

CONSTITUTION APPROVED BY STUDENTS

Small Voter Turnout

Columbia College has now got a new constitution.

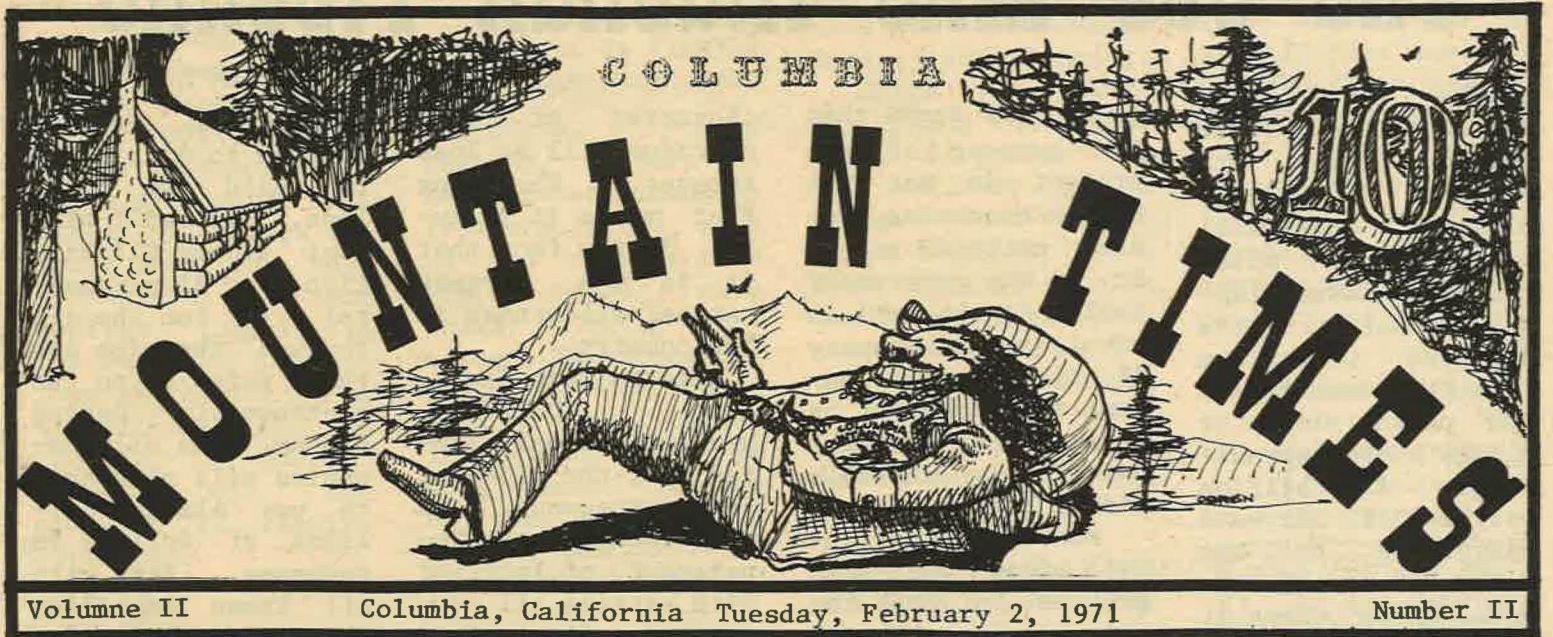
Last week the student body at Columbia College had a chance to vote on the school's new constitution. Though less than 25% of the students enrolled at Columbia casted their vote, 94.5% of them voted in favor of it. The constitution then became effective as of February 1st, which was yesterday.

The new constitution now makes the old student council obsolete. There will be a general assembly of the student body Wednesday, February 3rd at 11 o'clock in the forum, which will officially dissolve the council.

According to the new constitution the student government will now consist of two branches. They will be an Executive branch and a Senate. The Executive will consist of the Student Body President, Vice President and Treasurer. (The Vice President will be elected by the Senate from among their own ranks.) The Senate will consist of one senator for every 100 students in each academic division. The elections will be held the week of February 8th through the 12th.

The old student council tried to hold a session last Thursday but only two of the members showed up. According to the old constitution at least three members must be present in order to have a quorum, consequently nothing could be voted upon at this meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and then there was a short discussion between the President and the few spectators who showed up. One of the things discussed was a request by the Dean

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Oral History Approved

by WILLIAM L. JOHNSON

There will be a new history class taught at Columbia College next quarter. It will be entitled "Introduction to Oral History", and will be taught by Professor Richard L. Dyer.

