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Women's symposium set Feb. 25

by Liz Eakin

Violence, careers, personal growth, stereotypes and body images will be workshop topics for this year's women's symposium on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Columbia College.

In addition to morning and afternoon workshops, a keynote address will be given by songwriter Malvina Reynolds, and books, films and art by and about women will be displayed.

The daylong event has been arranged by a core group of community women with Kathe Waterbury and Liz Sewell as co-chairmen. College Community Services is a co-sponsor of the fourth annual event.

Activities will begin with registration from 8 to 9 a.m. and orientation and introduction to workshops until 9:30. Morning workshops are scheduled from 9:30 to 11:30. Each will be repeated in the afternoon.

Workshop Topics

One workshop, Women Against Violence, will be an exploration of violence against women physically, psychically and emotionally. The coordinator is Lani Silver, instructor at San Francisco State College and member of Women Against Violence and Pornography.

Changing Professions will give advice on how to cope with anxiety, fear and confusion when making major career changes. It will be led by Ivy Bottini, original organizer of the National Organization of Women and entertainer. Ms. Bottini was last year's keynote speaker.

Media Stereotypes will discuss how women have been represented in the media. Workshop director is Kathy Swain who holds a bachelor of arts degree in Women's Studies. Assisting will be Laura Leadbetter and Susan Conner.

Personal Growth, a fourth topic, will be a nonthreatening experiential exploration of how "you can change you." Discussing the topic will be Nancy

Babour who was trained by Psychosynthesis Institute.

The remaining workshop topic is Our Bodies, Ourselves, presented by Katie Kain, former San Francisco State instructor, and Shelly Dineen, staff member of Casa de las Madres. This workshop will look at body images and self images including an exploration of menstruation, menopause, self-examination, movement and communication.

Lunch will be catered by the Manzanita Kitchen from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or women may bring their own lunches.

Keynote Address

"A Songwriter's Philosophy" is the topic for Ms. Reynolds' keynote address, scheduled from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Forum. Ms. Reynolds has written songs that were recorded by Joan Baez, Pete Seger, Diana Ross, Judy Collins and Harry Belafonte. Her songs include "What Have They Done to the Rain" and "Turn Around."

The 77-year-old Ms. Reynolds has a doctor's degree in language and literature. She will sing and play the guitar, as part of her presentation.

Workshops will be repeated from 2:30 to 4:30, and a wrap-up session will follow in the cafeteria.

Some workshops are limited in size so early registration is suggested. Registration forms and programs will be available in the staff lounge and at other locations on campus. Registration fee for the symposium is \$1.50.

Day care for children 2 to 10 years old will be provided.

Women's Art Show

A women's art show is scheduled in the Rotunda for two weeks including the day of the symposium. Women are invited to enter one item, anything from photography to woodwork as an art form. Entries will be accepted at the college Community Services offices on Friday, Feb. 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Further information is available from Gail Segerstrom at 532-5474.



Lab enriches students

by M.L. Harrison

In an attempt to be ever increasing its' academic level, the CJC math department has added a math lab to coincide with the math courses currently being taught.

The idea for the math lab came primarily out of the need for the extra help that math students need when taking a math course. Before there was a lab, all tutoring was done either in the learning skills center or in Mel Simmon's office. As a result the math tutors and the skill center was always mobbed.

When the new science building was opened this quarter, space for the math lab became

Aeronaut Deke Sonnichsen of Menlo Park and a passenger skim the oak trees in Libra II, a world record setting hot air balloon. Sonnichsen was flying alone from Tracy to Salida in October, 1966, when he set an altitude record of 21,250 feet. He will give an illustrated lecture on "Floating with Fire," the sport of hot air ballooning, tonight (Feb. 8) at 8 p.m. in the Columbia College Forum. Admission is free.

available and the idea of a math lab became a reality. To help students with homework and problem solving there are at least two tutors that work 20 hours a week. Besides the tutors, Terrie Short, instruction aid, works 20 hours a week in the lab and math instructors Mel Simmons and Bob McDonald combine for 20 hours a week also.

In only five weeks, the math instructors have noticed that they are a week to two weeks ahead compared with past math courses that were taught before there was a math lab. They stated that the reason for this is that the math lab allows student help with particu-

lar problems instead of using classroom time to solve these problems.

At present, there are approximately 150 students enrolled in math courses with between 20 and 30 students using the lab daily. The response to the math lab has been so overwhelming, that the math instructors hope that it will become a permanent part of the math program. It was also noted that CJC is the only junior college in California that offers a lecture-lab class in math.

The new math lab is directly adjacent to the learning skills center and is open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Walking along by Evelyn (Yarn-spinner) Boehm

It has recently come to my attention that some people believe littering aids ecological cycling. I could not understand this thinking until one morning when I happened to meet one such believer. The box from which he had been eating early lunch as he walked along deliberately was thrown to a roadside fence which already was packed with litter. I must have turned a look of disapproval his way for he voiced an explanation.

"Degradable," he said, waving a hand toward the box that now topped the litter around a bramble rose. "Won't be long and it'll be returned to the elemental state and meanwhile..." His hand waggled at his surroundings. "Food for the birds."

