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Minny arrives

by Allan Masri

CJC — By now most of you must have noticed the new bus line serving the CJC campus. After months of anxious expectation, the county finally got it together, and the major towns of Tuolumne are linked by this unique service.

Much of the credit for the success of the project must go to Stewart Choate, the county official who has developed the system despite opposition and heavy criticism from many sides.

The Minny, a blue minibus (there are currently two in operation) comes to CJC five times a day, at 9:25 and 10:55 a.m. and at 12:25, 1:55, and 3:25 p.m. A special commuter route passes by the entrance to the campus at Sawmill Flat Rd. three times a day at 7:30 a.m. and at 5:30 and 6:35 p.m.

During the day, the bus makes connections for Columbia, Sonora, Jamestown, Twain Harte and Tuolumne City, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Anyone may ride, and fares range from 25 cents for service

inside Sonora, to 40 cents from CJC to Columbia and Sonora, up to \$1.40 which will take you from Columbia to Twain Harte.

For the time being, the bus will be stopping in two places at the campus, at the regular bus stop and, much more conveniently, by the Learning Resources center.

These routes are all subject to change, due to the experimental nature of the system which is a pilot project financed by federal grants. The drivers are paid through CETA, the special federal employment program which provides more than \$1 million for jobs in Tuolumne county.

The experimental aspect of the system makes the county, for once, in the vanguard of rural areas throughout the nation. Information gathered from this

experience will be instrumental in setting up similar projects elsewhere.

Program directors promise expansion of service to Groveland in late February when a third bus will be available. The new bus will be equipped for handicapped persons in wheelchairs.

The system has generally been reliable. One of the few complaints among riders has been that buses sometimes run a minute or two before the time indicated on the schedule and do not wait for stragglers, so persons who intend to ride, should check their watches and give themselves plenty of time.

Bus schedules may be obtained from the drivers, at various places throughout the county (county offices, postoffices, libraries) and in the college admissions office. Those interested in finding out more about the commuter runs may call 532-5010 for further information.

Fall grades earn honors

Academic honors for the fall, 1976 quarter, were earned by 277 Columbia Junior college students.

Named to the president's list for grade point averages between 3.75 and perfect 4.0 were 86 students. The other 191 had averages ranging from 3.0 to 3.74 and were named to the dean's list.

Four students receiving honors were enrolled in only evening classes. Among them were Arthur Barbara and Ronald Greg, two inmates at the Sierra Conservation center who completed classes offered at the center by the college.

The other evening students were John R. Kelly of Groveland and James D. Macias of Mi-Wuk

Village.

To be eligible for the academic honors a student must complete 12 units. Most of the 277 students completed more than 12 units and several topped 20.

The highest total number of units was completed by Robert C. Pettit who had a 3.48 average for 27 units. Not far behind were Marjorie A. Graham with a 3.20 grade point average (GPA) for 25 units and Marcia A. Lee with a 3.38 GPA and Michael L. Harrison with a 3.60 GPA, both for 24 units.

Others with 20 or more were David J. Boyd, 3.50 GPA for 22 units; Thomas E. Brill, 3.53 GPA for 21 units; and Eugene D. Baxter, 3.11 for 20 units.

Columbia J.C.'s effect on Tuolumne county

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In case you don't already know it, the students of this school have a very bad name in this county. We're referred to as any number of adjectives, most of which are not printable in this kind of publication.

Students come here from all over the world, or at least for the most part, from all over the state. They come here with ideas of changing themselves or just getting away from the place where they have lived for a good part of their lives. Some come with money, and some come without. There are all kinds of people at all different ages. The school is obliged to accept all and any of them without question. This is a junior college and you don't even need a high school diploma. If you do not have one you can acquire one here with relative ease.

I think community members are unaware of the effect this school has on life in this county, especially the way it effects their pocket book!

This is written without specific knowledge of the facts that are to be found. I must admit I am armed with an arsenal of general information concerning the amount of money that comes into the hands of the people who are living here and receiving money as a result of the school's existence.

The results of my investigation will be in three parts and will appear in the next three issues of this newspaper. If there is any information I have overlooked in the course of this investigation, it is welcomed and will be printed, if it proves relevant, whether it be for or against the existence of this institution...



The Minny makes one of its five daily stops at CJC.

Charlie leads ski classes

by Andy Farrell

Charlie Penwill, Columbia Junior college's new ski coach, was born and raised in England. He attended the university there majoring in physical education.

Seven years ago he came to the United States. He earned a bachelor's degree at Washington State at Pullman and a master's degree in physical education and recreation at the University of Illinois.

Charlie moved to Vail, Colo. where he started working as a bus boy. He skied from 8 a.m. until the lifts closed and bussed until 1 a.m.

Later he became the Vail summer recreation director, ski instructor and a member of the ski patrol.

From the time of his youth he wanted to live in a famous ski area. Now his dreams had come true.

Living and working in the premier American ski resort Charlie met many different interesting people including Henry Kissinger, President Ford and

Forest service jobs for summer

The student who wants to spend the summer working in the mountains should act now.

Applications will be taken by the U.S. Forest Service until Feb. 15 for the summer of 1977.

To assist students and provide additional information a representative from the forest service will be on campus tomorrow (Jan. 20).

Tony Montana, personnel officer with the Stanislaus National forest will give a seminar to explain current hiring procedures, including a thorough explanation of the new forest service application forms.

The seminar will be held in room 300 at 1 p.m.

Billy Kidd. He helped rescue victims involved in the serious gondola accident. He also was involved in rugby and soccer in the Rockies.

Charlie believes that having the best can get boring. He felt he needed a change. He heard about a job opening for a ski coach at CJC, sent his resume and was accepted.

He looks at his job here as more than just a change; he feels it's a challenge. He is teaching: soccer, tennis, skiing, jogging and conditioning and is the coach of the varsity Alpine and cross country ski teams. He is willing to talk to anyone about anything about any sport. His office is in 610B.

Calaveras taxes to increase

Calaveras county will soon have a representative on the CJC Community Services Advisory committee—whether it likes it or not.

It seems the county's residents, who currently attend classes both on campus and in Angels Camp, are receiving the benefits of the junior college without having to pay for them, and they'd like to keep it that way.

