



## Forestry employers to visit

Seasonal and full-time employment opportunities offered by the U.S. Forest Service and the California Division of Forestry

will be outlined for students on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Tony Montana of the forest service and Ray Stewart of the division of forestry will provide information about employment programs at 2 p.m. in room 300.

The meeting has been arranged by Jack Heinsius, campus work experience coordinator.

Heinsius said revised hiring procedures and an increasingly large number of applicants have made a knowledge of the job possibilities and application procedures essential for anyone seeking summer employment in state or federal forestry jobs.



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## Statewide academic drop, CJC high

by M.L. Harrison

In recent years, there has been a genuine concern statewide that the academic standards have not been keeping up the demands of higher education. There has been discussion concerning the method of grading in four year institutions and possible mandatory competency tests in high schools.

To keep CJC adjusted to the new demands, it has a "watch dog" committee to help establish consistency campus-wide among the faculty. This Academic Standards committee has been the scene of many heated discussions dealing with grading policy, attendance requirements, make-up testing, class drops and class loads. Although the committee met several times last year, little real policy changes have been made.

To help understand how the student feels about the academic standards at CJC, student and committee Kay Thornley conducted a campus survey to measure the students progress. Although the survey was conducted at the end of the quarter last spring, its' full significance is still being weighed.

The areas covered by the survey were the educational experience, reasons for attending, how grades should be awarded, self instruction, standard testing, counseling and advisement and the level of difficulty of classes. As stated before, the full significance of the survey

is still being weighed, but the first indications would show that students feel they are receiving as much here as elsewhere (it should be noted that 53 percent of those surveyed have attended college elsewhere). It also shows that students feel attendance and class drops should be totally up to the student meaning that attendance should not contribute to grading and that drops should occur anytime prior to the final. As far as make-up test, 63 percent felt that make-up should be permissible but the make-up test should be different. Forty-four percent felt that the grading should follow the standard method of total per-

centage as compared to 34 percent which felt that grading should be done on a curve. A remarkable 72 percent surveyed were in favor of self-instruction programs, while 79 percent felt that there should be some type of competency testing. Also 53 percent felt that the counseling they received was dissatisfactory or that they had received no counseling at all. And finally 72 percent were in favor of classes being offered on a credit/no credit basis.

In light of the in depth survey conducted by Thornley and the academic standard committee, the administration finds that the

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## One in writing is Worth two in the mouth

by David Ward

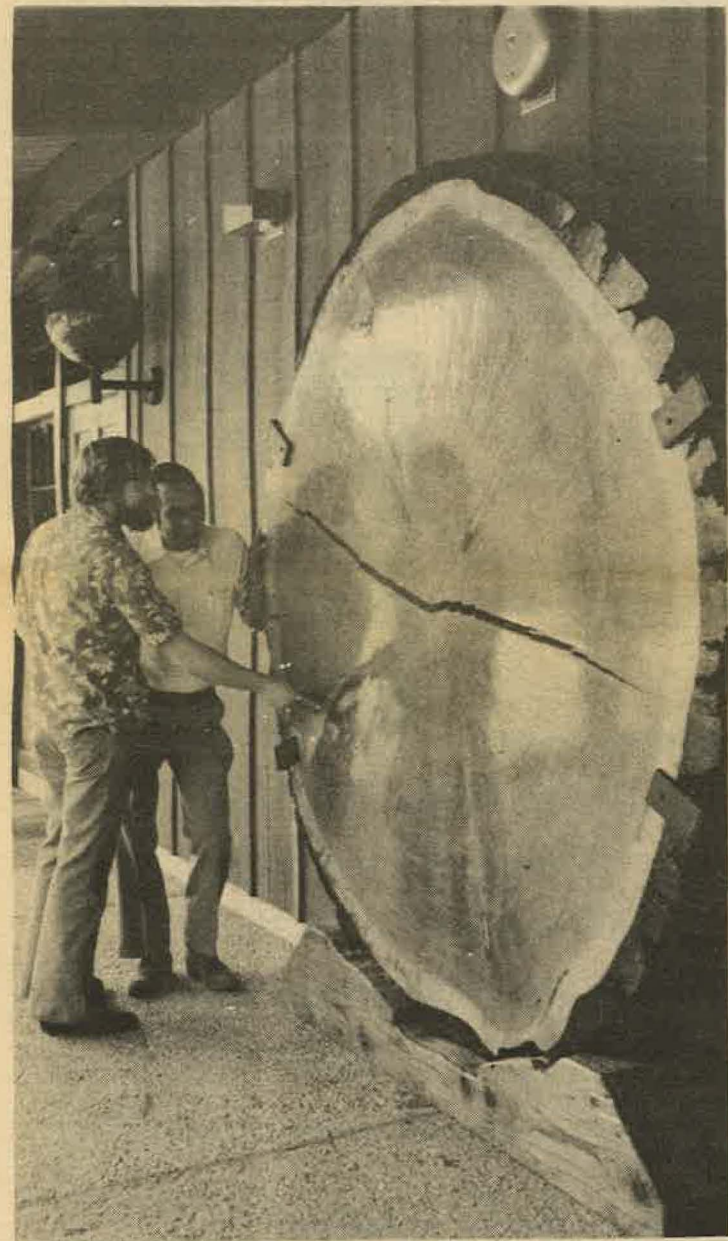
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Forestry Instructors Ross Carkeet (left) and Irv Cobb examine the slice of Big Red on display at the Forestry building on campus. The slab is a section of a sugar pine tree felled last winter at Pinecrest. It measures about 80 inches in diameter and was about 40 feet up from the base of the tree.