"That box?" I questioned. "Not the box," he said in a 'you dummy' tone. "The environment it produces." He bent to pick up a rusting tire iron someone had dropped beside the road. With it he poked at the trash. "Look," he invited with finger as well as voice. "Thriving communities of sow bugs, earwigs..."

"Of rot and mildew," I concluded for him.

"Sure," he said. "Without decay nothing could return to the

elemental state. Meanwhile, more bugs, more food for the birds." He tossed the iron into the mess and went on his way, whistling happily.

But I couldn't buy his theory; their theory. Somehow I had never looked on a sowbug as a favorite food for our feathered friends. Of course that might be because the sowbug is not really appealing to me. And, I've never seen a bird go after an earwig. Certainly the rot and the mildew could not be good for the bramble rose. Nor for the fence posts. And the bramble rose must surely be more important to the birds than the unsightly debris packed around it. My opinion only? because to me the bramble rose is the more appealing? Possibly.

And what of the non-biodegradables? As I pondered that question I came to a dusty stretch of roadside. There a crew of burying beetles worked at putting a popsicle stick underground. What good would it do them to bury a plastic popsicle stick? Them? Or their offspring? Or their offsprings' offspring? None, so far as I could judge. No, I just couldn't buy this idea that littering does good for the ecological cycle of life on this old planet. Of course, it just might be I'm just not with it.

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Renters: should you need to to break a lease

by David Ward

Editor's note: In the last issue general rules for breaking a lease were given. Following are more specific suggestions.

2. Self Protection When Breaking A Lease.

Notify your landlord in writing as soon as possible when you know you are going to move before the end of a lease term. The more notice you give the landlord the better your chances are that he will find another tenant.

REMINDER: When you send this notice you have in theory violated your lease contract. Your landlord could try to evict you using a three-day notice. This is very unlikely, however, as you will have moved out before the matter gets to court.

After sending the landlord your written notice it is wise to stop by and talk to him. He may have another tenant ready to move in and not be concerned by your moving out.

In some cases the landlord will want an amount of money to compensate him for his trouble in re-renting the place. If the amount is small it may be easier to agree to pay rather than to become involved in a dispute.

If you have given the landlord a security and/or cleaning deposit, you might offer to let him keep all or part of these in full settlement of all possible damage claims arising from your leaving in the middle of the lease term.

As noted earlier, since the landlord has a duty to try to re-rent the place to "mitigate damages," and since this is reasonably easy to do, you should not agree to pay much in the way of damages. Get any agreements you make in writing.

If it is not possible to deal rationally with your landlord, or if he will not make a written release, you should take steps to protect yourself. Do not let your landlord scare you into paying a lot of money. Simply put an advertisement in your local newspaper offering to lease your dwelling at the same rental you are paying.

When people call, show them the place, but tell them that any lease agreement must be worked out with your landlord. Give the names of all interested parties to your landlord. Also request that all potential tenants contact the landlord directly.

To protect yourself keep a list of all tenants who appear to be suitable and who express an interest in moving in. Include information on your list that indicates the potential tenants are "responsible," such as jobs and family.

Write a letter to your landlord with a list of the names and keep a copy for your file. He has a right to approve or disapprove of whomever you suggest as a tenant, but he may not be unreasonable about it.

**Next Issue:
Possible Legal
Action**

When will I go

Am I alone or are there many like me? Do others yearn for the day, like I do, that a UFO will take them far away to a world of...

Imagine, walking down a road and suddenly a green glowing disc glides overhead, soaring through altitudes with ease. And as if your body was giving off rhythms of vibes, the saucer beams in on you and feels who you really are. What will "they" feel? Are you a positive, open-minded person in "their" eyes? Or are you a paranoid, society-controlled per-

Gymnastic workshop held Mondays

Weekly Monday night gymnastic sessions are held from 7 to 10 p.m. for gymnasts of all levels of ability in room 900 at Columbia College.

The workshop is designed as a fun session to learn basic skills, practice techniques, do gymnastics, acrobatics or free exercise and participate in gymnastic games.

Equipment available includes rings, bars, horse, balance beam, mats and uneven parallel bars for women.

Dale Keyser, who has taught a gymnastics class for the college, is on hand at all sessions as a consultant.

son, whom "they have encountered" time and again? They feel your unsureness and before another thought enters your head, they're gone from view.

Maybe sighting a UFO is really an opportunity. By using your head, communicate to these "advanced beings" through thought. And when "they" understand where you're at, you may just go for a ride.

Still there are those of us who are fortunate enough to leave our bodies through mind projection and focus in on the disc. And again there are those of us who would strain our vocal chords by yelling out invitations into the sky.

Where ever your head is at, I hope that when you have an "encounter," you'll only have to think once and not twice.

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Second half rally falls short, 74-70

Despite a terrific second half comeback, the Columbia Claim Jumpers were on the short end of a 74-70 score in a game last week (Feb. 1) against the Taft Cougars.

Coach Pete Sullivan attributed the loss to Columbia's lack of success on the free throw line. The Claim Jumpers sunk 33 of 83 field goal attempts but were successful on only four of 11 free throw shots. The Cougars made 30 of 71 fieldgoals and 14 of 25 free throws for the difference.

At half time the score was 35-24, Taft leading. Sullivan said he told his players to press after each basket they made but when play resumed, Taft scored six straight points.