Unfortunately for the would-be tax evaders, it's not likely to continue. By a state mandate last year, part of Calaveras county was annexed to the Yosemite Junior College district and the district is prepared to take the recalcitrant taxpayers to court to levy the district tax.

"That's representation without taxation," Dr. Grant Bare of Modesto commented wryly. He might have added, you can't have your cake and eat it too. Sorry, fellas.

Program to identify disabled

The Tuolumne Rural Indian Health project recently began a Native American Developmental Disabilities program funded by a grant from the State Department of Health.

The new program will attempt to identify all Native Americans who are developmentally disabled within Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne and Mariposa counties. The developmental disabilities to be identified will include autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, mental retardation and neurologically handicapping conditions.

The program will also provide family counseling and community education in nutritional, genetic, environmental and preventative aspects as they relate to developmental disabilities. Other services offered include needs assessment, advocacy education, proper referral, follow-up and limited transportation.

The total grant awarded the program was \$38,550, which included the hiring of a program coordinator and two community workers. These staff persons, with the help of the family, will identify unmet needs and make plans to meet them. There will also be educational components of counseling to help the home, school, and community work together for the benefit of Native Americans of all ages who are, or are at risk of becoming developmentally disabled.

Family violence is psychologist's topic

Frustrations and disappointments in family life that lead to violence will be discussed by one of the world's foremost child psychologists on Tuesday, Jan. 25 at Columbia Junior college.

Dr. Bruno Bettelheim, professor of psychology and psychiatry at the University of Chicago, will give the 8 p.m. talk in the college Forum. The program is sponsored by the college Community Services office. Admission is free, and members of the community are invited to attend.

The program will be a return engagement for Dr. Bettelheim who addressed several hundred local residents at Sonora High school in the fall of 1973 on the topic "How to Raise a Mentally Healthy Child."

In his talk Dr. Bettelheim will

point out the connections between family disorganization and the tendency toward violent solutions to the normal difficulties in living.

Changes during the last few generations in the structure and the purpose the family serves plus the ensuing disappointments of parents in their children and of children in their parents and the consequences will be stressed by Dr. Bettelheim.

"It is the frustration of what have become unreasonable expectations of what the family can accomplish for each of its members which have led to family break ups and the consequent disappointments in ourselves and each other," Dr. Bettelheim says.

Born in Vienna, Austria, Dr. Bettelheim received his doctorate degree in psychology and philos-

ophy from the University of Vienna. He came to the United States in 1939.

He is director of the Orthogenic school, the University of Chicago's residential treatment center for severely emotionally disturbed children. He is best known for his work with autistic children.

This year he is serving as a visiting professor of psychiatry at Stanford university.

Summer Spain program offered

Each year during the summer, a program is offered to students to travel and study in Spain.

Last summer 126 students from 35 states departed from Kennedy Airport and flew to Barcelona.

The group was lodged in Universidad Laboral de Tarragona, on the Mediterranean coast where they lived and attended classes. The university had its own private beach, tennis and basketball courts.

Courses ranged from elementary Spanish to literature and culture.

Sixty students made a four-day tour to London. Once or twice a week a group trip was scheduled to visit such historical places as Tarragona, Monserrat, the interesting city of Barcelona and Valencia. Some students visited the Island of Mallorca.

Students found they also had more than enough time to do, see, and learn whatever they chose.

As part of the program, a trip was taken to Madrid, and such famous cities as Toledo, Avila, Segovia and the historical Valle de los Caidos. In Madrid the students visited the Museo del Prado, Palacio Real, Fabrica de Tapices and Plaza Mayor.

To complete the excitement of this program, a surprise bonus was given to the students, a free day in Paris, courtesy of Air France.

Plans are already in progress for the 13th Summer Program in Spain, 1977. Persons interested may write to Dr. A. Doreste, Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. 61201 as soon as possible. Space is limited.

Campus environmental group reactivates

Burdened from the beginning with its seven syllable name, facing such adversaries as the Army Corps of Engineers, big corporate contractors, the public utilities district of San Francisco, student apathy, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. (M.C.A.), and "so many other good things to do than THIS," CJC's own eco-group, Environmental Outreach, made its appearance last year and — Jumping John Muir — it accomplished quite a bit!

Members began by attending the public hearings on the Tuolumne Wild River study. This led to speakers being brought on campus to talk about the Tuolumne river.

Meanwhile, back at the Stanislaus, letters to the Governor were sent from all over the state by the thousands, asking him to stop construction of the New Melones dam. Letter writing tables were set up in front of the cafeteria and we contributed our share of letters. One member of Environmental Outreach also gave a lecture and slide talk on rivers at the Sonora Soroptimist's club.

When a bill to save the Stanislaus was introduced in the State Senate last January, people were needed to come to the Capitol and show their support for the bill by talking to the senators. Columbia was represented by no less than 15 people, who learned more about the workings of government in that one day than most students do in a year.

Back on campus, a bulletin board was set up in the cafeteria to keep students informed on environmental issues. (It's still there, check it out.) Bake sales were held to raise money, and students met each week to share ideas and information.

One of the ideas was a voter registration drive. A member of the group, Janet White, talked the county clerk into holding an extra class for voter registrars so students could become registrars. Tables were set up in the rotunda and between 200 and 300 students were registered to vote.

Last quarter Environmental Outreach consisted of a bulletin board and an inactive bank account of \$25. This quarter promises to be a different story.

In January a man who is a declared enemy of the Army Corps of Engineers will be inaugurated as President of the United States. And if a group of students visited the state capitol this January, they would find a beautiful picture-prose tribute to the Stanislaus and Tuolumne rivers mounted on the walls of the Governor's office. The times look hopeful.

Anyone who wants to join Environmental Outreach as it comes out of its dormant period is welcome to come to the first meeting on Monday, January 24 in room 622 at noon.

Scholarship applications available

Scholarships for amounts ranging from \$50 to \$400 for study in many fields are available to Columbia Junior college students.

Students are encouraged to complete applications to be considered for the various awards. Applications and further information about requirements are available in the Student Services area or from Barbara Painter, college counselor.

Among the scholarships to be awarded soon are two for students who will enter Stanislaus State college in the fall, the International Food Services scholarship for hospitality management majors and Bank of America awards for outstanding students in the areas of business, science/engineering, social science/humanities and technical/vocational.

Many other scholarships offered by local organizations and other colleges also are available. Mrs. Painter urges all students who earned good grades during fall quarter to make application.



