season, De Anza Coach Mike Gervasoni thought O'Brien would score in double figures, but he is pleasantly surprised with the development of his star freshman.

"She's a real good athlete and she's got a soft touch," he said. "I told her one good thing about this team is that she wouldn't have to do everything."

"The problem she's going to have now is that she's going to draw lots of attention," he added. "You can sneak up on people when you're a freshman — now they're going to look for her."



Carlos Rivera/La Voz

## Shannon O'Brien #23 stuffs a Monterey Lobo player's shot.

At this level, 5-11 is considered reasonably tall, but O'Brien seems to play taller than that. You often see her rebounding flat footed over leaping opponents. "She's really good around the basket and has good hands," said Gervasoni.

In a game against Monterey two weeks ago, O'Brien scored 18 points in the first eight minutes until Gervasoni yanked her out of the game.

Moments like that have opposing coaches sitting back in their chair with their arms crossed, but there are times when O'Brien seems to disappear on the court.

"She gets lost sometimes," said Gervasoni. "She'll make six

or seven baskets and then she might not score again for awhile — it's like she's not out there."

But college scouts haven't had any difficulty spotting O'Brien. She says she hasn't decided when she plans to move on to a four-year school, but appears to be leaning toward returning for her final year. "A lot of colleges are interested, but I think I can benefit from staying here next year."

For the moment, O'Brien must overcome a knee injury that has side lined her the past week, but she is expected to return soon. De Anza continues to be in control of the Coast Conference with 7-0 record and a third consecutive

# Lady Dons win on road over Hartnell

By Michael Barton  
Sports Editor



Trish Montgomery and Denise Spier both scored 16 points to lead the De Anza women's basketball team to a 52-36 win over the Hartnell Panthers last Saturday night.

The Lady Dons are now 7-0 in the Coast Conference with a one game lead over Ohlone.

Both teams shot poorly from the field (33 percent), but De Anza made all their free throws while Hartnell only sank 6 of 16.

Rebounding wise, neither team was able to gain any advantage, but Hartnell turned the ball over 25 times, giving the Lady Dons more scoring opportunities. Defensive specialist Sheri Grasso came away with 5 steals.

Christy Bruno scored 18 of the Panthers 36 points to lead the Hartnell.

The Lady Dons return to De Anza next Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. against second place Ohlone in a game that should decide the the Coast Conference title.

De Anza routed Ohlone in their first meeting, 95-58.

## De Anza vs Hartnell

PLAYER	FG	FT	PTS
Montgomery	6	4-4	16
O'Brien	0	2-2	2
Phillips	4	0-0	8
Spier	7	0-0	16
Groden	0	0-0	0
Francois	0	0-0	0
Anderson	1	2-2	2
Grasso	3	0-0	6
Lewis	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	21	8-8	52

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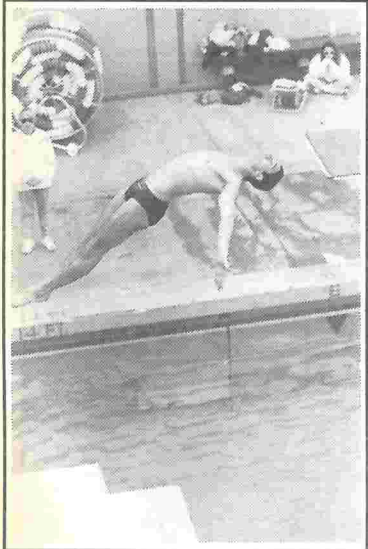
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# Swim team dives into action

By Dunja Pechner and Gary Russell  
Staff Reporters

On February 15 the new swim team will begin this season in competition in the Coast Conference Pentathlon, the final meets coming on the first weekend of May. Both the men's and women's teams won the Coast Conference title last year and look to defend those titles this season. In addition seven different swimmers and divers were selected to the All-American team.

A big incentive for the swimmers and divers should be that



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De Anza diver John Hurley prepares for new season.

## Slow start for baseball

By Gary Russell  
Staff Reporter

The De Anza baseball team got off to somewhat of a slow start this year by dropping its first two games of the season in last week's Delta Tournament. The team was scheduled to play two games on Saturday and two games on Sunday. But because of rain, Saturday's games were held over to Tuesday but they were also cancelled because of rain. However, the two games they *did* play didn't provide much excitement.