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## Holiday genocide: billions to die

by Rick Patch

While you are eating, drinking and being merry (some merrier than others), millions — no, make that billions — will die. On both intellectual and philosophical scales, they are regarded as being one of the lowest forms of life; for that crime, their existence is disallowed.

The life forms I am referring to are human brain cells; don't laugh, this is not a humorous article, but rather an attempt (alas, a vain one) to provide some

factual insight on this serious problem.

For further enlightenment on this matter, I actually interviewed a real living brain cell. Not surprisingly, I learned some interesting facts.

His name is Lomosian, and he lives with the rest of his large family (179,000 brothers and sisters) in the southwest corner of the cranium where the gray matter begins to turn deep purple. I ask Lomosian how old he is and what his outlook on sur-

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John Senser (center) describes Miwok Indian culture to local elementary school students in the roundhouse on the Columbia Junior College campus. Many school groups tour the Miwok cultural area on campus which includes a replica of a ceremonial roundhouse, cultural displays and nature trail.

Photo by David Ward



# "Equus" "Three Cuckolds" to Conclude Fall drama production

by Lenore Ralston

The drama and music departments have really out done themselves this quarter with many upcoming plays and concerts to prove it.

One of these plays "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder" which was very finely done has already been performed. The next one on the list is "Equus", which is the Latin word for horse.

The play starts out centered around a young boy who supposedly had blinded five horses with a hoof pick and at the present is in an English psychiatric hospital where he is undergoing analysis to find out why such an act could be performed.

As the play progresses, it becomes centered around the psychiatrist, Martin Dysart, who sees what the boy has gone through in his life and comes to realize why the act was committed. Because of the results of the analysis, Dysart begins a self-analysis and, seeing the boy in himself, begins to realize and understand things of his past that he had never known before.

Dysart narates the play directly to the audience, which causes the audience to go back through the analysis to the reenactment of the blinding, the original act had already taken place when the play started.

David Purdy, director of the play stated that the play is the most difficult that the drama department has ever done. Some reasons for this are that the set is an almost barren stage that suggests an English stable, and all of the actors are to be on it at the same time throughout the entire play.

The play is scheduled to be performed Dec. 7 to the 10, at 8 p.m. in the forum, room 600. Admission is free.

The production here at Columbia will be performed as a Renaissance clown show, in period costumes with the traditional half mask, and will try to stay faithful to the style of Italian comedy.

Bob Francesconi is the director, with Ned Kennedy, Lee Bravakos and John Stevens as the old men; Elizabeth Hall, Rachel Mueller and Katherine Watson as their wives; Richard Vincent as a man who is "clever enough to be cuckolded without even having a wife."

The play will be performed Dec. 14-17, at 8 p.m. in the

forum. Admission is free.

Cliff Williams plays the part of the psychiatrist, Martin Dysart; Van Gordon, the boy; Jack Heinsius, his father; Vera Yeran, his mother; Eileen Balian, an attorney; Kristen Fulton, a young girl; Steven Kaczak, a stable owner; Cliff Young, a horseman; and Charlie Williams, Ken Klavon, Kirk Lewis, Cliff Young and Paul Scheuble, horses.

Scene design is by David Purdy; costume design by Diana Newington; light design by Pat Gurney; sound by Dave Joens and props by Gurney and Gaylon Burns.

## December Voices

The Sierra Singers and the Mountaineers are coming together to bring CJC a choral concert, titled December Voices.

The concert will begin at 2 p.m. in the Rotunda, on Dec. 11. Admission is free.

Music to be performed will include jazz, tunes from Broadway musicals and carols from different countries such as France, Spain, England and Ger-

many for the Mountaineers, and carols and folk songs for the Sierra Singers.

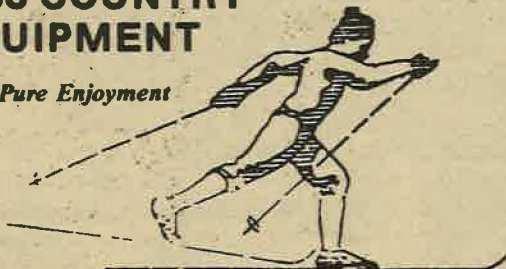
Some of the Mountaineers selections will include; "Send in the Clowns" from *A Little Night Music*, and "Maple Leaf Rag" done by Harry Critchfield on piano. Also, solo songs will be done by Bob Pettit-tenor, Myrna Councilman-soprano and Kary Aytes-tenor and playing the mandolin.



Handel's "Messiah" and other holiday music will be presented by the Columbia Junior College community orchestra and chorus this weekend at the Columbia Church of the 49'ers. Soloists are (from left) Trevor Pendray, tenor; Madeline Maechler, soprano; Milton Baker, bass; Jeanne Link, alto; and (front) Martha Calderaro, soprano. Another soprano, Ruth Yates, is not pictured.

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## Local composers sought

Music composed by residents of the Columbia Junior College community will be performed in three winter concerts at the college.

Barry Hunt, college music instructor, is seeking scores by local residents in any performance medium to be considered for the concerts. He will accept works until Jan. 1, 1978.