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SPORTS

Superteams collide

by Nick Faklis

More than a month after it had begun, the Superteams competition went into the final two events with two teams still in contention for the top honors.

The team of Bill Wilson and Jim Hastings had a shot at the whole banana, but first they had to get by the tenacious combination of Kim Walker and Curt Taylor in the horseshoe match. Walker and Taylor were the other team in contention. For them, it was all on the line at the horseshoe pitch, and they came through in the clutch.

Hastings complained bitterly about playing conditions during the match, claiming the game should have been postponed on account of fog, but to no avail. His partner had little luck when he complained about the quality

of officiating. As his hopes for victory faded, Wilson kept on protesting on almost every call.

That left Clint Neher and Mitch Helstab with a chance to play the spoilers by downing the Wilson-Hastings duo in darts. Before the game was over, they knew they had two tigers by the tail, and when the dust settled around the dart board, Wilson and Hastings had managed to preserve a piece of the overall title.

The question remains whether there should be a play-off to determine the undisputed champs. This may not come about, however, because each team has its specialty event. The resolution could be a best two out of three rematch in darts, basketball and horseshoes.

The final winners in each event were:

VOLLEYBALL — Leltecka-Conception

DARTS — Wilson-Hastings

HORSESHOES — Walker-Taylor

TENNIS — Eirich-Crawford

BASKETBALL — Johnson-Wolfe

PING PONG — Faklis-Brill

First Win

FLASH — The Claim Jumpers chalked up their first season win Friday night against Victor Valley College, 84-80.

After leading by two points at half time, the Claim Jumpers traded the lead with the Victor Valley team and with 16 seconds to go, a Wheeland-to-Johnson-to-Wolfe basket assured the victory.

Wheeland led scorers with 24 points.

"We played an exceptional game overall," Coach Pete Sullivan said.

Skiers lose out

Although they haven't even had their opener, the ski team has already lost twice. Their opponent? Mother Nature, of course, who has just refused to co-operate with sufficient snow.

Coach Charlie Penwill has high hopes of getting past this crucial obstacle next weekend.

Claim Jumpers start slowly

by Brett Smithers

It always seems harder when you're losing, and our fledgling basketball team has been having a rather rough go of it lately.

The players should be able to take pride in the fact that their opponents have not overawed them, even though they've faced some of the better teams around. Once they get a taste of victory, it's sure to become a habit.

The Claim Jumpers certainly have the personnel, with Greg Johnson having a fine year at guard and Jim Purdy carrying the scoring load at center. Individually, the team is a match for most of the opposition they've faced so far. It's only been in the area of team play under pressure where they could stand some improvement.

The Claim Jumpers could use a few more fans, too, so come on down to the Sonora High School Gymnasium tonight (Jan. 19); at 7 sharp and take a look at the best basketball to be seen in the Mother Lode. Merced college has promised to send a squad down to further test the mettle of Coach Pete Sullivan's five in league play.

The players:

GREG JOHNSON: 18, 5-11, 160 pounds; 1976 graduate of Mt. Miguel High School in San Diego. He played four years of high school ball and was a member of the CIF runner-up team in 1975. He was named all-league and MVP in 1976 and to the all-tournament team in the Coronada tournament.

VERLE PARKER: 20, 6-3, 182 pounds, 1975 graduate of Mt. Miguel High school in San Diego. He played four years of high school ball and was named all-tournament in the Tracy and Kiwanis tournaments.

GERALD WILKES: 18, 6-0, 165 pounds, 1976 graduate of Santa Ynez High school in Ventura county. He played four years of high school ball.

CLINT NEHER: 18, 5-10, 165 pounds; 1976 graduate of Summerville High. As a senior he was MVP and named first team all-league and all-tourney at Riverbank.

RICK WOLFE: 19, 6-5, 190 pounds; 1975 graduate of Mt. Miguel High school in San Diego. Played two years of high school ball and was a member of Grossmont league championship team in 1975.

JOHNNY "BUZZY" WHEELAND: 19, 6-0; 185 pounds; 1975 graduate of Patterson High school. He played four years of high school basketball as a guard and was named MVP during his senior year and all-league in the Trans-Valley league.

JOHN JAMES SALVAREZZA: 18, 6-4, 180 pounds; 1976 graduate of Sonora High school. He did not play high school basketball but was a member of the tennis team and played in summer baseball leagues.

T.J. TUNLEY: 20, 6-3, 195 pounds; 1975 graduate of Nasalle High school in Washington. He played two years of high school basketball, was team captain and named to all league and district teams and was honorable mention on the state team.

JOE TUMMILLO: 21, 5-9, 170 pounds; graduate of Campbell High school. He played two years of high school ball and also participated on the soccer team where he was named all-league.

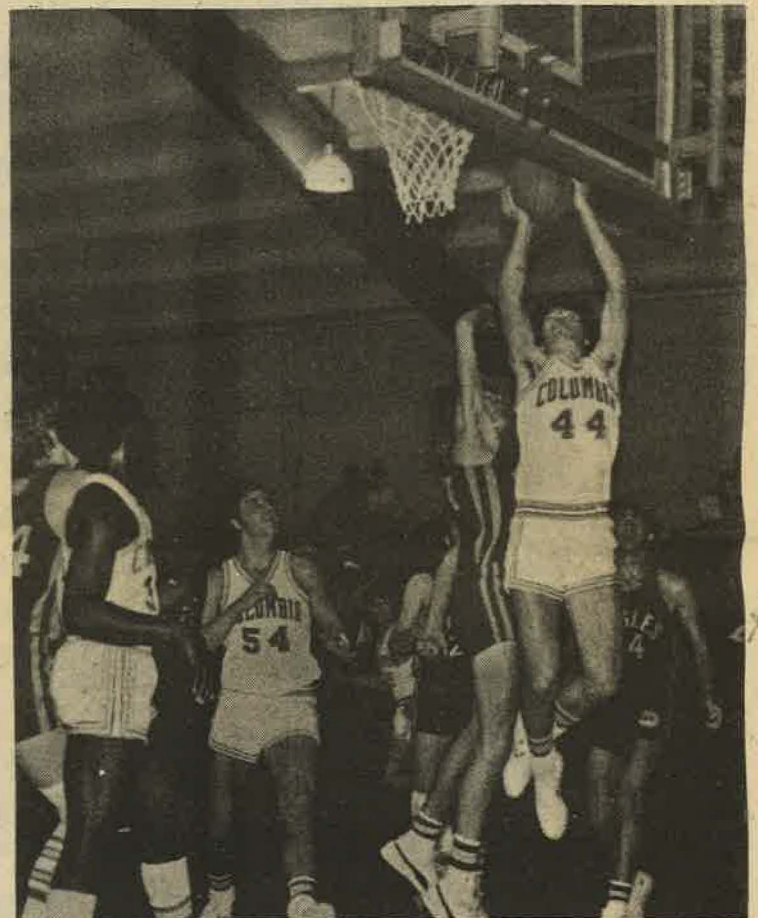
STEVE LEMON: 18, 6-2, 180 pounds; 1976 graduate of Sonora