The Dons are scheduled to play this Friday and Sunday in the Modesto Tournament and have their first conference game at home against Foothill on February 12 at 2:00 p.m.

The first game against Modesto was a classic pitcher's duel, neither team scoring until the sixth inning. Both team's hurlers were backed by excellent defense but no one was able to hit the ball. De Anza's Jamie Ybarra was mostly responsible for that by carrying a no-hitter into the sixth inning, before yielding two hits and the two runs that would make the difference in the game with Modesto winning 2-0.

"We just couldn't hit the ball on Sunday," head coach Ritch Price said after the doubleheader, "if I had to highlight one facet of our game, it would be our hitting. Yesterday we had good pitching and good defense but we couldn't put any runs on the board."

In the second game against San Francisco City College, the Dons were able to score a couple of runs, but it wasn't enough to avoid losing to S.F. City 4-2. De Anza used five pitchers in the game, each going for about an inning and a third a piece.

final meet, the state championships, which are being held right here at De Anza. Depending on how far the swimmers and divers advance in conference championship, a team title on the De Anza Campus would be really exciting.

Because the athletes have a limit of two years eligibility, there are some changes in both teams. The women's team lost two standout swimmers and one All-American diver. The men's team lost three swimmers including one All-American. But the new swimmers should be able to replace the lost talent according to head coach Ro Davis.

Davis sees the situation with the women's team in this way, "I guess we picked up a number of swimmers and some that are back from last year are outstanding as well. The women's team is in the position potentially to defend the title, but they are going to have to work really hard."

On the other hand he talked about the men's team as the best team De Anza had probably seen in ten or twelve years. He has no doubt that they will be able to defend their title, as he sees it, it's going to take a really good team to beat these guys. But the coach is also aware of the tough competition between De Anza and Foothill, as well as the College of

Sequoias.

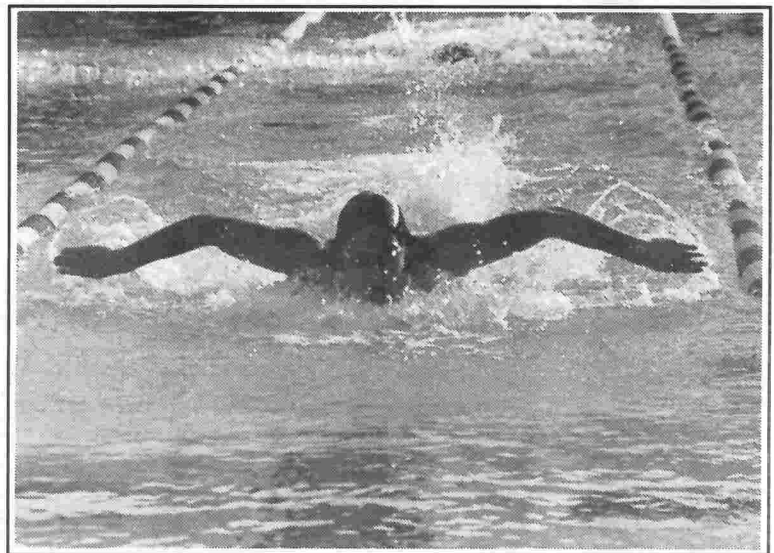
"Foothill is supposed to be really good from what I hear. I have not seen them yet but we'll wait and see. But I say it will be a real close Championship meet," said Davis.

Davis is counting on Jeremy Doggett (soph), Ian Dawes (soph), Curtis Derosett (frosch), and Cary Romera (sophomore and number one swimmer in the nation) whom he called, "Just the best swimmer that there is." On the women's side he expects Sylvia Brandi and Ameer Doeteer (both freshmen) to do very well.

Coming off a year that saw four of their divers in the state championships and three of their women chosen All-American, the De Anza diving team has its sights set even higher this season.

"As you know, the swimmers and the divers are all part of the same team," said diving coach Tracey Bird, who is in her second season of coaching at De Anza, "but speaking for the diving half I can say that we are very positive about this season. We've got three returning divers including two All-Americans, both women, and I feel we can do great things this year."

One diver in particular, returning All-American Bigi Mullican, is a very interesting story. When she came to the De Anza diving



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All American diver Cary Romera swims the butterfly at last Thursday's workout.