Hunt hopes to have material suitable for three Sunday afternoon concerts in February, March and April to be presented by the various college musical performance groups.

Persons interested in having their works performed are urged to submit them. Questions may be directed to Hunt (532-3141, ext. 227). Works may be delivered to Hunt at the college or mailed to P.O. Box 1849, Columbia, Ca. 95310.

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There should be two copies, one for the landlord and one for your own files. The use of contracts is standard among business people and among friends when they are in a business relationship. The purpose of such writings is to remind people of what they once agreed to do. If the landlord balks at putting things in writing, be very careful in all dealings with him.

Once the tenant moves in, it often takes a landlord a long time to get around to doing promised work and if there is nothing in writing, sometimes the work never gets done.

It is particularly important to get in writing any promise to reduce rent in exchange for material or your own labor. Every year thousands of tenants and landlords get into bitter disputes about this sort of agreement.

It is not uncommon for the landlord's memory to get a little short after the work has been done. If the landlord won't paint, clean or make repairs, be sure to list the faults as particularly and completely as you can and get him to sign and date the list. Otherwise he may later claim that you caused the damage.



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# Columbia opens basketball season

The Columbia Junior College Claim Jumpers opened their second intercollegiate season last Friday with a promising showing against Sierra College despite being on the short end of a 94-71 score.

After a 26-46 deficit at half time the Claim Jumpers held their own and tried to come back in the second half. They closed the gap to 15 points with 13 minutes to go and again with six minutes remaining.

High scorer for Columbia was Mark Wudel with 14 points, followed by Greg Bowlby with 12 and Mike Wilson with 11.

All three are new to the team this year. Wudel played high school ball at Tokay in Lodi. At 6-2 he is the third tallest member of the team behind Randy Dunn, 6-4, and Wilson, 6-3, who played for Oakdale High School.

Bowlby is a Sonora High School product. Dunn and Mike Green played for Ceres High School last year. Both scored 8 points against Sierra.

Rounding out the scoring for Columbia were Johnny Wheeland, 6; Chris Sterling, 5; Mitch Heldstab, 4; John Sweeney, 2; and Bob Walker, 1.

Clint Neher and Pat Sangiacomo also played but were held scoreless.

Wheeland, Heldstab and Neher are the only returning team members from last year's inaugural varsity season which ended with a 3-24 record for the Columbians.

The Claim Jumpers hosted Solano College for another "home" game last night at Bret Harte High School in Angels Camp and are competing in the West Valley Tournament in Saratoga which began today and continues through the weekend.

After games on the road with Chabot and Yuba Colleges next

week, the team will compete in the Sequoia Holiday Tournament at Visalia from Dec. 15 through 17.

A game at Reedley on Dec. 20 and a home game at Sonora High on Dec. 21 with American River College complete the schedule before the Christmas break.

The start of the Central California Conference action will be with Porterville at Sonora High on Jan. 7. All home games begin at 7 p.m.

## Trot draws flock

Helping to start the holiday season off with good cheer, the Intramural department staged the first annual Turkey Trot November 22nd.

Five teams, each with four members, competed in the four mile relay. At the awards ceremony, which was celebrated with home-made pumpkin pie, the winning team of Dave Boyd, Dan Ward, Michael Farby and Charles Penwill were presented with a 10 pound turkey from Karen Kessel and the Intramural department. Paul Peterson, the fastest individual runner was presented with a T shirt and Tammy Mabe the slowest individual runner was presented with a frozen turkey TV dinner.

The other teams which competed were, Michael Crevelt, Phil McKay, Eric Callibrasi and Jamie Christenson second place, Laurel Grindy, Paul Peterson, Amanda McDonald and Terry Hoff third place, Mark Bowe, Chris Walker, Joyce Mousseau and Joe Stafford fourth place and Tammy Mabe, Mike Olson, Nancy Kearney and Diane Hodges fifth place.

In all a good time was had by all and there is already talk of possible rematches.



Columbia Junior College opened its second intercollegiate basketball season Friday with a game against Sierra College at the Sonora High school gym. Team members are (back, from left) John Sweeney, Greg Bowlby, Pat Sangiacomo, Mark Wudel, Mike Wilson, Chris Sterling, Randy Dunn and Coach Pete Sullivan; (front) Merv Cancio, manager, Mike Green, Clint Neher, Bob Walker, Johnny Wheeland and Mitch Heldstab. ---Ron Roach photo

## Volleyball team finishes in 4th place

The CJC women's volleyball team finished its second intercollegiate season last week with a win over Taft and a loss to Cuesta College.

The Claim Jumpers had a Central California Conference record of four wins and eight

losses, good for fourth place.

The record was a big improvement from last year when the team did not win a match.

In the Taft match the Columbians won with scores of 15-9, 15-11, 8-15 and 15-8.

Against Cuesta scores were

3-15, 6-15 and 5-15.

Cuesta, Porterville and Merced finished in a three-way tie for first place.

Coach Kerrie Shreve said it had been a good season that saw great improvement in the team play.

## Diner's club supports CJC athletic teams

Diner's Club coupon books to support CJC athletic teams are on sale in the Manzanita Bookstore for \$10.

The money derived from the sale of these coupon books is used to defray expenses for the athletic teams when traveling away from home for games or meets.