The Claim Jumpers were down by 19 points at 47-28 when they made their move with about 16 minutes to play. During the next 14 minutes the Claim Jumpers outscored their opponents 40-20 and took the lead on a basket by Mark Wudel with 2:15 to play. A one-point lead changed hands briefly before Taft added five freethrows to reach the winning total.

The Claim Jumpers played the final two minutes without Wudel who fouled out. Another starter, Mike Wilson, had fouled out earlier.

Johnny Wheeland paced Columbia in the second half with 10 fieldgoals and one freethrow and a game high for the season of 31 points. The CJC game record is held by Greg Johnson who scored 33 points last year in a game against Chabot at Oakdale.

Mitch Heldstab fell short of another record, chalking up 15 assists. Wudel holds the CJC record of 16.

The Claim Jumpers traveled to Porterville Saturday (Feb. 5) and have another game on the road tonight (Feb. 8) against West Hills in Coalinga. Columbia draws a bye Saturday night and returns to Sonora High gym next week (Feb. 15) for a game against Merced.

Scoring: Wheeland 15-1-31; Wudel 7-3-17; Heldstab 5-0-10; Bowlby 2-0-4; Neher 2-0-4; Wilson 2-0-4.

Rebounds: Bowlby 8; Neher 7; Wilson, Wheeland and Wudel 6; Heldstab 3; Walker 2; team 38.



Tennis, golf play begins this week

The first tennis match of the 1978 season was today, and golf competition opens tomorrow.

The tennis team traveled to Pittsburg for its opening match with Los Medanos and will host Sierra College on the Columbia courts at 2 p.m. Friday (Feb. 10). Conference play begins Feb. 22 with Antelope Valley at Lancaster.

Golfers will tee off with Chabot and Modesto Junior College at Modesto tomorrow. League competition will be conducted as last year with each school in the Central California Conference hosting a mini tournament. The first mini tournament will be March 9 at Taft.

The Claim Jumpers will play their home matches at La Contenta Golf Course in Valley Springs in Calaveras County.

Tennis Coach Charlie Penwill said returning players will provide depth on the women's team for a better balance with the men's team this year. Among the returning players are Crystal Wheeland and Connie Flavin LaNier for the women and Tim Hoffman for the men.

Others vying for a spot on the team are Tim Flavin, Paul Scheuble, Paula Maucere, Ray Cardwell, Jim Dew, Matt Wommack, John Salvarezza and Matthew Fredeking.

Salvarezza is a veteran of four years of tennis competition at Sonora High. Fredeking also played for Sonora for three years. Wommack was Mother Lode League champion for three of the four years he played at Bret Harte High School.

Art McGrath is filling in as golf coach this year while Bob Gibson is on sabbatical leave.



Johnny Wheeland (42) scored a season high of 31 points last week in a game against Taft College. Here he sinks a basket to clinch the Claim Jumpers' earlier win over Reedley College. ---Ron Roach photo

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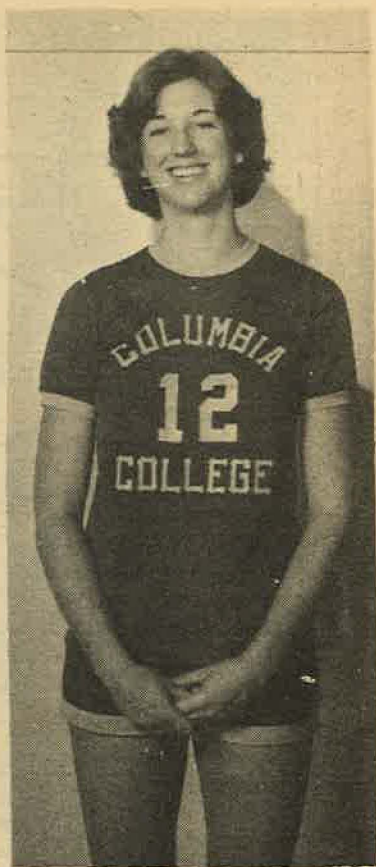
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Cyndee Mitchell, honorable mention. ---Photos by Ron Roach



Ann Taylor, all-conference volleyball player.

Taylor, Mitchell honored

Columbia volleyball players Ann Taylor and Cyndee Mitchell were awarded league honors by the Central California Conference.

League coaches named Taylor to the all-conference team and gave Mitchell honorable mention.

Taylor played as a hitter, an excellent spiker and second high server for the Claim Jumpers. The team scored 85 points on her serves. She also was named most valuable player on the team by Coach Kerrie Shreve.

Mitchell was the leading server for Columbia with 100 points and was praised by Shreve for her role as a hitter.

The women helped the team improve from a winless team during Columbia's initial season of

varsity volleyball competition to a team with a 4 win, 10 loss record this year.

Taylor is a graduate of Sonora High School. Mitchell was graduated from Mariposa High School.