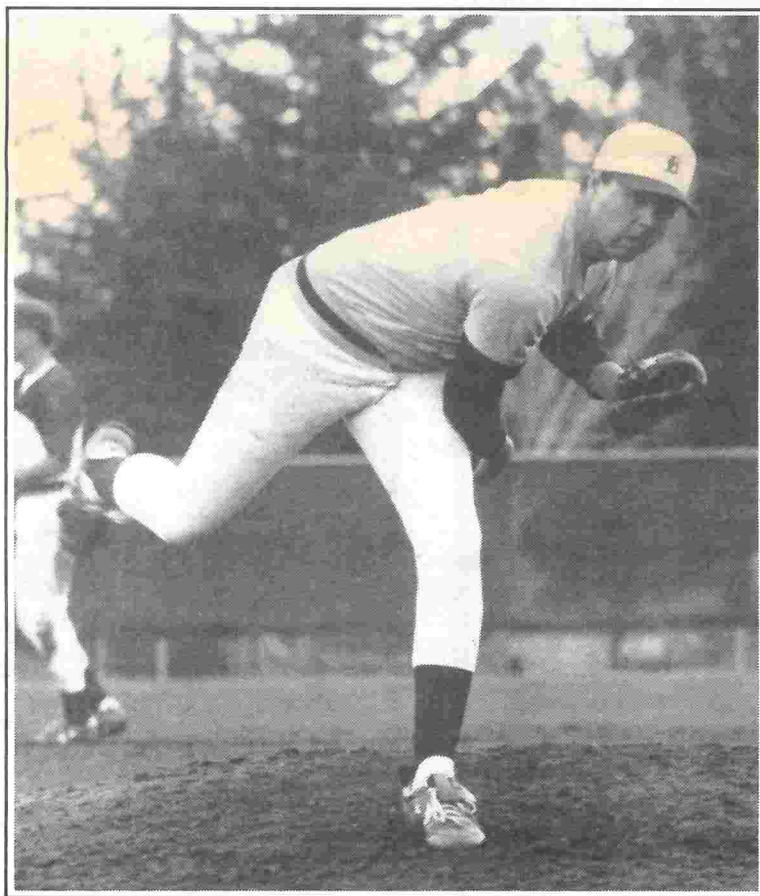
team on January 12, 1990, she had absolutely, 100 percent, no prior experience in the sport. By the season's end, only three and a half months later, she had been elected to the All-American squad. In the state championships she placed fourth in the three meter springboard and third in one meter spring-board. She says her goal this season is to win it all, which would require beating the two girls that placed in front of her last year.

"It's amazing how far Bigi has come in the short time that she has been here. Her gymnastics background has helped her quite a

bit," said Bird.

Bird said that her goals for this season, other than defending the conference title, would be to have four divers (two male and two female) chosen All-American and six divers in the state championships which will be held here at De Anza.

Both coaches agree that it is too early to give a statement on how the teams are going to do during the season, they need to see the competitions performance before they can make a prediction. But their main goal is to defend their conference titles as best they can.



Dave Oneto/La Voz

Dons pitcher Jason Dimocici hurls a pitch in practice.

## Sportsbriefs

### Going Vertical tops Spurs in four OT's

An Intramural record was set Monday night as Going Vertical II and the Spurs battled through four overtime periods before G.V. won the game, 51-49.

Going Vertical appeared to be out of it as the Spurs ran off to an 18-4 lead in the first half, but inspired play brought G.V. back to tie the contest. The Spurs had things in hand in the second overtime, but when Jim Burns missed two free throws, G.V. hung on for the victory.

In other Pacific Division action, the Price Club notched their first win of the season with a 39-34 victory over the Devils, Fast Break remained undefeated as they destroyed the Spartans 42-26, and Staff held on to beat the Gheeto Boys 48-41.

In the Atlantic Division, the Pacific Islanders routed the Jammer 43-23, Sportz Plus stopped the Iceman 44-26, the Ballhandlers defeated VSA 32-23, and the DASB Devils got by the Scorpions 34-32.

### PEP, DASB win in Volleyball

In two close matches, the PEP and DASB both came away with wins in intramural volleyball play Monday night.

DASB defeated the Slammers 15-13, 15-10 in the opening night's match while PEP needed three games to beat the Spikers by the scores of 15-13, 11-15, and 6-11.