High school. Lemon played on the first place team in the Oakdale Turney in 1976 and earned the Sonora High school scholastic athletic award.

JIM PURDY: 19, 6-5, 190 pounds, 1975 graduate of Summerville High school. He played three years of high school ball and three years of summer ball.

JEFFREY "GEORGE" SMITHERS: 20, 5-7, 150 pounds, 1974 graduate of Mitty High school in San Jose. He has not played organized basketball but was a member of a league championship baseball team.

MITCH HELDSTAB: 18, 5-8, 160 pounds, 1976 graduate of Summerville High school. He was MVP at the Riverbank tournament, MVP and first team all-league.



The Claim Jumpers, shown here in their first home game, opened the league season Friday night at Antelope Valley and will face Merced tonight at 7 at Sonora High school. The players are (from left) Verle Parker, Jim Purdy (54) and Steve Lemon (44).

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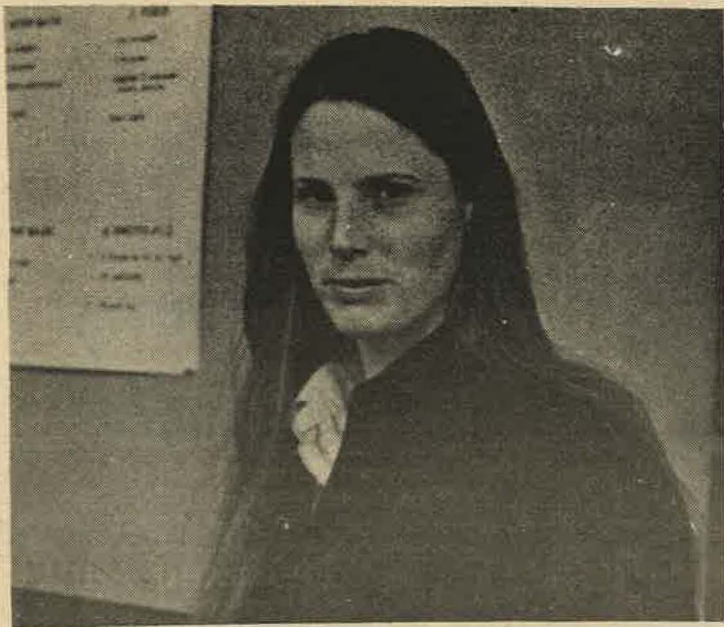
After Loves Fashion

When, in my heart, youth's
love was full budding, love new,
as if an explosion;
but I was a young lover blind,
and time took it's toll,
left the glow lost and bitter.
Now too long it takes leaves,
to turn green from brown,
and the lovers I've known,
wander all over town.
We'll meet in the street,
but we turn the love out.
Dust has settled now,
on this page in perfection,
like something stared at too long;
two hearts in loves passion.
These are sweet memories.
They are after loves fashion.

by jaak wassmuth

Spring storm front over Columbia, Calif., in the afternoon. Photo by;

Preston Birdwell
May 1976



Photographer shows humble settings

To take an ordinary thing, such as a plowed field, and try to find beauty in it, is the aim of Lynn Mueller, whose photographic works are on display this month at Columbia Junior college.

Thirty-three black and white prints and seven color gum bichromate prints will remain on display in the Rotunda through Jan. 28. The Rotunda is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Miss Mueller said growing up in the Salinas area "gave me a real closeness for the soil and California" and a deep appreciation for nature. In her photographs she tries to focus on the more humble aspects of the surrounding, a tree everyone walks by everyday, and to capture a subject as it is transformed by light.

"I cannot stop myself from taking pictures of trees," Miss Mueller said.

She said the impetus for her work comes from the folk album "Spirit." She said she feels with her photographs she can document her family and life, but going beyond the casual snapshot.

The seven color specimens are full color photographs made from black and white negatives

using an early 1900 process called gum bichromate which was popular before Kodak developed its color process.

After developing the film and enlarging the negative, Miss Mueller said she makes up to eight or nine separate color emulsions with gum arabic and water color pigments. Although the process is time consuming, requiring up to two weeks, Miss Mueller said the results are very beautiful, producing the built-up effect of a painting.

Miss Mueller makes her exposures in sunlight using a contact process rather than in the darkroom. This can also add to the time required for the process because she cannot print on foggy or overcast days.

She received a bachelor's degree in anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley. She worked at the San Francisco Art Institute and earned a bachelor of fine arts in photography. She began teaching an introductory photography class for Columbia college last fall.

Miss Mueller has shown her work in group shows in Oregon, Washington, Louisiana and California including the Friends of Photography show in Carmel and locally at the F-Stop.

Music Awards Given

Auditions for the winter quarter music scholarships were held last Friday, and all those students who are interested in musical performance were there ready to show what they could do.

These scholarships, which are for \$50, are not a financial aid, but are available to assist students in private study of instruments or voice. Those who receive the scholarships must enroll in applied music here at CJC.

There were around 15 students who applied and auditioned before a selection committee, who found all performances to be done quite well.

Money for the scholarships comes from proceeds of concerts and other musical activities at the college.

A student must apply at least

a week before registration of each quarter, and can obtain an application form from the Dean of Student Services, at P.O. Box 1849, Columbia Junior College, Columbia 95310.

The application asks for the background of the student's reasons for applying and abilities and states requirements for recipients.

The winners of the music scholarships are Bob Pettit, Scott Riley, Glenn Sellers and Richard Doughty. The alternate in case of a default is Dan Powell.