Mr. Dyer plans to teach his students how to interview people with historical backgrounds. He also plans to instruct them in how to use a tape recorder when interviewing someone, as well as how to prepare for, edit and transcribe the interview.

The students will then go out into the community and conduct

interviews of people who either helped to make, or who have some knowledge of the history of this area. People most likely to be interviewed are the old miners that are still around today and have contributed so much to the growth and background of the area.

Through this course, Mr. Dyer hopes to preserve some of the history of this county which might otherwise be lost forever. He also feels this will help bring Columbia College and the community closer together as well as expand



Richard L. Dyer

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our curriculum.

This course stands to do the community a great favor in that all of its very beautiful and valuable past will have a chance to live forever. It is very gratifying that Columbia College should have a part in help-

ing to preserve the heritage of the community for which it serves. My congratulations to Mr. Dyer, the Administration and anyone else who had a hand in helping to get this course started at Columbia.

President's Advisory Meeting

The question of what can Columbia do to help the community was the main issue discussed at the Presidents Advisory Committee Meeting held last Tuesday. The consensus was that courses that would better prepare students for jobs in this country should be taught at Columbia.

Dr. Harvey B. Rhodes, President of Columbia College, pointed out that there are no jobs in this county and that 18% of its people are unemployed. Dr. Rhodes then stated

"That the county's most important resource is its youth." He then made it clear that the young would not stay if something wasn't done about the unemployment problem. About the only solution really discussed was for the county to open up more recreational facilities and have the college teach necessary subjects to obtain jobs opened up by the new facilities.

Someone also suggested that Columbia should also teach such things as repairing of small mo-

tors and appliances. It seems that there is a shortage of people with the training to do this type of work in the county. The small motors would include anything from chainsaws to snowmobiles. It was also pointed out that snowmobiling is becoming a very popular sport all over the country and that the county could capitalize on it by setting up recreational facilities for it. Another thing brought up was the fact that the courses studied in the county's high schools did not correspond with the courses at Columbia. It was said that Mo-

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P.E. UNIFORMS?

A group of individuals interested in the controversy over P.E. uniforms met on January 27th to discuss the issue.

Instructors Pete Sullivan and Bob Gibson presented their case for the uniform. They feel that special equipment is required for some activities because of the physical effort involved. The reason for a special uniform rather than individual dress is to prevent each class from becoming an inspection for proper equipment. They further stated that the uni-

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The 800 Mile Alaskan Pipeline

The seven major oil companies of the United States are planning to build a pipeline that will pump oil 800 miles through Alaskan tundra country. The pipeline will run from Prudhomme Bay on the north slope of Alaska where approximately 15 billion barrels of oil were discovered to the Tanker Port of Valdez. From there it will be shipped to the continental United States by freighter.

Since the pipeline is to be built on federal land, a special permit has to be obtained from the Department of Interior. Before this permit can be issued, a report on the environmental impact of the project must be submitted to the Council of Environmental Equality, an agency authorized by the Environmental Policy Act.

A group of Geological and Environmental specialists has spent two years in preparing the 195-page report. The report lists detailed regulations that builders must follow, as well as the pros and cons of such a project.

It seems that the purpose of the project is not just better economics, but also national security. The government feels Alaskan oil is vital to the country if it is not to become too dependent on getting oil from the politically unstable Middle East.

Most conservationists feel the main problem is that the oil running through the pipeline will heat the pipe to at least 175 degrees or more, causing the ice in the tundra to melt turning it into a swamp. If this should happen the animals native to that area will be shut off from their natural migration routes and also their nesting and feeding grounds. Most conservationists think the animals will not be able to adapt well enough and might face extinction.

The Interior Department agrees that the pipeline would create unavoidable environmental damage. The report states that "for those to whom unbroken wilderness is most important, the entire project is adverse because the original

character of this corridor will be lost forever." The thing that makes it so awful is the fact that it is the largest natural wilderness in the country.

Sierra Club Executive Director, Michael McClosky stated that the pipeline is "outrageous." He also charged the Department of Interior with putting oil company profits first and environment second. He also said, "The administration has chosen to act as an advocate for the oil interests instead of acting as an impartial arbiter who would disclose facts as they developed."

Three other conservation groups--The Wilderness Society, Friends of the Earth and The Environmental Defense Fund Inc.--have gotten a court order against issuing the permit for the pipeline. So after the report is submitted, it will have to be taken to court for a ruling.

