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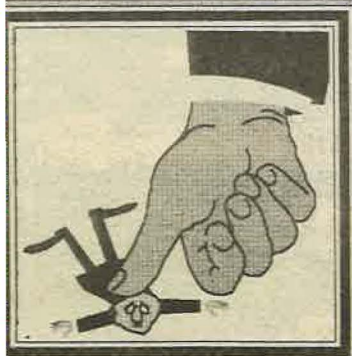
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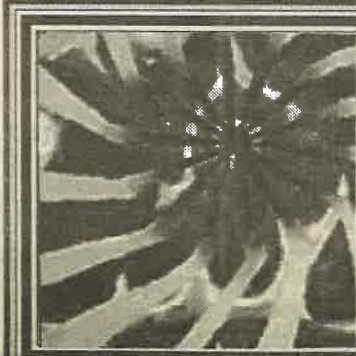
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Errors in punctuation, sentence structure & spelling due to MTX paste-up crew.

ABUSE OF POWER-
Incorrect information. Tutor minimum wage has always been 4.50/hr.

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Rosasco Recall?

By Connie Close
MTX STAFF WRITER

Recall efforts are under way to remove Yosemite Community College District board of trustee member Nancy Rosasco. Rosasco has served over 20 years as the Tuolumne and Calaveras board representative.

Recall is the procedure for removing public officials from office before the completion of their terms. Backers of the effort have timed the action to coincide with the November election to prevent added financial hardship on the district.

The cost of a special election to recall Rosasco would cost about \$2.00 per registered voter. Tuolumne county alone has over 26,000 registered voters. Calaveras has over 10,000. Recall backers say they need 20% of that number, or about 7,300 signatures to qualify for the ballot.

Recall proponents claim that Rosasco's decisions as trustee reflect a lack of financial responsibility and public

accountability. Despite widespread campus and community objections, she voted to award the Chancellor an unprecedented and unwarranted 25% salary increase over the course of two years.

Backers insist that she has failed to serve as an advocate for Columbia College and has remained uninformed of college issues. She is also accused of being unresponsive to her constituents, "as shown by her endorsement of the dismissal of Columbia College President Ken White."

Rosasco has responded by stating: "In this volunteer, non-paid position the needs of the students have always been my primary concern, along with my financial responsibility to the taxpayers. I am proud of my record of service and accessibility on and off campus. Do not be misled by special interests."

Rosasco's position is not entirely a non-paid position according to Teresa Scott, assistant chancellor of fiscal services. Board policy grants trustees an annual benefit package of \$7,926.00 and covers health,

dental, vision and provides a \$40,000.00 life insurance policy. Rosasco will continue to receive the insurance benefits until age 65, regardless of whether or not she retains her seat on the board.



mtx briefs

Dr. White Assigned To Teach History At MJC

On April 10th, an Inter-Office Memorandum was circulated by Ken White regarding his re-assignment duties. "I have, this week, been informed that I will be teaching at MJC next year. As other details of the assignment are revealed to me, I will keep you apprised." The memorandum, addressed to "All Staff," expressed his appreciation for their concern regarding his reassignment. At the time of printing Dr. White was unavailable for comment.

Student Senate Elections

By Karen Bladel
MTX STAFF

The time has come to elect new leadership in the Columbia College student senate. All of the six offices are up for grabs, as most of the current administration are moving on to other pursuits. It is mandatory to have been a senator for at least one semester, to run for any senate office.

The offices are: Senate President, Vice President of Policies and Procedures, Vice President of Activities, Vice President of Clubs, Executive Treasurer and Executive Secretary.

Kristoff Cortez, the current executive treasurer, is planning to run for the office of president.

Jeremy Mills, plans to run for the office of executive secretary.

Mona Rae Barody, although still undecided, is leaning towards running for the presidency.

According to Cortez, the following senators are also planning to run: Anna Belle Costa for v.p. of activities, Crit Leonard for v.p. of policies and procedures, Julie May Porter for v.p. of clubs and Paul Van Tuyl for executive treasurer.

The election is tentatively scheduled for the week of May 6, 1996.