Job placement

Students looking for either part or full-time employment can obtain help by registering with the College Placement Service.



Saxophone quartet

Saxophone literature and techniques were demonstrated last Friday at a concert given by saxophonist William Trimble, from San Jose State University.

The concert was supposed to be given by the university's saxophone quartet, but some of the musicians couldn't make it so the concert-clinic was given by Trimble and a new and fantastic saxophonist, Dale Wolford.

The music that was performed was accompanied by Carl Worth, on piano who wrote all of the selections.

The techniques demonstrated for the saxophone, included exercises for improving toning, correct breathing and other things for developing a good tone on the instrument.

Horror films scheduled

Two classic horror films will be the next offerings in the Columbia college winter film series.

"Frankenstein" is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 25 and "Dracula" for Feb. 1. The films are shown each Tuesday at 7 p.m. in room 300. Admission is free.

Both of the thrillers were made in 1931. Critics say Karl-off's performance as the mad scientist's monster with the brain of a criminal is a perfect balance between horror and pathos.

The movie is based on the Mary Shelley novel and also features Mae Clark, Colin Clive and John Boles.

Bela Lugosi stars as "Dracula," the vampire who moved from his castle in the Carpathian mountains to terrorize the civilized world. The film is the original gothic horror classic based on the novel by Bram Stoker and the play by John Balderston and Hamilton Deane.

Other films to be shown in the series sponsored by the college Community Services office are "Wait until Dark" on Feb. 8, "Creature from the Black Lagoon" on Feb. 15, "Secret Ceremony" on Feb. 22, "Reefer Madness" on March 1, "Yellow Submarine" on March 8 and "Elvira Madigan" on March 15.

Record Review Off the tracks

It seems live albums have gained a whole new popularity these days. Recently, the most successful have been "Frampton Comes Alive" and "You Can't Argue With a Sick Mind" by Joe Walsh.

From Led Zeppelin comes a motion picture of their 1973 world-wide tour entitled "The Song Remains the Same." The soundtrack of the same name is featured on a double album, and it is over 100 minutes of the finest music to come out of my Teac in quite a while.

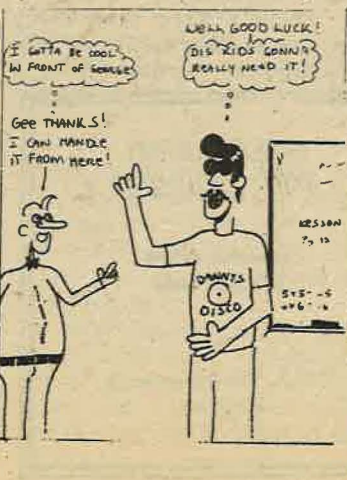
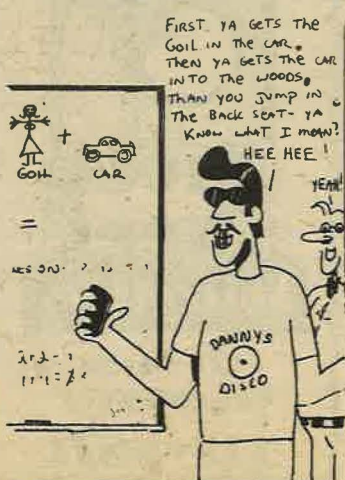
Zeppelin performs such faves as "The Rain Song," "No Quarter," "Whole Lotta Love," and of course "Stairway to Heaven." The audiences have been filtered down well and do not sound overly obnoxious, the problem with many live LP's.

The big question is why it took three years for the movie and the soundtrack to be released. However, in this age of disco decadence, "The Song Remains the Same" is a welcome throw-back to the high times of the early 70's.

People's press

If you were renting a house on March 1, 1976, the state of California will refund \$37 on your income tax return. Renters Credit (as it is called) provides this \$37 even if you didn't make any income in the past year. If you

want to cash in on this credit, go to the nearest post office, ask for form 540, and follow the instructions for Renters Credit on page 2, mail and wait for your return. The state says it takes six weeks for a return, but \$37 could always bring an unexpected pleasure to any mailbox.



WELL, MAYBE NEXT TIME? — LATER.

Sincerely Madeline

Dear Madeline,

My girlfriend is a taurus and I'm a capricorn. Do we have a chance?

Starry Eyed

Dear Starry Eyed,

Look to the mule and the beefalo for your answer.

Dear Madeline,

I wrote to Ann Landers about my problem and she said to "keep all four feet on the floor and all hands on deck". Well it's a very slippery deck and I'm not having much luck staying on it.

I'm not even sure if I want to stay on it. What do you think I should do?

High Seas

Dear High Seas,

The deck accomodates feet, try over the rail for your heart.

Dear Madeline,

I think I might be gay. Is there any sure way of telling? Worried

Dear Worried,

Look in the mirror and see if you are smiling.

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by NR

Keeping hitchhikers content should be stressed by every driver. We'd have lots more traffic problems (I'm talking about worse than it is now) if hitchhikers took to buying cars.

Keep that in mind the next time you see a lonely hitchhiker in the rain wearing a tee shirt and swearing dreadfully. Please Stop Quick. He/She might be deciding whether or not to buy his/her very own car. Shhh, not so loudly...or you'll find another car to deal with on Washington St. Yes, this is true.

I myself own my thumb. I've had the pink slip as long as I can remember. No worrying about me buying a car, I'm a confirmed old hitch hiker and likely to remain so. After all...I've learned so much, and it is my social life.

I've found places to rent, been taken to new places, met some very, very interesting people and got to spend some time on a 47-foot yacht in P.Town, Mass., all from Adventure/Seeking.

That's what hitch hiking should really be called. Really, how many spring days did you get re-routed on your way to school by someone going to the river? If you are a beginning hitch hiker, you now have something to look forward to come April.

Now, I'm not trying to convince the public about hitching. The story works both ways. Us hitchers don't want streams of folks cluttering up the curbs of the good hitching spots...like by Value Giant, Safeway, Sonora Mountaineering or for that matter by Jiffy Gas, but just the same, thumbs up.

Dear Madeline,

Everytime we get a new car or T.V. the Smiths next door follow suit. They are very hard to stay ahead of. Can you suggest something one-of-a-kind they couldn't get?