The coupons allow the holder one free dinner with the purchase of the first dinner at each of the participating restaurants.

Included in the current campaign are Black Bart Inn, Bonavia's Yosemite Inn, City Hotel in Columbia, Long Barn Lodge, Mi-Wuk Golf and Country Club, National Hotel in Jamestown, Puerto Vallarta, Skandia, Station 108, Strawberry Inn and Twain Harte Lodge.

skis, boots and poles if needed. Same as Alpine skiing, a fee of \$37.50 will be charge for Nordic skiing which will cover transportation, instruction, skis, boots, poles and waxes. It should be noted that the full amount will be charged regardless whether or not the student owns his/her equipment.

For further information regarding either ski class, one should see Charlie Penwill for the full details.

So come on you hot doggers and ski bunnies, help break the drought: Think Snow.

## Ski classes prevail despite drought

As in the past, the CJC physical education department will again be offering both Alpine and Nordic skiing for credit this winter quarter.

Both events will be all day classes with Nordic on Tuesday and Alpine on Thursday. To register for either class, the student must have been enrolled in fall ski conditioning or else receive consent from instructor Charlie Penwill.

A fee of \$40 will be charged for Alpine skiing which will cover transportation, lift tickets, 1 hour of professional instruction and

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# SILK

by Sandra Kaplin

We didn't notice the spiders when we first moved in to our new home. I was so impressed with the wall-to-wall carpets and the wood panelling and the stall shower that I didn't notice several little faults; minor flaws.

We were thankful for the spiders that first summer. Boy, those spiders were the best mosquito catchers! None of us was ever bothered by mosquitoes in the house.

I didn't even mind when I found a huge daddy-longlegs in my shower. It was little enough of a sacrifice — taking a shower with a spider crawling around — not to get those itchy, irritating mosquito bites all summer.

It was easy enough to brush down the cobwebs in odd corners of the room. I got a long hose vacuum cleaner attachment so that I could get rid of the spider along with his web. In fact, I was impressed when I saw a few little spiders, new spiders entering the scene. "They must be doing some good," I thought, "keeping insects at bay; otherwise, how could they reproduce so well?"

I wasn't overly-annoyed when I started finding cobwebs attached to the furniture or inside the window ledges. Shoot, they never got in our way. They weren't in the least obtrusive, like some insects are. They didn't crawl out at you when you picked up a cloth off the floor, or scurry away if you reached deep into a closet. No, spiders were pretty considerate of humans — they kept their distance.

After some time, I realized that I was vacuuming corners and moving furniture more often. I didn't like the Halloween atmosphere — brushing cobwebs aside every time I wanted to open my windows. Taking a shower with five spiders was getting a little disconcerting. Move away from one and you practically bump into another who is trying to avoid the deadly water drops.

I thought that there are fewer insects around when autumn turns to winter.

If never quite hit me just how much territory the spider web actually covered until we came back from a week out of town. I like a clean house to come home to, so I scrubbed and swept right before I started packing. Then we left. But when I walked in my

front door, I was amazed. There were net curtains over my windows. There were gauze canopies in our bedrooms. The furniture looked like it was stuck to the walls with grey cotton candy.

"I must do something about those spiders," I gasped. I promptly got out my feather duster and vacuum cleaner. I made a mental note of the day I cleaned, an easy day to remember since we'd just come home from a vacation.

Two days later I was forced to clean the house completely. I was having my in-laws over for the first time and I wanted them to approve of my spotless new home. I even took the broom outdoors, because our outside walls were turning grey beneath the dusty cobweb covering.

The only comment my mother-in-law made when she got a grand tour of the place: "Don't you ever clean up the spider webs?"

I was hesitant to leave, but I got an urgent call from my best friend who was recuperating from an illness and needed some help. I was gone three days.

I should have taken drastic action the minute I came up the drive — I had to sputter and blow the cobwebs out of my face as I entered our front door. They were clinging, sticky, dusty masses. There was nowhere to wipe off my hands. I hesitated to open my linen closet to get a towel. My suspicions were confirmed when I reached inside the cupboard and felt only a clutching, stringy mess.

I was lucky I got back when I did.

When I awoke in the morning, I was awestruck by the strange lighting. It looked like a thick pea-soup fog outside. I tried to slide open my door, but it was stuck fast.

I turned on the radio but all I could get was static. I tried to imagine what was happening to us.

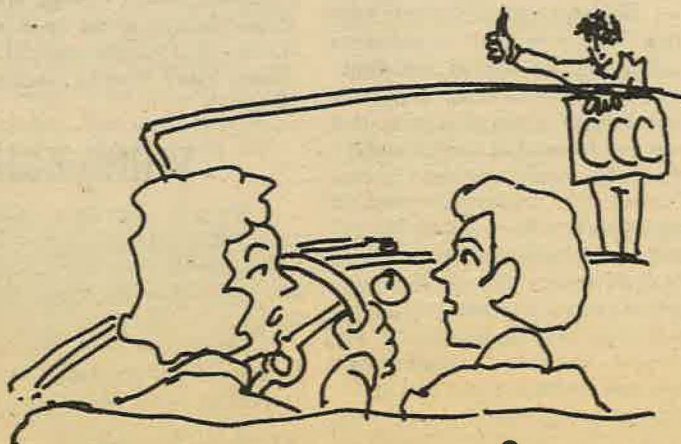
I'd watched lace flies caught in the webs in our windows, back when it all started. The more they struggled and tried to escape, the more the web turned from lacy silk threads into a thick, all-enshrouding blanket.