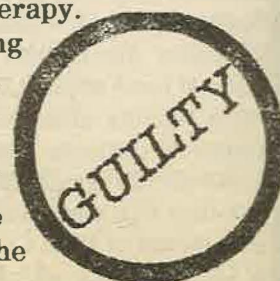
Campus Stabber Found Guilty

Scott Richard Beardsley, 25, who was arrested in the stabbing incident on Columbia College's campus last August, was found guilty by a Tuolumne County Superior Court jury. Beardsley was convicted of a felony assault with a deadly weapon, and a charge of "enhancement" that he intended to inflict serious injury. Beardsley, from Sonora and a student at Columbia College at the time of the stabbing, faces up to 16 years in prison, said Michael Knowles, the deputy district attorney who prosecuted the case. Beardsley now has two strikes under the state's "three strikes law" that penalizes repeat offenders.

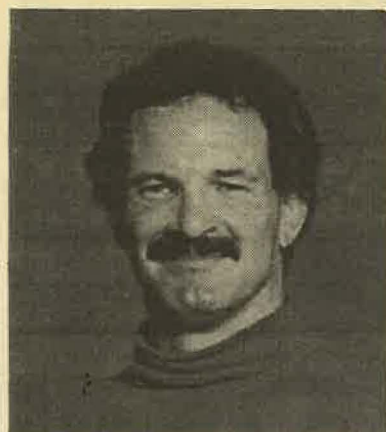
The victim, Wade Tinson, who suffered the stabbing injury to his left bicep, has recovered, but not before undergoing surgery, and extensive therapy.

He will sustain permanent scarring and nerve damage, according to a doctor's testimony during the trial.

Although concerns over racial tensions were raised at the time of the incident, there was very little reference made to race during the trial.



Loved And Respected Native Student Dies Unexpectedly



By Connie Close
MTX STAFF WRITER

Our fellow student and friend Chris Keyser, 45, passed away April 6, 1996. Chris collapsed while jogging at the Sonora High School track from a heart attack.

Many people will find it difficult to walk into the Columbia College math lab, sit outside the cafeteria or in the rotunda without thinking of him.

Chris was always willing to spend extra time with anyone needing help in any way. He spent many hours tutoring fellow students and showed incredible amounts of enthusiasm and patience.

Learning Skills center coordinator Michelle Griffith described his special talent with tutoring, how natural he was at it and how he put at ease those he was working with.

He helped with the campus recycling and in every project that he undertook he gave 100%.

Natural resources instructor Ross Carkeet related that some of his work is actually incorporated into his lecture notes. "All of his work was first class and everything he did was a labor of love," said Carkeet. "His dad was a teacher and he followed in his footsteps."

Chris grew up in Sonora and graduated from Sonora High where he was a star athlete. He set several Sonora records in discus and earned a full football scholarship to the University of California at Berkeley.

He was a member of the Screen Actors Guild and worked as a stunt man and animal trainer with Robert Conrad Productions in "High Mountain Rangers."

Chris spent much of his childhood in the outdoors; camping, hiking, fishing and on pack trips throughout the Sierra Nevada mountains with his family. He was an avid climber and fisherman and enjoyed outdoor activities.

While Chris' lifetime accomplishments are many, perhaps the most endearing quality that will remain with us forever was his true concern for others and his genuine, compassionate nature.

This giving nature is best epitomized by a story told by his parents, about a trip to the Grand

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Faculty Drafts Memorandum

MTX STAFF

The Columbia Faculty and Classified Senates voted 46 to 31 approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in an effort to resolve the recent leadership crisis. The memorandum defines the conditions needed to resolve the conflict between the Academic and Classified Senates of Columbia College, The Board of Trustees and the Chancellor.

The MOU specifically prescribes the following conditions: Dr. White's ability to complete his contract, a one-year interim president enabling a competent search to be conducted for a new president, participation in the selection of the interim president, an end to the harassment of Dr. White, no recrimination against any one for their actions in the conflict,

an affirmation of Columbia's essential role in the educational process, an assurance that the Columbia College Council will be involved in any structural changes at Columbia, participation in the evaluation of college presidents and the Chancellor, and an important role in the selection of any new president of Columbia.

Opposition to the memorandum focused on concerns that the memorandum failed to address the grievances against the Chancellor's behavior that led to the crisis in the first place. In particular, her 13 percent pay increase, her reassignment of Dr. White, her intrusion in the faculty hiring process and her ignoring the curriculum committee in the matter of instructional technology.