John and Joan Jones

Dear J&J Jones,

One of you got murdered. To top that both of the Smiths will get murdered and then that's that.

Dear Madeline,

I have a terrible case of acne which is ruining my life. Although I have other excellent assets that I can't mention here, I can't get any girls to go out with. As soon as a girl sees my face, I feel the noose tighten.

Hung

Dear Hung,

Forget girls and try women. They have a better appreciation of hidden assets.

Dear Madeline,

I can't talk about this to anyone else, so I'm writing you. Please don't print my name 'cause it would be very embarrassing. Am I some sort of freak? How will I get through the coming years without losing friends and position? I just can't stand Jimmy Carter. There, I said it and I feel a little better already.

G.F.

Dear G.F.,

You might survive the next four years, like some of us survived the last four years.



At 40

Here we go again

by Marlene Lloyd

No more sleeping in 'til noon. That 8:00 a.m. class waits for no one.

Consider the insanity of a person who is happy in her life. No divorce for her, a happy marriage sustains her. Several successful careers behind her leave the need to prove herself satisfied. She is not willing to enjoy growing fat and old in the confines of a comfortable home.

This crazy gives up the good life looked forward to since early school days. Leaves a life with no time schedules, no demands, complete freedom to choose what she will or will not do, to voluntarily place herself back under the restrictions of the school life.

The first time went to school it was because everyone else was, it was expected of me and it was the only thing to do. I enjoyed school while I was there but looked forward to a life after school.

The next time I went to school it was strictly for fun. Afternoon and evening classes

provided interesting pastimes and social outlets. Then suddenly, or perhaps gradually, I was caught up in the school syndrome again.

This time I'm not doing what anyone else is doing. I am expected not to go to school at my age. The thing I am supposed to do is be a happy wife, mom and grandma. It isn't even for fun, getting up for 8 a.m. classes, studying for finals and giving up time with the family.

I don't have this idiocy analyzed and don't know if I want it analyzed. Perhaps it is a

curiosity to understand more of life or maybe it is the possibility of helping enrich my life and through that the lives of others.

Whatever the reasons this is a self-inflicted form of pain-pleasure. I'm glad to be back and I'm glad to see all you crazies here with me again this quarter.

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EDITORIALS

JOIN OR DIE

The "Mundane Times"?

Dear Editor:

I read with considerable interest your recent editorial by Steven Konnoff under the heading of "The Mundane Times." In the interest of fair play and accurate information, I must take exception.

Aside from the several grammatical errors in the article, Mr. Konnoff seems to be guilty of errors of information. He accuses the Mountain Times of "censorship" and "dictatorship;" he claims that the content is "watered down pap;" he accuses the advisor of being more "worried about her job than...Freedom and Truth;" he maintains that "every idea and innovation" he has tried has been thwarted.

What Mr. Konnoff ignores is a good deal of reality. No censor would tolerate the above mentioned editorial that he authored in the December 1st issue. If by "watered down pap" he is referring to an editorial attacking local law enforcement, a cartoon attacking the college administration, an editorial and cartoon attacking Congressman McFall, an attack on a proposed nuclear power plant, an attack on the I.R.S., and a defense of the still illegal drug marijuana, he has a very strange idea of the make-up of pap. Whether these attacks and defenses are warranted is not the question — that they appeared on the same editorial page as his condemnation would indicate that not only is "pap" an unfair label, but that censorship is hardly a standard operating rule.

Mr. Konnoff's remaining charges must be viewed in light of the operating philosophy of the college with respect to the Mountain Times. As he correctly observes, one of the functions of our Journalism program is to "learn the working aspects of

Move over Jerry, here comes Jimmy

In reviewing the last eight years of the Republican line-up of Nixon, Agnew and Ford, I can only see the frustration of national stagnation as the only gleaming product. It seems that much of those years was spent with pitting philosophies against philosophies, (black-white, war-love, young-old, industry-nature) and not necessarily spent trying to maintain the accumulated endowments of the nation.

Now Jimmy Carter has come, planting peanuts and wearing levis and work shirts, to sooth the hearts of the disbelievers of the executive branch of the government.

Bravo, I say, but wait a minute...Before I can become a believer in the executive again, I need to see just where Jimmy is coming from. In my prejudiced way I can see him getting to the soft side of the populace after a time of Presidential covert actions and upheaval.

"Believe in me, I'm simple and honest," is much easier said than meant. But then again, in my hopeful way I can see him as a person dedicated to the humanistic ideals that would help to move the nation in positive directions. Like I said before, "Where are you coming from?" What are the motives and their related emotions that would move a man to be President? And more importantly, why you?

In the next four years we will witness how quickly Jimmy's levis fade and maybe his campaign promises as well. And maybe again we'll find ourselves at the butt end of a national joke. But always remember, Jimmy, that you can cloth some of the people in levis some of the time and you can feed peanuts to some of the people some of the time, but you can't cloth and feed all the people all of the time.

Watch your step, Jimmy, 'cause we'll be watching it, too.

producing a newspaper." One of those aspects is to be cognizant of the fact that newspapers are operated by publishers and that editors are hired by publishers to carry out the editorial policies of publishers. When the publisher and the editor disagree on matters of policy, there is no question as to who prevails: it is the publisher every time.

The college journalism instructor functions as the publisher and as such has the final word regarding newspaper policy. Her decisions supersede those of any of the editors of the Mountain Times just as the publisher of the New York Times may override any editor on his staff.

Should Mr. Konnoff feel that he has a legitimate grievance that he can document, the college has provided a forum for a fair hearing: the Publications Board. As of this date Mr. Konnoff has not seen fit to avail himself of this avenue of recourse.

In my opinion the Mountain Times leans over backwards to provide a forum for the expression of student ideas and attitudes. To the degree that it falls short in this capacity, correction is warranted. However, Mr. Konnoff does not present an argument that is either substantiated by fact or logic.

Sincerely,
Walter L. Leineke, Chairman
Liberal Arts & Sciences
Columbia College



Our readers say:

— It was really good. —

— It was disgusting. You better hope no one in Sonora reads it. —

— You probably have established a record for printing the most filthy worded article ever printed in a college newspaper, probably an apology is due to the women of Sonora. —

— The paper overall was good. The poem "Sonora Lady" was pure trash. An apology is owed to the women on this campus. —

— The residents of Tuolumne county call Columbia "Hippy Tech." The last issue of the Mountain Times only helped establish that name a bit more... —

— There are some excellent articles in it—then there is one that destroys the entire paper. —

— Paper overall was best this year—"Sonora Lady" was obscene scum—insult to fine ladies on this campus and in community... —

— It was a fine paper. —

I felt it was a really great issue. Hope to see more like it in the future. Your coverage on rape was great.