A permit for the project was already turned down once for lack of environmental safeguards by former Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel. He has since been relieved of his post by President Nixon.

The oil to be pumped through is worth approximately

by WILLIAM L. JOHNSON

\$60 billion. It will cost up to \$2 billion to build the pipeline. It will also cost around \$15 Billion, or \$1 per barrel, to run the oil through the pipe and then ship it to the continental United States. The oil companies will also have to pay Alaska billions of dollars in revenues. Even with all these expenses, the oil companies still plan to make around \$40 billion.

The whole thing boils down to whether it is better to ruin 800 miles of our environment or depend for oil on other countries which may be our enemies some day.

Over 30

by PHIL BARBERA

Most of you who know me usually see me in the coffee shop (I call it that because some people dislike the word cafeteria) and you probably think I drink quite a lot of coffee. I do.

However, if you stop to analyze it, this interaction over coffee is, in truth, a "learning center".

For example, on Wednesday, Jan. 28, I rushed in for my coffee at 7:50 in the

morning and, as usual Pat greeted me with a smile. I joined Fred and a newcomer, Del Raney from Arnold.

As our conversation progressed, I found that Del's wife is a tax expert and her services have been beneficial to quite a few people, with results even from 1969 returns. I for one, did not know you could re-examine old income tax and file a claim for a refund, in case of error or oversight. Did you?

This is what I mean by a "learning center". Every time I talk to someone, I benefit from it, especially this time of year since my income tax report is going to resemble a scroll, the type that rolls out at both ends. Personally, if you are like me, when it comes to income tax time, I don't know which end is up.

At any rate, you may have information you may think is unimportant to you but could be beneficial to others. Thanks, Del, for the information and especially thanks to Pat for that smile (that early).

And you thought all I did was drink coffee at the "learning center".

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THE LARGEST SELECTION OF VALENTINE CANDY IN THE COUNTY

BRADY'S REXAL DRUGS
SONORA REXAL DRUGS
BRADY'S TWIN HARBOR

Hitchhiking

State Senator John A. Nejedly (Rep) of Walnut Creek, recently introduced a bill banning hitchhiking in California. Senator Nejedly said, "I am not against hitchhiking, but we have a problem." He claimed that hitchhiking was a major contributor to rape and assault crimes. He also stated that he would make a wild guess that there were between 50,000 and 60,000 people in the

state that use hitchhiking as a regular means of transportation, including himself, in his time.

The measure would permit hitchhiking at specifically designated places. A check of county and state ordinances reveals that the only hitchhiking law that applies locally is the one that states that there will be no hitchhiking on the roadway itself, standing off the pavement is legally permitted.

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form is not required, for all classes and anybody who felt they could not afford the cost could take a course where it was not required.

The principle objections to the uniforms were cost, color and being required to wear a uniform at all. Most of those objecting felt that personal e-

quipment could be substituted for activities requiring uniforms.

The final decision of the meeting was that uniforms will continue to be required for classes which are regarded as strenuous. There also will be classes available where uniforms will not be required.

ADVISORY MEETING

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desto J.C. seemed a better place for the students to go because some of the courses taught there are extensions of courses taught in the county's high schools. Dr. Rhodes then pointed out that Columbia cannot teach some of the same courses already being taught at Modesto because of a ruling handed down by the Yosemite Valley College District's Board. This ruling eliminates vocational training that is greatly needed in

this county.

Other items taken care of at this meeting were: The committee unanimously voted in the Operational Guideline for the Committee. The Honorable Judge Ross A. Carkeet was elected as the chairman by a one vote margin. They decided to hold the next meeting on the fourth Tuesday next quarter, instead of the second.

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CLAY HEATLEY

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pollution. Clay Heatley, a Navy reservist stationed on Treasure Island, woke up one morning to a big, black, navy ocean. Being concerned, He proceeded to his Commanding Officer to find out if anything could be done about cleaning up the oil. On his way to headquarters, he stumbled upon an oil covered seagull. He took the dying bird with him to headquarters.

After a long discussion with his Commanding Officer, Clay convinced him that something had to be done.

GYM COURTS IN USE

Wednesday the 27th was the first full day that the basketball courts and volleyball courts were put to use. Mr. Sullivan was reported as being very pleased with these new fixtures but, he said that additional reinforcement for the basketball back boards was necessary. These new additions are for the use of all the students. Basketballs and volleyballs can be checked out from the gym. This reporter noted quite a few students taking advantage of the new equipment.