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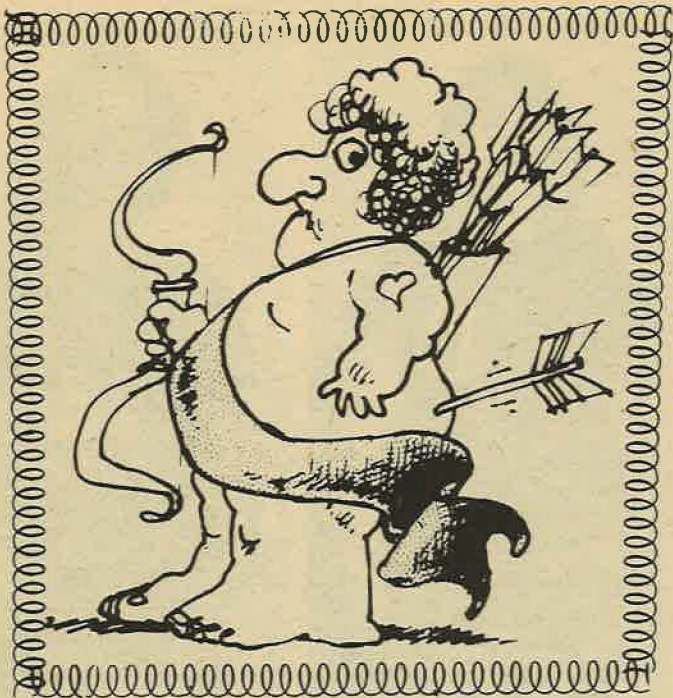
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And you're searching but it's dark
Do you hear the innocent cry
But, no, there was no other way
They must suffer as the guilty do
For you are an instrument and so it's right
And you couldn't help them, though you tried
You'll never find your soul)

Weep, sisters of mercy let me hear your tears
For when you're gone he'll still be here
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Searching for a piece in this puzzle
called life.

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In the Morning Be With Me

Your reflection beside
In calming water
Must I look aside
See you're not really there
Still the memory lingers
Running fingers through your hair

The water now ripples away
Even my most idealistic dream
I bend to the sand
Sift it gently my hand
As once touched your face

Gazing at canyon walls
Should I remain with night
Dreaming, urging your presence
To arrive with the sun's dawn light
I will
Can you descend the hill
In the morning be with me

The wind it blew me across the bay
I came to hear you say we are your
friends
(You came in a dream
But too quickly you were gone
And all I had left was the essence
of your son g
So perfect the world
For a split-second there was beauty
Your eyes reflected all the love that
could be)
I saw you again where the angels
play

One by one stars emerge
Through the ink
Shapes and numbers set
My mind to motion
Once more I think of
Things I wanted said
To you
Never knew such then
Locked within imprisoned mind

In the morning be with me
Place my hand to your face
Nevermore can I withstand
Such distance, long distance
Between my feelings

In the morning be with me
We'll look to the water
Unrippled reflection be true
Reveal that all
Good dreams could happen
I hold them
As I will hold you.

Michael Harami

Children of Paradise

"Children of Paradise" (1945), a French love story with the backdrop of theater and mime, will be shown Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. This black and white classic explores the major themes of life and art, life and theater, tragedy and mime, the real and the imaginary. The CJC Forum invites all to attend.

Medi-Corps

Applications for the 1978 Medi-Corps Program are available from Barbara Painter, college counselor. The summer assignment is to work for nine weeks in the migrant farm labor centers in California. Deadline for applications is March 3.

CHP seeks female officer candidates

Candidates for the position of State Traffic Officer Cadet-Female will be recruited during February by the California Highway Patrol.

Applications, which must be postmarked by March 2, are available at all CHP and State Personnel Board offices. The written examination will be given April 1.

Commissioner Glen Craig said, "the women's list established from a 1977 examination is virtually exhausted. Enough men remain on the eligibility list to supply candidates through early 1979, but an examination is required to assure availability of qualified women for appointment as cadets."

To qualify a woman must be between 20 and 31 years old; have uncorrected vision of not less than 20/40, correctable to 20/20 in each eye; have weight proportional to height (waist measurement not in excess of chest at repose); be between 5 feet, 6 inches and 6 feet, 6 inches tall; have normal health with no physical handicaps which would interfere with job performance and hold a high school diploma or equivalent.

The starting salary is \$1,259 per month. The names of women who pass the written and oral interview tests will be placed on the civil service eligibility list. Appointment to the academy is contingent upon passing a physical performance test and a background investigation.

Candidates selected for training will attend the CHP Academy near Sacramento for 21 weeks before they graduate and become state traffic officers.

Commissioner Craig said, "This examination is part of the California Highway Patrol's continuing effort to increase employment opportunities for women, including those from ethnic minorities. We are seeking candidates of every ethnic background."

"The California Highway Patrol is a fine career. The work of a traffic officer is demanding but rewarding because it provides the opportunity to work with and for people in performing a vital service," Craig stated.

Crisis Line operating

by Michael Harami

On Tuesday, February 14, a panel discussion will be held on the subject of rape and battered wives. The public is invited, as questions will be answered by representatives from various community services, including the Women's Crisis Center, Tuolumne County Sheriff's Dept., Sonoma Police Dept., District Attorney's office, Tuolumne General Hospital, Mental Health Services and the Welfare Dept.

Also emphasized is the fact that the Mother Lode Women's Crisis line is now operating everyday from 1 p.m. to 8 a.m. The line will handle calls from victims of rape or wife beating with the main purpose being to provide emotional support. The line will also inform the victim of her rights and of the medical, legal

and reporting procedures involved.

The Crisis Center will also provide accompaniment and transportation to medical and law enforcement agencies. Emotional assistance is also available to the family or friends of the victim.