Great issue. Need more "real language" in it.

Issue was much improved except for the emphasis on marijuana and the poem "Sonora Lady." Towns folk already have bad views of the college and we are all know they are close-minded enough to equate the newspaper with any and all students... Let's clean up the student's paper.

Good paper except for the above issue—Yea for Freedom of the Press.

More reaction

An Apology

An apology is due from the MOUNTAIN TIMES staff. The December 14th issue of the TIMES included several irresponsible items, the worst being that piece of obscenity entitled "Sonora Lady". For that we apologize to our fellow students (especially those who are looking for jobs or a place to live), and especially to the women on this campus and in the community.

The fact is, that the vast majority of the staff absolutely refused to print "Sonora Lady" when it was submitted for an earlier issue. However, one member of the staff cried "censorship" and snuck the trash into the layout just before it went to the printer. The same student was responsible for another item which appeared on the same page, which could've (and may still) result in a libel suit against the paper and the school. If this occurs, the MOUNTAIN TIMES could very well be shut down indefinitely.

So, once again, the MOUNTAIN TIMES extends its apologies and an assurance that something like this won't take place again.

From the Editor of the (uncensored) Mountain Times

by David Hughes

Students to the left of them
Administration to the right
Through the valley of censorship
Wrote the half-dozen

I have never been in such a controversy (read: hot water) as the December 1, 1976, issue of the Mountain Times produced.

It all centered around the comic insert, "The Mellow Times." I felt this skool needed some comic relief--and we truly don't get any from the administration and the "Weekly Bull."

So we produced a farce--the four page Mellow Times, containing satire, comix, mellow sports, poems--and a protest--my protest--the poem "Sonora Lady," buried on the last page of the farce.

Jan Wyatt, the advisor to the Mountain Times, said the poem WOULD NOT be printed when it was offered by a student in September. The voice of God?

A story that I, the editor, wrote about a Republican dinner in Twain Harte was changed, altered and rewritten WITHOUT my knowledge OR permission. It was sterilized, made devoid of emotional impact--in other words, castrated.

It was strange when the beloved president of dis place, Dusty Rhodes, said he believes in Freedom Of The Press. If he believes, then why doesn't the advisor?

And so I protested. I gave marijuana, a subject this paper pretends doesn't exist, some decent coverage. I warned of a new undercover police car, a new neighbor (the nuclear power plant near Knights Ferry), of unemployment in this county of unopportunity.

There were two pages of Womens news-- not Aronos club and wedding news but rape, wife beating and womens crisis center news. And I made sure the censored poem "Sonora Lady" was published.

The administration reacted quickly (even I react when bit by a gadfly). Our freedom-loving president clamped some sort of censorship board on the Mountain Times. Copies of the issue quickly disappeared from campus.

So, gentle readers, what will happen next? I don't know. I have acquired a job to support my habit of food and etc., which conflicts with producing a newspaper. Therefore, I'm not here. For those who say they like my writing--don't despair. I plan to continue writing. But will you be able to read it as I wrote it?

"The poem 'Sonora Lady', while not the most literate, was at least an expression of adulthood--something I hope all CJC students will someday achieve." Thank you, unknown person.

Watch the paper and complain if it doesn't go the way you like. Be sure it doesn't turn into the "Mundane Times." And get a copy of the Dec. 1 issue--it is a collector's item--it is the Uncensored Mountain Times.

Photo story tabu

First of all, let me say that I look forward to the bi-monthly appearance of the Mountain Times. The articles are informative; the humor, refreshing; and the political cartoons, biting.

I understand that it is a great deal of work to produce a paper on a regular basis; however, responsibility is also involved in a paper which carries the school's name on the masthead. It is concerning this responsibility that moved me to write this letter.

I was surprised to find, on the last page of the "Mellow Times," (12-1 issue), a series of photographs of a person rolling a joint. Fine, if it was in a privately run newspaper — no problem. However, it is not a private newspaper. This paper is sponsored by CJC and as such, the material contained therein reflects on the college.

Therefore, I become very concerned when you flaunt your set of values before Tuolumne county, a county not particularly known for liberalism. Those people who partake of the weed obviously do not need photos to show them the procedure, and those who do not will not be converted by it.

In closing I can only say that I believe that this photographic essay accomplished nothing good, and was in poor taste, considering the standing of this college in the community. I ask not to misrepresent the people going to the college, but merely to

keep in mind the shades of official sanction it may have by appearing in the official school newspaper. Farce or no farce, what we have at this college is too good to have the community down on our backs because the staff of the "Mellow Times" was a little too mellow one day.

Sincerely,
Roy Tennent
Sonora

Outreach

After one quarter of dormancy, CJC's Environmental group will reappear this quarter. The first meeting will be Monday, Jan. 24, at noon in room 622. All interested folks are invited to come by and see what happens.



Front Cover — Sierra Glen Ranch, on Big Hill Rd. after winter storm. Photo by, Steve Michelson

Calendar

- Jan. 19 — Basketball with Merced at Sonora, 7 p.m.
 Jan. 22 — Basketball at Cuesta.
 Jan. 25 — Film: "Frankenstein," 7 p.m. in room 300, free.

Speaker: Bruno Bettelheim, "Violence in Human Affairs," 8 p.m. in the Forum, free.

- Jan. 26 — Basketball with Porterville at Summerville, 7 p.m.

- Jan. 29 — Basketball with West Hills at Summerville, 7 p.m.

- Jan. 30 — Northern California Inter-collegiate Invitational ski meet at Donner Ski Ranch.

- Jan. 31 to Feb. 16 — Dorner Schueler watercolor exhibit in the Rotunda.

- Feb. 1 — Film: "Dracula," 7 p.m. in room 300, free.

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Classified ads

FOUND: One small person's necklace (glass and ceramic beads) in the cafeteria on Jan. 3. Please identify and claim in Lost and Found located in the admissions office.