It seemed our house was a gigantic insect, and we were caught fast in a web. It would be useless to struggle. And against what? Against whom? Giant spiders? What would they want with us? Extra-terrestrial beings?

I sighed and went back to bed. There was nothing to do about it. Nothing, but wait, keep busy, and see what would evolve.



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WHERE'S THAT?

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The world has turned white  
But inside, warm  
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Slow, so slow  
We caressed and made love  
No passion  
Just easy and so mellow

Laughter  
Kept us awake all night.  
Once more  
We held each other tight

Shivering  
With pleasure, not fear  
Nothing matters  
Except to have you near.

Next time  
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Four channels of cosmic interaction  
Swirl constantly through my mind  
That is what nurtures my conscience  
And I guess, that is what  
Makes me so blind.

Michael Harami

## My Answer

"What is there in the heart of a rose?"  
the poet asked.  
I suppose a thought profound  
could be found,  
in lyrical words to be expressed.  
But honestly,  
most ruefully,  
I must confess,  
that what I see  
deep in the heart of a rose  
is a buzzing,  
busy, bumbling  
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# The WHAT!?!? music awards The WHAT!?!? music awards

by Michael Harami

Excuse my tardiness on this subject matter, but I didn't really think about putting my gripes in print, until I realized no one else intended to, either.

Anyway, when I heard there was an awards show called simply "The Rock Music Awards", I nearly flipped. The title of the show indicated to me that recognition was finally going to be given to the many dedicated and talented musicians that have thus far been completely ignored by any other televised music awards show, namely the Grammys which are strictly soft pop oriented.

But, by the time the "Rock Music Awards" were half over, I realized that they were nothing but a carbon copy of the Grammys, save the perpetual appearance by Helen Reddy

Then again, when you have Olivia Newton-John, Dolly Parton, Natalie Cole and Thelma Houston, among others, who needs Helen Reddy to send the teeny-bopping freaks into frenzies? These ladies can hardly be placed under the category of rock music. Also, the majority of the nominees for each award were from an obviously narrow field.

For example, the nominees for "Best Group" were Fleetwood Mac, Bob Seeger's Silver Bullet Band, the Eagles and Led Zeppelin. With the possible exception of Zeppelin, all of these bands fall into the Top 40/constantly-releasing-singles line-up. Mac won it, as they did three other top awards ("Best Producers" for Rumours, "Best Album" for Rumours and "Rock Personalities of the Year", whatever that meant.)

I ask: Aren't other things considered other than hit singles and AM airplay? For example, the actual significance of the music itself and how it is presented on tour. Emerson, Lake & Palmer hit the road with an excellent 70-piece orchestra and luxurious sound system to present their innovative music for pure artistic reasons. They didn't plan on making any money; in fact, they lost a lot of it — over \$2 million, but it was a musical triumph.

Or what about Yes and Pink Floyd? Not only were their albums million sellers, but their concerts were true stage shows and were completely sold out. Neither of these three groups were even mentioned.

For "Best Composer", there was a little better balance. Bruce Springsteen was, surprisingly nominated; and even more surprising, he actually won. Still, why the Eagles were nominated and not Jackson Browne (from whom the Eagles stole their style in the first place), is a mystery to me.

Another interesting aspect was the awards for the "Best New..." artists. One of the nominees for "Best New Female Vocalist" was Mary Kay Place. You know Mary Kay, the sweet and goofy Loretta on "Mary Hartman Mary Hartman". But I ask, what's a country singer doing on the "Rock Music Awards"?

New...

In the category for "Best New Male Vocalist" were the names of Peter Gabriel and Burton Cummings. Talented vocalists yes, but NEW!? Gabriel was the lead singer for Genesis ever since that group was formed years ago, and Cummings was one of the founding members of the original Guess Who way back in the sixties.

To top it off, the Little River Band was nominated for "Best New Group". Funny, this ensemble has been together for at least a half-dozen years. Oh well, screw it, the judges know what they're doing.

Still staring at the entire list of nominees and winners, I could go on pointing out the flaws, but back to my main contention — the fact that nearly or over half of the people mentioned on the "Rock Music Awards" couldn't even be placed in the category of rock music. Not ambiguously, many notable rock musicians were completely ignored, despite their accomplishments this year.

Why? Because they are not among the Top 40 garbage makers and social jet-setters whose main concern is to pull in as many bucks as possible (i.e. singles).

How can the show be improved next year? Well, unfortunately, we can't replace the current judges (who I'm told are AM disc-jockeys, which explains just about everything) with some-

one who knows something about music, but maybe we can talk them into establishing a new category. It will be called: "The Rock Artists Who are Very Talented, but Don't Release Enough Singles or Put Out Enough Posters and Jewelry to Win any of the Other Awards."

You see, friends, I guess these are the important things in making music.

## Film festival for disabled

A film festival for people with developmental disabilities will be presented by the Tuolumne Association for the Retarded.

The films will be shown in the Sonora Library on December 5th beginning at 11:30 a.m. and continue until 8:15 p.m. Eight films will be shown and admission is free.

The same showing will be offered in the Water District Board meeting room in San Andreas on December 7th.