The Mother Lode Women's Crisis Center welcomes any opportunity to speak to community organizations and businesses about their operation and the issues of rape and wife battering.

Thirty-eight students will be chosen for the four-quarter nursing program which will end in December, 1979. Those who complete the program will be eligible to take the state examination to become licensed vocational nurses.

To qualify for the nursing program a person must be at least 18 years old and have completed the 10th grade. No tuition is required for California residents. Expenses for the program are estimated at about \$300 to \$350 and include books and uniforms.

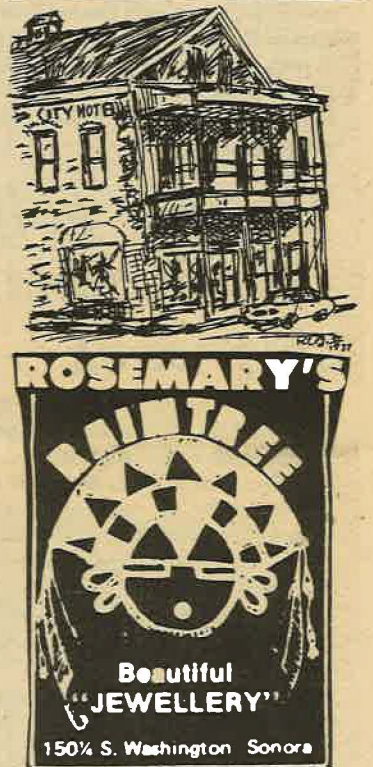
More test dates listed for nursing

Three alternative dates have been set for testing candidates for Columbia College's vocational nursing class which will begin in September.

A reading and math skills test was given last week. For interested persons who were unable to attend that session, the test will be given again on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. in room 620 and Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. in room 500 on the college campus.

Interested persons are asked to call Dr. Barbara Painter at the college (532-3141, ext. 213) to sign up for a specific testing date.

Those who do well in the initial round of testing will be allowed to take a nursing skills test on March 8. Personal interviews with the college nursing staff will also be required and will be completed by March 31.





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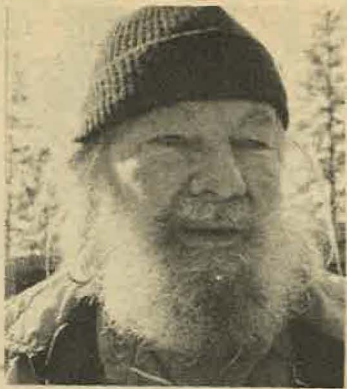
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Bob Zurowski

Campus Question

What are your feelings towards the proposed nuclear power plant in Stanislaus County?

by Sid Moseley

Bob Zurowski

"Being a new resident, I don't know too much about it. Everyone is familiar with the pros and cons of nuclear power plants and with the energy shortage they will be built anyway, so it seems. All we can do is develop alternative energy sources and a local ecological awareness to counteract the power-crazed exploitation policies of 'big business,' with the hope of limiting the construction of these nuclear plants."

Tim Hutchins

"I really don't know anything about it, but in general, I am opposed to nuclear power in Stanislaus County."

Gail Blackburne

"I am totally against it. I don't like them anywhere, but I especially would fight to not have one near me."

Cindy Giles

"I am against it, too. I think it ruins everything around the area. And nuclear power scares me."

Barbie Stephens

"I don't know too much about it, but I am definitely against it. Nuclear power can only prove to be detrimental to our environment."

Ron Meyer

"Unless they can find an alternative power source we will have to have it. We need alternatives, but nobody wants to do it. Solar power is the thing."

Glenn Crowe

"Close to an ulcer. The idea should be totally abandoned. It is a waste of money and creates pollution that we will never see the end of. People who are in favor of it obviously cannot see what they are doing to the ecology of the world."

David Torras

"I think it is B.S. I think nuclear power is B.S."

Laura O'Brien

"I don't like the idea. As much as we need to develop alternative energy sources I don't like the idea of building it in this area."

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I feel pretty good about it. Yes, I'm for nuclear power. After all, it is an act of God. Isn't it?



Laura O'Brien



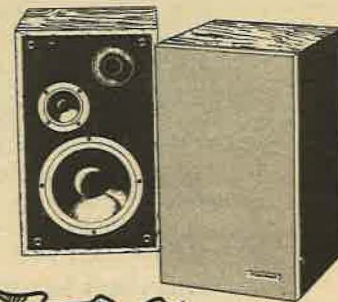
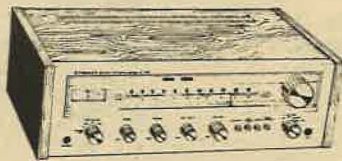
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JOIN OR DIE

New neighbor continues

by Michael Harami

The cloud of apathy hovering over just about everyone these days becomes more and more domineering all the time. At present, it is no more evident than in the case of the proposed nuclear power plant in Stanislaus county.

It's been quite a controversy since PG&E made the proposal to construct the plant in that county several years ago. But now, as their application is about to go before the state senate, the citizenry of this community seem unenthused about expressing their views on the situation.

In the Modesto Irrigation District elections last November, the residents in that area re-elected two directors who favored the

plant, while their opponents, both in opposition to the plant, went down in defeat. One wonders why everyone else has the possibility of paying for their stupidity and ignorance.