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boats, were sent around the island to look for birds. The few birds found were sent to the Audubon Society for cleaning.

Thank you, Clay, for trying to do your part. It proves that the military can be changed from within. But I do think that a few lifeboats is small consolation, compared to what the military is capable of doing, and compared to the civilian effort put out during the tragic incident.

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of Business, Mr. Robert Deal, that the extra space in the cafeteria be used for drafting classes. This means putting drafting tables in the cafeteria for the remainder of the quarter.

The Health Occupations Class put on a cake sale in the school cafeteria. They are trying to send a couple of representatives to a convention in San Diego.

There was also a call for two men and one woman to fill vacancies on the Accreditation Committee. The President also asked for volunteers to be on the election committee. They then adjourned the meeting.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cafeteria Boycott Urged

My eye was attracted to a column that appeared in the last issue of the COLUMBIA MOUNTAIN TIMES, (Jan. 26, 1971--pg. 11). It was a commentary on the situation in the cafeteria, and proved to me how leadership and goals were lacking among the students of Columbia. The article merely dwelt on the poor decor of the cafeteria, and the poor quality of the food, without offering a direct path of action that might be taken by the students to correct the situation. Let's review the cafeteria situation, and assign blame to the proper people.

First, the menu. Everyone has been blaming Servomation for the selection and the price of food, this is totally unfair. Servomation cannot be expected to assume blame for this. Servomation puts together a menu and a listing, which is then submitted to "our friend" Dusty Rhodes, who then must approve it before it becomes final. I think it's time the students reassess their relationship with the college administration. It's obvious the administration has some else's good in mind other than the students.

Secondly, the decor. All right, you don't like white tile. How about if I tell you that's all you pigs deserve. Ashtrays have been provided for your use downstairs which few people appear to be using when they put their cancer sticks out. Instead, they grind them out on the floor, leaving a burned spot on the tile. Could you imagine if the school went to the expense of putting in a wooden floor what it would look like in a year? Take care of what you have before you ask for more.

I'm as tired of the situation in the cafeteria as the next guy, and I feel that the students are being given the shaft by those people in the position of leadership. If our Student Body President spent as much time talking to students as he does with Dr. Rhodes, and other members of the administration, perhaps he could take a firmer stand on behalf of the students. It's obvious that Dr. Rhodes will not take a firm stand against Servomation as he's already O.K.'d what they're doing down there.

Therefore, we might as well do our own negotiating, as those who we were

counting on have in essence sold us out. I feel the time for talk has long been passed and our only other course is that of direct action. And it should be directed against those who are actually guilty, and not Pat and Sue who have done a commendable job with what they have. And the only type of action in a situation like this is a full boycott of the cafeteria until corrective steps are taken. We can force action by the administration and our student representatives if they find themselves unable to take the initiative themselves. Everyone should pack a sack lunch and bring something extra for those who forget the first couple of days. In fact, a few students might get together and make box lunches for a few days and sell them to our forgetful ones. I think we could pull it off, in that we would be talking Servomation's language -- MONEY. And any business is much more attentive when you talk money and not compromise.

Signed, Ernie Pozzi

All letters to the Editor are welcome and appreciated. They should be addressed to The Columbia Mountain Times, P.O. Box 1849, Columbia, California, or dropped off at the Times office on campus.

GETTING ALL THE STUDENTS TOGETHER:
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This we will never do.

Case in point:

Chairman Reich speaking: "This is a closed meeting; there are only a select few who can attend. We don't want this to get blown out of proportion by the newspaper. Some of the people attending may get into a heated discussion."

Dean Bratten speaking: "I want to read anything you are going to print about this meeting first."

The issue itself (about physical education uniform requirements) is unimportant.

What is important is that we never thought an issue of this nature would arise on our campus, particularly when you consider the philosophy this school was founded on.

So we will say it here, as simply and clearly as we can:

The Times will never become a tool of student government or the administration. We will seek out and print the news in the best tradition of free, unfettered journalism. We are beholden to no one.

Also for the record:

The Times covered the meeting. There is a story in this issue about the meeting. The story has been neither read nor censored by Mr. Reich or Mr. Bratten.

We are a young newspaper. Young connotes vulnerability and there are rumors about halting publication of the Times if the conditions were not accepted. We categorically reject these and any other future "conditions" of publication.

The Times, we feel, is living up to its inherited responsibility to a free-thinking public.

We sincerely hope the Student Executive Council and the Administration will recognize the tenets of First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. Those which spell out responsibilities and duties of a free press.



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