FOUND: Money found in Sonora Plaza Shopping center parking lot on Jan. 5. If you can claim it call 532-2667 and ask for Michael.

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LIFE STYLES---A new school club is now forming. We are interested in all persons who have new ideas and information concerning activities such as natural foods, wholistic healing classes, food co-oping, re-cycling centers, solar energy, spiritual consciousness raising, etc. Please call 532-2667 now!

Person = Car?

by Allan Masri

Is that really what it's come down to? So the editor of the Daily Union Democrat would have us believe. By his constant, insidious harangues against the new rural bus system he tacitly implies that if a person does not have a car, he has no right to live in the country.

He is armed with a survey which proves, to his satisfaction at least, that no one in Tuolumne county is without a means of transportation. This may come as quite a shock to some of you, I know it does to me, as I had never considered my existence contingent on the possession of a vehicle in running condition.

Even if such a statement were true, and everyone really does have a car, what a great burden it is for the poor people of Tuolumne county to keep those jalopies running! Even the august editor of the DUD must have seen some of the vehicles counted in his survey, spewing forth soot in the faces of pedestrians as they clank and roar their way down the main street of town.

But I wonder if it has occurred to him that the owners of those machines might have better things to do with their cash than throw it after a flivver, things like eating, improving their homes, clothing themselves and their children.

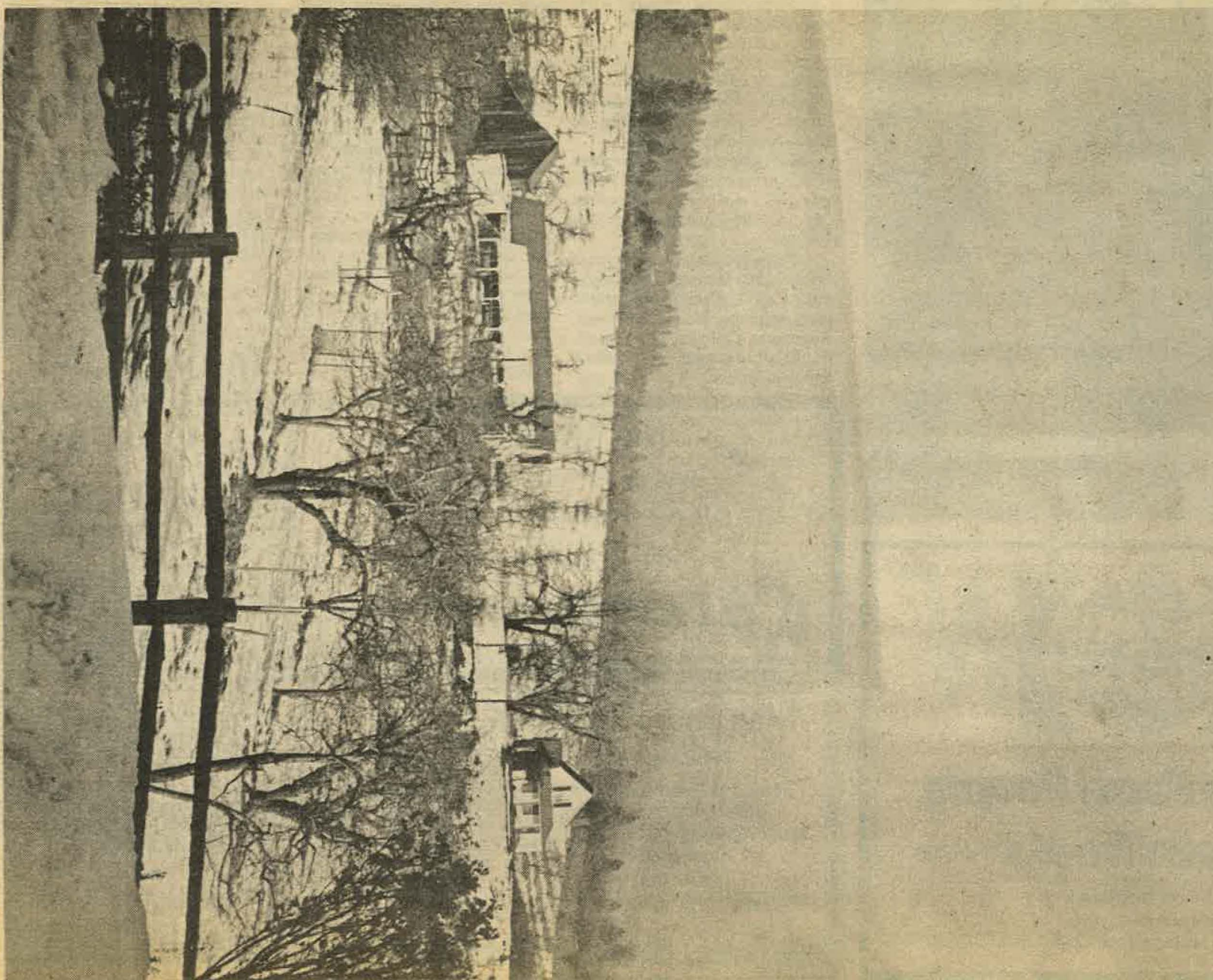
The Minny (what a name! It sounds like a mouse or a skirt) is a safe, economical form of transportation. Far from being a drain on the taxpayer's wallets, widespread use of public transportation would actually save money for the county, as it would mean less spent on highway repairs and extension, street-widening and the like.

It should be a blessing to downtown merchants, who have been steadily losing customers to huge, automobile-oriented shopping plazas. It would also inhibit further razing of picturesque buildings to make way for parking lots — a development which is turning Sonora into something like the back lot at Warner Brothers, a facade with nothing behind it, a pit with no core.

These are the real issues, not, as the DUD would have us believe, whether Stewart Choate can run a bus-line (Look! He's doing it!), not whether federal funds are paying for the project (What would the employment picture be without those federal funds and the hundreds of jobs they provide?), not whether the poor, elderly, and disabled are soft (Really, can he believe that?) because they accept welfare, (Maybe he isn't the one crying for state and federal funds so he can build a bypass for Highway 108) but whether the state has an obligation to provide the same services for all citizens regardless of income or social standing.

But about that name! Couldn't we call it something else?

My wife and I are partial to "The Blue Flash," but I wouldn't want to be autocratic about it. Call it whatever you like, but do ride the new bus line. It's a trip.



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