One might wonder if anyone is concerned with the water source that is to be used to cool the huge reactors. At this time, either the Tuolumne or Stanislaus river is the prime consideration. Then, too, have we forgotten the most important issue at all: nuclear waste. It seems getting people concerned about it is almost as difficult as getting the nuclear proponents to give an answer to the question: just where are you putting this stuff?

Does anyone want it on their soup?

Environmentality

Columbia-Sonora bikepath?

To all of you who commute to your classes at Columbia, it should be obvious that the Sonora-Columbia area is arranged to accommodate only one type of transportation: the automobile. This is especially obvious to anyone who has biked highway 49 into Sonora, dodging the fast-moving traffic, riding on an almost non-existent shoulder. So it is encouraging to hear that there is a possibility of getting a bike path between Sonora and Columbia.

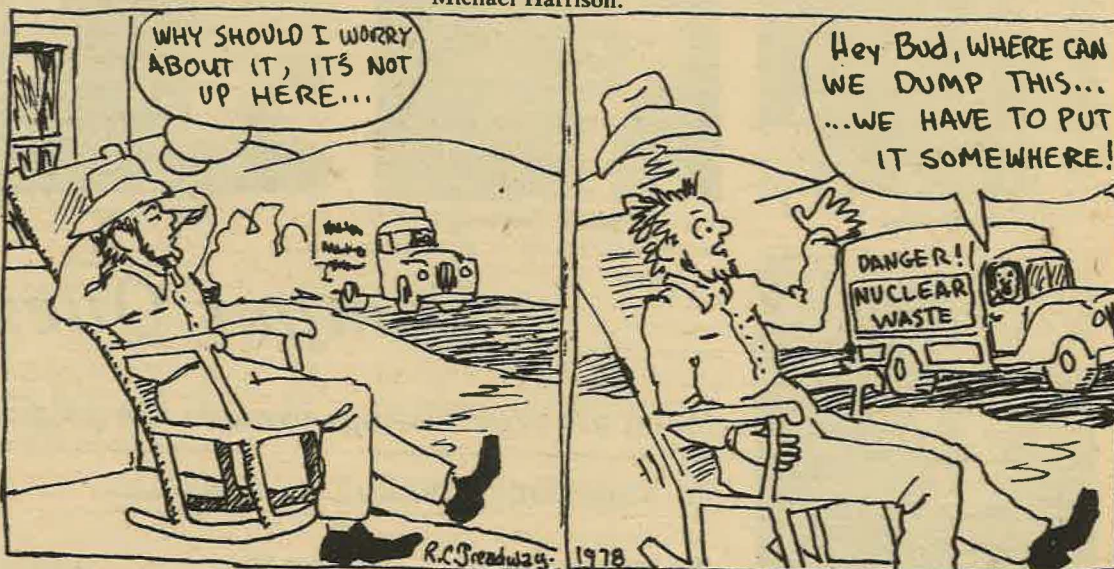
The State Department of Transportation, our usual roadbuilders, have a far-off, vague plan to "someday" either widen the highway or put in a bike path. In other words, we can't count on them to get it done while most of us are here to see it. But there are several more likely places to get money for a local bike path.

1. The State Department of Parks and Recreation has a grant program that gives money to cities and counties. Tuolumne County has been given \$105,000 of which \$40,000 has not yet been obligated. A bike path would be an eligible project to receive this money.

2. The State Bicycle Lane Account will provide bicycle lanes for commuter use, but grants are competitive; our local area would have to show a greater need than other places. The application deadline is December 1, 1978 for these grants.

3. The Tuolumne County Transportation Commission can work on getting some local highway funds allocated for bikepaths. They can do this under the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities program — if concerned commuters push them to do it.

In total, it looks like a little bit of prodding would go a long way. If there are enough people who want a commuter bikepath, and if they contact the right people, the commute to CJC from Sonora could become a real breeze, even on a non-motorized, smogless, non-oil-guzzling ten-speed. The man to contact is Rick Anderson, 532-8067, for information on how to help.



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For a free general information brochure about hosteling, write to AYH, Dept. C, Delaplane, VA 22025.