For further information, please contact Mark McCormack, P.O. Box 1118, San Andreas, Calif. 95249.

## Women: sea sponges once a month

by N. Spice

Hey Ladies! I have been freed from costly tampons forever!

After reading threatful stories about the chemicals, wood fibers, plastics, and even known cancer-producing materials (asbestos, naming one!) that are said to be in tampons today, I finally bought my own silk sponge. Believe me, it's comfortable, natural, recyclable and cheap!

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## OUTLOOK

It's got to be a hoax, but I just received a letter from a group claiming to be the Cin Que Memorial Food Conspiracy. I might as well publish the whole thing:

"Greeting, revisionist journalists and running dog lackeys of the Bourgeois Imperialists!

We have regrouped our forces and gone underground in the hills. For four years now, we have been hiding out in a cave in Crystal Springs, living by our wits, while we armed ourselves for the forthcoming revolution (you should be hearing about it any day now, it's going to break out like a coed's face on the day of the prom). We have been feeding ourselves on the slop spilled from the trough by the Capitalist Pig. Every day, we go down to the rear of Save Mart and clean out their waste bins. But we're getting sick of it! Do you hear: sick of it! So we have tried something new.

We have kidnapped one of your deans, who says his name is Becker. We will keep him forever (ugh!) unless you submit to our demands. They are: That you immediately release our comrades Howard Cosell and Barbara Walters from their contracts with ABC; that you leave \$200,000 in Eisenhower silver dollars (none of those copper sandwich jobs, either, sneaky petes of the decadent ruling classes!) under the north rock at the Twin Rocks Shopping Center (we need the money to get our cave re-carpeted and a valve job on our communal Monte Carlo) by next Saturday night; and finally, that you distribute six sirloin steaks and a BLT sandwich (hold the bacon) to the needy members of our cadre at a time and place to be later decided upon by us.

If you refuse to comply with any of these demands, or if you turn this letter over to the FBI (Fat, Bald & Ignorant) — whichever duplicitous, treacherous and vile act comes first, we will flush Becker down our Swedish dry toilet."

Yours truly,

The Cin Que Memorial Food Conspiracy

Although I've tried to get in touch with Becker and failed (his secretary says he isn't talking to students any more), I still think the whole thing is a hoax. After all, if they were serious, they would have abducted someone we would want back. Either way, Sweet Marie and I agree that it's perfectly safe to ignore this letter...

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK** came, I'm ashamed to admit it, from the pen of Harvey C. McGee, ace journalist of and honorary native of Old Tuolumne, who coined the phrase "hick is chic" in one of his front page editorials. Only thing, he spells it "hic is chick". Keep it up and maybe they'll make you an honorary high school dropout, too, Harv... Close runner-up, gleaned from the National Airwaves (wireless): "This is the only country in the world where a one hundred pound person can get into a 3000 pound vehicle to drive three blocks to pick up a pack of cigarettes. It isn't fair, why can't the other countries have a chance to be stupid and ridiculous?"

**THINGS WHICH ARE HAPPENING:** The drama department has some things planned for this next month. They are the "Holiday Buffet", an improvisation performance; a Circus and Clown performance and "Equus", a play about a psychotic youth who kills horses and his relationship with an equally psychotic shrink who doesn't. It comes complete with a couple of cuckoos with horsetails attached to their you-know-what-but we can't print the words, who pretend that they're horses. Also, a play called the "Three Cuckolds".

**THINGS WHICH ARE NOT HAPPENING:** A live appearance by any band you've ever heard of within a radius of fifty miles of the forum...The sound of a CJC student's voice on the local radio station, KVML/KROG FM, THE "sound of the Sierra's" (I hope not). A CJC student getting a job with the DUD...A student's landlord offering to lower the rent in exchange for a few basic improvements made by said student...The building of decent low-cost housing anywhere around here, anytime soon...The opening of the Uptown Theater.

**THINGS WHICH ARE HAPPENING, BUT WE WISH THEY WEREN'T:** The restoration of the Opera Hall as an auditorium, when what we really need around here is a theater..... The con-

struction of a Disneyland-type attraction in Tuolumne under the pretense that it will be historically accurate (which it won't and isn't), or that it will provide full-time employment for the local population (20 full-time positions are contemplated)

**THINGS WHICH AREN'T HAPPENING, BUT WE WISH THEY WOULD:** Some county official who doesn't bow to big bucks...Bicycle paths which are kept free of broken glass...Sonora Pass closed to automobile traffic, permanently...A modern ski resort with slopes that aren't permanently stomped into ice cubes...A public agency which doesn't want to build more dams in the mountains (or freeways, either)...Someone getting rich in this county in any way except by selling out to the weekend residents...Having all the homes lived in instead of having 40% of them vacant at any one time...A newspaper that doesn't share the philosophy of hcm, to wit: Them that gets it made gets to kick everyone else in the you-know-what-but-we-can't-print-it-here...An employer who doesn't say "Well, you know, this is the country, and we can't pay city wages--how about working for less than the minimum wage, and if you don't squeal on me, you won't have to kiss my you-know-what-but-decency-prevents-me-from-actually-uttering-the-loathsome-syllable?..."

**CLOSING NOTE:** Have a happy holiday in spite of it all...No one has yet furnished Sweet Marie with a picture of Rootie Kazootie, but some kind soul has sent us an autographed, 8x10 glossy of Buffalo Bob with "Cowabunga" inscribed on it in red, white and blue ink...