In addition, faculty members see Faculty page 9

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GIS PROGRAM GAINS RECOGNITION

By Rhianna Lee
MTX STAFF WRITER

Are you new on campus? It won't be long before you will hear the term GIS but what does it mean? Even if you are a Columbia College old-timer you may have heard about GIS but still don't really know what it is. It stands for Geographic Information Systems Technology and is a computerized mapping-data base combination that is changing the face of many businesses. This technology is on the cutting edge in fields which include forestry, geology, surveying, city & county planning, real estate, engineering, and any field which uses maps with data. Believe it or not, our certificate program offered here at Columbia College is one of the first of its kind in California.

According to David Willson, Assistant Dean of Instruction, this program is so new that most four year universities don't even offer a certificate or degree yet.

Willson insists, "We are very lucky to offer such an exciting program here at Columbia College. It is changing the foundation of many agencies world wide, even here within Tuolumne County."

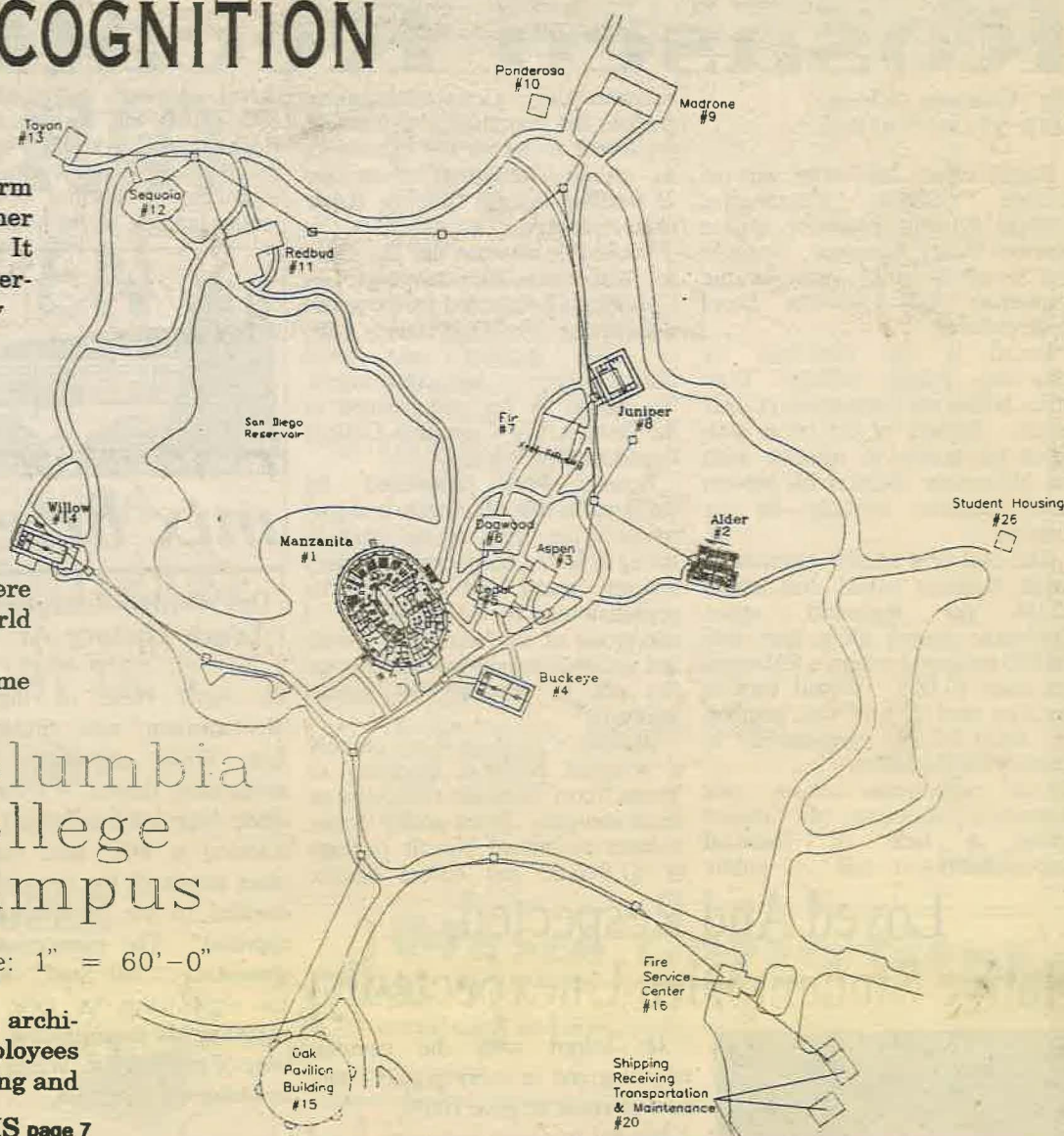
Started by earth science professor, Dr. Tom Holst, the GIS Program came into reality during the fall semester of 1994, after many months of hard work, negotiation and planning. Though Dr. Holst is retiring after this semester, hopefully he will be encouraged to continue teaching part time and remain to support the GIS Program as it grows.