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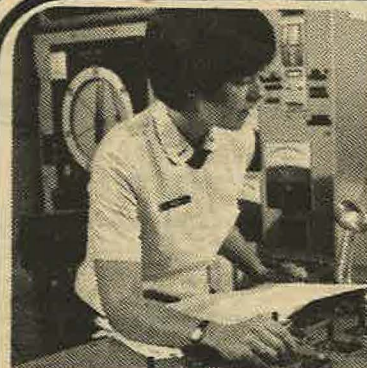
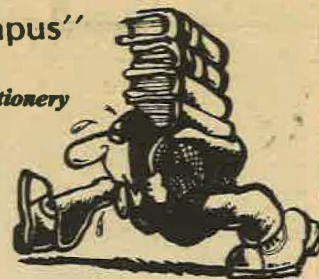
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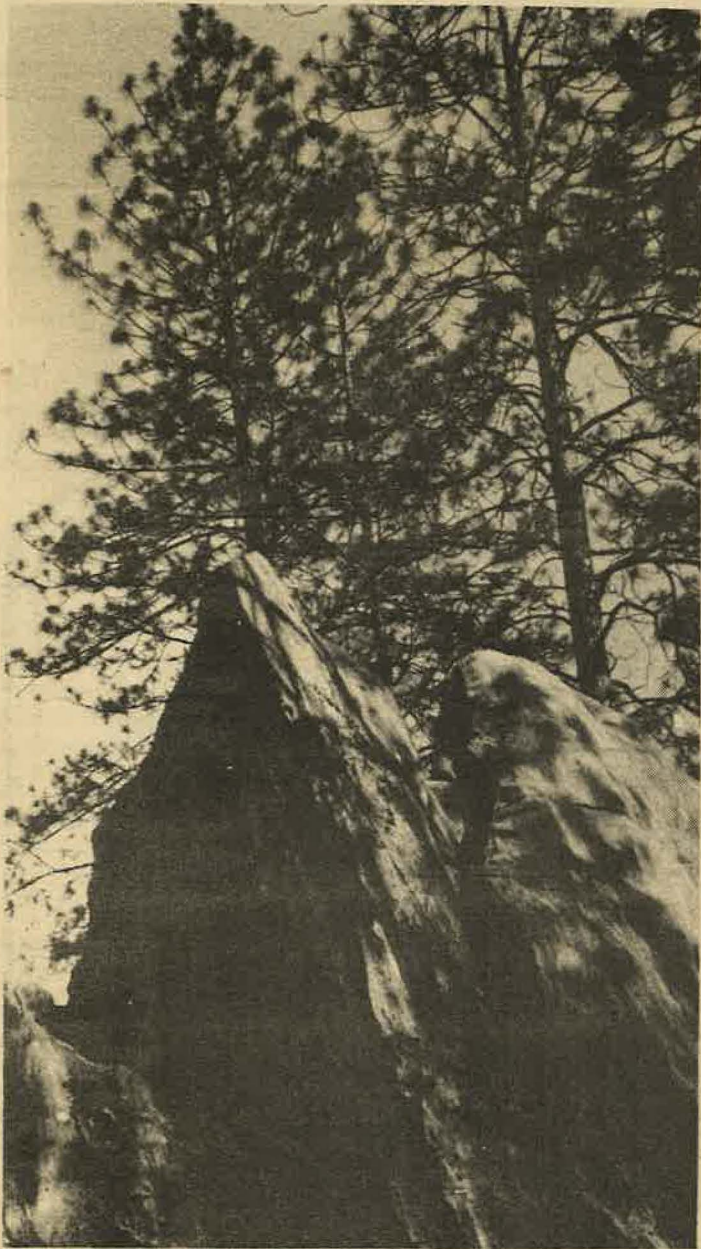
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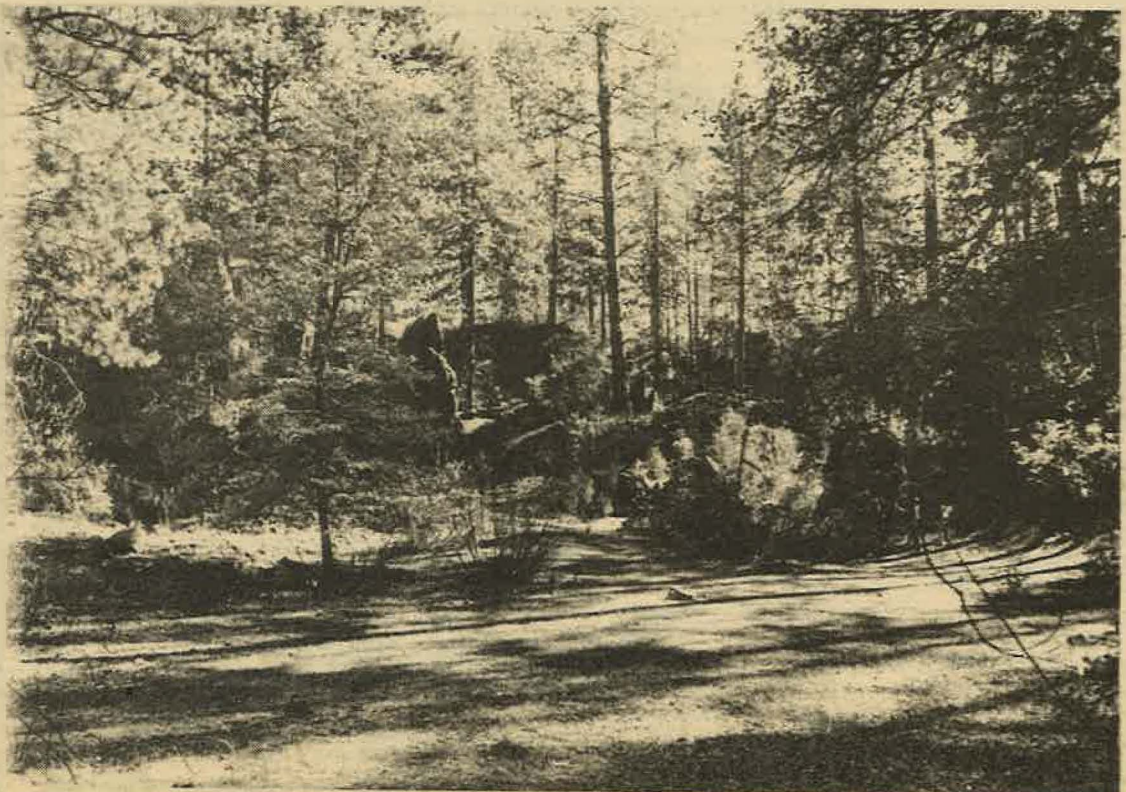
Photos by David Ward and Tom Nicosia



In the northern section of the CJC campus, adjacent to the Natural Resources building, there is, what appears to be from a distance, a large hole in the ground. As one gets closer, however, it becomes easy to observe that this enormous depression in the earth is abundant with Mother Nature at its finest and most beautiful.