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## Which way student government?

Allan Masri

Recently this paper has criticized what passes for student government around here. Immediately a member thereof came down to what we jokingly refer to as our office and took us to task for daring to hold such outlandish opinions. Unfortunately, it is not only our right, it is our duty to hold opinions and to print them.

Our opinion of the present student government is this: That the president, the only elected official seems completely dedicated to doing the best job he possibly can, and is in fact doing a darn good one. He is also on the verge of physical collapse from overwork and the strains of office.

How any one person can be expected to represent the entire student body is a mystery to me. At the very least, there should be one person to represent the day students and another to represent the night students, for the two groups of people seldom even see each other, and have very little in common. They even have a different set of instructors.

There should be other REPRESENTATIVES elected, too. There should be one from every group which has something to gain from an organization as well as something to give.

There could be a representative from the music department, which wishes to have better attendance for its concerts; There should be a representative from the sports department, if they ever wish to have more than a handful of spectators at one of their events; there should be one from the newspaper, which wishes to put out a more interesting and relevant sheet, as well as to publicize different campus activities MORE EFFECTIVELY.

These are only suggestions, of course. The actual structure of a student government does not matter. The important thing is that we begin to work for the institution of one AT ONCE.

People have told us, when we mentioned this idea, that there is no interest in such a plan. They have pointed out the lack of interest in participation in the committees which students were invited to join last quarter. But we must point out that these were educational committees, whose business was the running of this school. The fact is that most of us could care less how this school is run, so long as someone else has to do the dirty work.

After all, we are not here because we are fascinated by state bureaucracy. We are here to learn, some of us, and the rest will learn whether they like it or not, because most of the learning is not done in the classrooms — that is where they try to force-feed knowledge into us, and it cannot be done.

Others of us are here because we are dissatisfied with our jobs, our mates, or our lives. It is essential for those of us in this situation to meet together, to exchange ideas and to HELP each other. I submit that we, the students, are better able to fulfill this function than the certified staff.

Then there are those of us who come here because there is no better place to be at the moment. We may not even be students, or be taking a course or two at the most. The school may be our only contact with the outside world, the only thing which draws us out of our homes, away from our comfortable neighborhoods or out of the easy chairs drawn up close to the television set.

All of this is mere guesswork, of course. But of this much we are certain: The average student here has ZERO in common with an instructor or an administrator who is pulling down twenty grand a year.

So, if we have anything at all to gain from being here, TOGETHER, as opposed to being here, each in our sealed bubble of plexiglass — alone and impotent, then we must organize. In order to do that, we need money. Money that can be pooled and used for the good of all.

Now, admittedly, it is difficult to part people from their bread: but, it can be done if it goes toward something to which every one of us would gladly contribute. Most of us, I'm sure, would like to have one dance with live music up here every quarter; but each one of us, with

## SOUND THE FIFE

### "Stuff and Nonsense"?

To the Editor:

Floyd Hopper, former Dean of Evening Classes and Community Services has challenged Columbia Jr. College administrators, through district president Tom Van Gronigen, to prove that lawful and due process was used in attempting to bring about his dismissal.

The firing of one adult employee of the college may not seem to be of much concern to busy full time college students. It

our two bucks, can't even buy one decent record, let alone a group to put on a show. However, if we all throw our bucks into the same kitty, we can have enough to cover expenses, and the affair might even turn a profit.

Now, I wouldn't blame you if you said, a dance? So what? Big deal! My high school class put on a dance every year. But that's just the beginning of the things which can be done with a little organization and a little bread.

One of the big problems around here — and one, incidentally which probably keeps down the total enrollment at the school — is housing. One thing a student organization could do is to construct and manage housing units — cooperative dormitories, if you will — in which students themselves determine rent, food and maintenance matters, and in which the students may work to pay off part or all of their rent.

Next quarter, these ideas will begin to be discussed in this paper. We would like to see the organization set up in the spring, with a constitution, officers, dues and the whole bit. To do this, we will need your help.

With this issue, we end this quarter's production of the Mountain Times. We hope every one of you has found something of interest in our work, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind attention.

To wish you a happy vacation would be superfluous, as we're sure you've already taken steps in that direction.

## Environmentality

### Mickey go home!

A high altitude Disneyland supposedly able to support 2.5 million skiers and tourists per year, or a historical, glacial carved alpine valley, preserved in a natural condition? This is the question being explored by Congressional hearings that began October 27. Testimony is being heard on Rep. John Krebs's bill (H.R. 1771) which would add the Mineral King Valley to Sequoia National Park.

The trouble in the Mineral King Valley began in the 1890's with the establishment of Sequoia National Park. Mineral King was excluded from the park because of mining claims which eventually proved worthless. The Forest Service was given control and since 1949, has been looking for someone to develop the valley. Because of limited access, no bids were received until 1969 when Disney submitted its \$35 million plan. A Sierra Club suit stopped any development until earlier this year when its suit was thrown out of court for lack of action. Disney has once again introduced its plan and the Forest Service has approved its own environmental impact statement and is ready to begin construction.

may seem to be far removed from their basic needs and interests. One respectfully suggests that it is not — that Floyd Hopper's dismissal is having an effect on the quality of instruction presented and, very importantly, is linked to some very important processes at the college.