Other games saw the Jets dominate the Volleyballers 15-5, 15-3; VSA beat the Korean Student Association 15-7, 15-1; the S.A.'s beat the Sharks 15-2, 15-1; and the PEP won their second match of the night 15-4, 15-6 over the Guacamole Gang.

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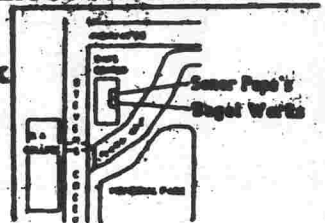
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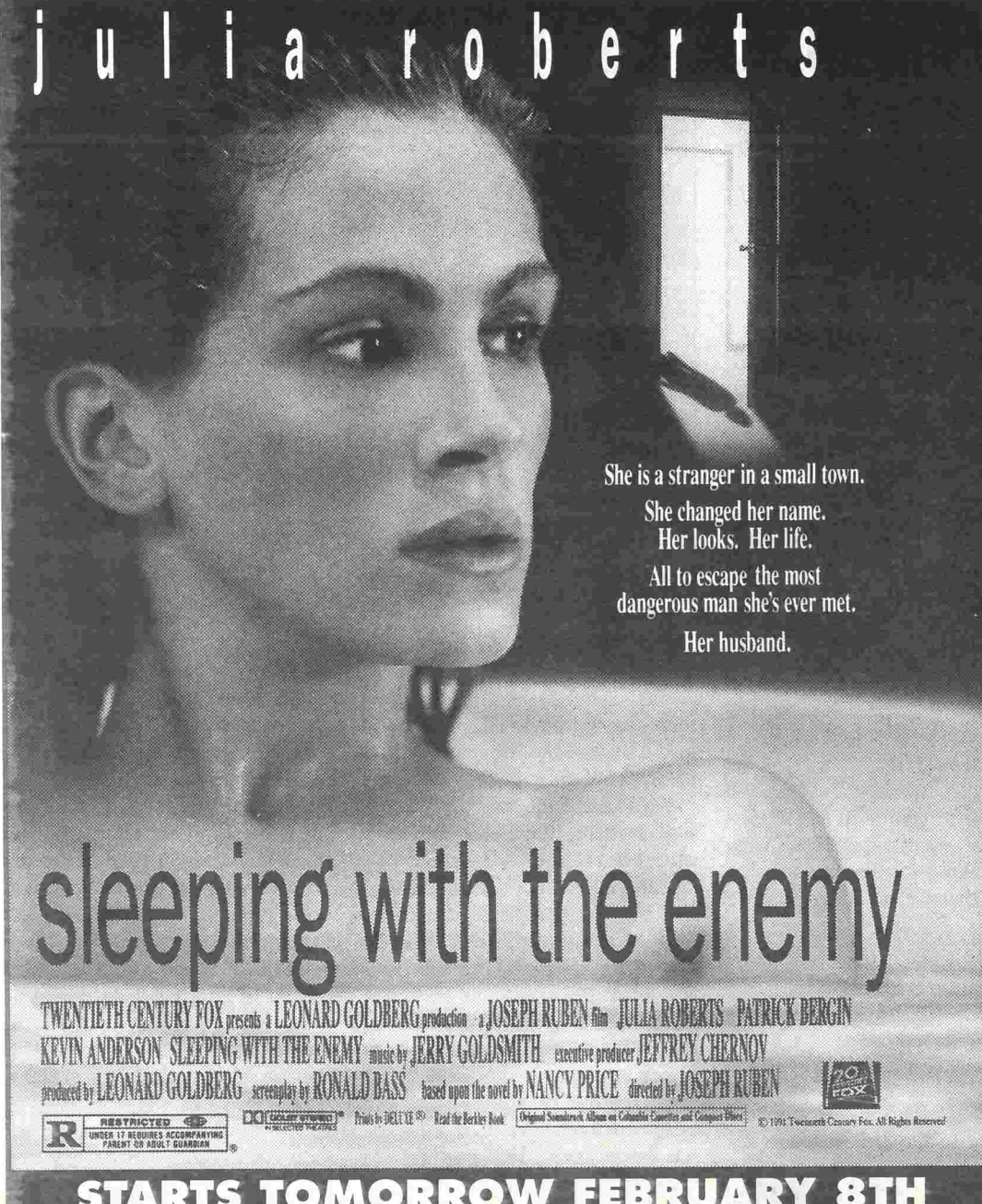
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