The Arboretum, as it is called, contains an unusual variety of trees, shrubery, flowers and rock formations. By using the nature trail that has been constructed, one can take in Ponderosa pine trees, coffeeberries, California wild roses, honeysuckle, mountain mahogany and a variety of oak trees, to name just a few. In addition, numerous limestone outcroppings and other rock formations make for pleasant observation, or, to the rock climbing enthusiasts, something of a haven.

To anyone, the Arboretum is a tremendous asset to CJC, more or less serving as a focal point to the entire beauty of the campus.



Lawsuit pending

Jamestown's Emporium lives

by M.L. Harrison

During the early summer of 1974, Pacific Gas & Electric, Pacific Telephone and Cable Vision TV contracted with Silverado Construction company to have the over head power lines in downtown Jamestown buried beneath the main street. In the sense of original intentions, that is to help beautify Jamestown, the project was a success; yet, upon completion, problems arose.

Shortly after the lines had been laid and the trenches were covered, Jake Barendrecht, proprietor of Emporium Antiques in the building of the same name, noticed that water was leaking into the Emporium's basement. After the leak was discovered, the water in the basement soon rose to a level of four feet.

In late July of 1974, Barendrecht called the PG&E service department about his problem, as he felt that the trenching and line laying had disturbed the water service in Jamestown and was the cause of the leak. PG&E investigated Barendrecht's complaint and later stated in their service report that "... (we) are reasonably convinced our facilities are not the cause."

Although Barendrecht, through the legal services of Gorgas and Lamb, made a legal complaint to PG&E on Sept. 26, 1974, they still maintained that they were not at fault. PG&E insisted that a wet year and a high water table during 1974 was the reason for the accumulation of water in the basement.

Despite the fact that in its seventy-seven year history the Emporium had never had problems with a high water table, PG&E maintained that they were not responsible. The situation between Barendrecht and PG&E became a stalemate, with neither side changing their position.

Soon afterward, the building was vacated for a year while Barendrecht was studying acting in France. During his vacancy, the water in the basement stayed at a level of four feet with nothing being done by PG&E to solve the problem.

Upon his return, Barendrecht noticed that the water was beginning to destroy the foundation of the building. The Emporium was built in 1897, when limestone mortar was commonly used. Now this same mortar was being dissolved by the presence of water, and the rock that formed the bulk of the foundation was beginning to crack and separate.

To prevent certain destruction of the building, Barendrecht

began pumping the water from the basement in late-1975. For two years his pump ran twenty-four hours-a-day, pumping approximately 20 gallons-per-minute or about 80,000 gallons every three days.

Barendrecht's complaints continued, but again nothing was done. Finally, in mid-summer of 1977, as an attempt to publicize the matter, he placed a bath tub in front of the Emporium and began pumping the water into the tub which then would overflow into the gutter and run down the street. On the side of the tub he placed a note that this fountain was the courtesy of PG&E, Pacific Telephone and Cable Vision TV. It caused much concern as thousands of gallons of water was running into the Jamestown sewer, while the residents of the community were on water restric-

tion because of the drought.

In September of 1977, PG&E had an expert, equipped with a sensitive stethoscope for finding water leaks, investigate the problem. Although his report was not made public, the Daily Union Democrat ran an article stating that no leaks had been found in the Jamestown-Columbia area by PG&E's expert. Despite this reporting, the PG&E service department began digging up their lines in Jamestown during mid-November.

In the first day of digging, one major leak was found. By the time the area had been dug up, three leaks were found with two directly in front of the Emporium. The water from the three leaks was measured at a flow of 15.8 gallons per minute. Over a span of three years, this would amount to more than 25 million gallons of

water.

Now that the water has stopped leaking into the Emporium's basement, Barendrecht has begun compiling architectural and engineering reports to establish the extent of the damage and the costs to rectify the problems. He has also hired an attorney, as he intends to sue all parties involved. Although PG&E has suggested that this could be settled out of court, Barendrecht still is set on bringing this case to court. His interest in doing so is not to appease his own desires, but rather, he wants PG&E to be reprimanded for their gross negligence in allowing millions of gallons of water to be wasted during two years of drought.

Despite its damaged condition, the Emporium is still an excellent example of the large department-type store found throughout the Western U.S. before the turn of the century. It is a large building with the business downstairs and the living quarters upstairs. Throughout the building there are 14-foot ceilings, ornate baseboards and stenciled wallpaper. Around the

main floor, there is a mezzanine, and next to the living quarters there is a large dance hall. The building is currently on the State Historic Register and an application to be placed on the National Register has been made.

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