If the Hopper case was handled in a totally above-board manner there will certainly be no objection to a total review of the

manner in which Dr. Rhodes and Mr. Bratten carried out the attempted dismissal. This case serves as an excellent opportunity to study the true nature of human relations at the college. If everything is clean, policy was followed, the Education Code obeyed and responsible humane

treatment accorded Mr. Hopper, then the administration has provided a good example for students to follow. If, as it appears, something stinks about his dismissal, then the student body is entitled to know about such "games" and their consequences.

Hopper vs. Trustees and Van Gronigen is now a matter of public record. While the first part of Hopper's petition to the Superior Court of Tuolumne County involves a lot of technical writing, the Causes for Action, starting on page 33, read quite clearly.

If it is true that the Trustees and Administration decided to dismiss Hopper and then, **having made up their minds about the matter**, decided to grant him a hearing to determine the facts, everyone at C.J.C. is in very deep trouble. Who will be the next person, student or employee, to be found guilty and then offered a hearing?

This practice is not uncommon! It is an all too common practice of public school administrators, elementary, secondary, county office and community college. Armed with "free" counsel — they use county counsels usually — and the "advantages" of a very long and cumbersome (very expensive for the former employee or student) procedures of Administrative Law (there is no jury involved), to remove people from schools that "don't fit" — don't play their game.

If some administrator decides, during a long lunch at a local restaurant, that **YOU** "don't fit," what chance will you have against the "machine"? Is "Dusty" Rhodes actually the Queen of Heart incarnate?

"No, No!" said the Queen. "Sentence first — verdict afterward."

"Stuff and nonsense!" said Alice loudly. "The idea of having the sentence first!" (Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll, pg. 132)

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The House bill has the backing of many Northern California representatives, as does the Senate bill, which was introduced by Sen. Alan Cranston.

If you are familiar with Mineral King and the Sequoia Park area, or are tired of over development in many of our fine camping, fishing and other recreational areas, write the above and below mentioned Representatives and Senators and help save Mineral King.

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Sam Taylor (center) of the Tuolumne County School Attendance Review Board, was a guest speaker in the fall Human Services class. Two students in the class, JoAnne Fortuna and Steve Konnoff, work with Taylor on cases involving students with attendance problems. CJC students in the class volunteer six hours a week to work with various public agencies. The Sociology class will be offered during winter quarter. Nan Hornberger is the instructor.

## Student opens unique business

A unique business has been opened in Tuolumne county by a CJC student.

Lori Selter is manager and co-owner of Mother and Child Reunion on Tuolumne Road. The shop sells nearly new clothing for mothers to be, infants and children. The items are all used and in "very good condition," Selter said.

Selter and her partner, Phil Sugauman did all of the preparation for the shop opening themselves, from printing their own fliers and business cards to building their own clothing racks.

The store is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday from 9-5 and Tuesday and Thursday from 1-5. Selter has a music class at the college on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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## Barber to present slides

Joel Barber, Columbia art instructor, will show slides of his year on sabbatical in Europe tomorrow, Dec. 1, at 1 p.m. in room 400.

Barber spent the 1976-77 school year in Europe visiting important museums, ruins, churches and historic towns. He took thousands of slides of the

clothing or make trades if the items are in good condition.

sites and works of art.

The trip included wintering in southern Europe---three months in Italy and three weeks in Greece---a month in Paris, stops in Switzerland, Norway, Denmark, Germany and Sweden and a six-week tour of the British Isles.

In 336 days, Barber and his wife, Willa, visited 18 countries, 126 towns and cities and stayed in 77 hotels and boarding houses.

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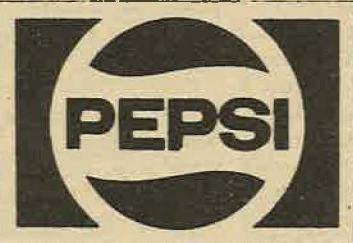
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## Returning students offered support

A program at Columbia College provides support to those who wish to resume their interrupted education.

The group is centralized in the Women's Center at the far end of the cafeteria here on campus.

According to the program coordinator, Auralee Smith, many of the reentry students are hesitant to come back to school because they think the difference between their ages and other students' might be too much of a hindrance to their success in classes. Actually the greater variety of people in the classes, the wider a perspective can be obtained, Smith said.

The group features a regular meeting each Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. where students or prospective students meet to share views and problems associated with their school life.

Also on alternate Thursdays special speakers offer their educational experience and counseling to those who wish it. Fran Cullen, counselor, is the speaker at tomorrow's meeting.

Other students are welcome to join the group. Anyone wishing more information may drop by the center from 1 to 2 p.m. daily or phone 532-3141, ext. 238.

## CJC high

Con't from page 1  
CJC student is keeping up with the ever changing demands for competency in higher education. Also from letters from ex-CJC students, there is an indication that when a student leaves CJC he/she will either maintain or improve their GPA. Also from these letters there is an overwhelming appreciation for the personal in-depth instruction that the student receives at CJC. In all CJC still remains in high standards with its academic program.

## Christians host speaker

Directors of West Coast New Life for Girls, a Christ-centered women's rehabilitation center in Fresno, were speakers at a recent meeting of the Columbia Junior College Christians on Campus group. The directors discussed the ministry of the rehabilitation center. The campus groups meets each Tuesday and Wednesday at noon in room 621.

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