The first GIS class was offered in Fall/94 and was attended by employees of both Calaveras and Tuolumne County Planning Departments, which have both switched over their maps over to the ArcCAD(computerized drafting) based GIS program. There were also representation by both county and private water companies, plus local business people such as landscapers, architects, designers and contractors. This program is also appealing to employees and students in the natural resource fields, who can utilize GIS for mapping and

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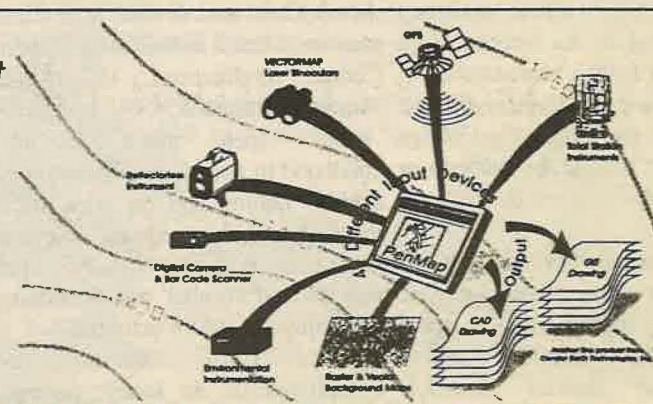
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Nature Calls

by Rye Lee

Spring is here! The black oaks are leafing out nicely. Grasses and sedges are putting out their first flowers and an assortment of small, early spring wildflowers are found surrounding the lake and grassy knolls which include; storksbill, shepard's purse, clover, and miner's lettuce. Buckbrush is coming into bloom with creamy white flower clusters, also noticeable by passing students by its irritating yet sweet smell. Redbud is about to bloom down by the instructional office entrance. Manzanita is still blooming like crazy all over campus. Check out the unusual manzanita by the fir building, which is in spectacular display with contrasting small, dark leaves (I challenge the Botany class to key this one out!).

The lake is getting even busier than last month. Red-winged black birds are singing their trilling song in search for a mate. The black-banded kingfisher is back, making trips between the shore and the island, dipping his meals out of the lake. For the last couple of weeks, a green back heron was seen as well, smaller and more dexterous than his cousin, the great blue heron. Up to four turtles have been seen at

one time, sunning on the island. A beautiful pair of wood ducks were spotted visiting, taking a break from their northern journey. The activity of our duck population has increased as well, with female ducks looking very nervous.

Last week, a grey fox was spotted at the back of the top parking level. There have been no reported sightings this semester of our resident ringtail but keep your eyes open if you happen to be in the vicinity of the college entrance around 1 a.m., which is the time they prefer to hunt. There have been no new sightings of cougar on campus though one was heard and seen last summer. Fortunately, the cougar around Columbia have not been aggressive with people, though several livestock attacks were reported last year.

As spring takes a good hold, the wildlife activity increases with the mating and birthing of offspring. If you are lucky and have a good eye, you may spot a full nest or a hunting pair of fox or coyote, busy keeping their litters fed. Watch later next month for the young to start wandering and the arrival of fawns.

AIDS AWARENESS; EDUCATION IS KEY

By Johann Newton
MTX MANAGING EDITOR

Headaches, nausea, diarrhea, night-sweats, oral yeast infections, vaginal discharges (in women), overwhelming fatigue, swollen glands, severe outbreaks of oral and genital herpes, pneumonia, skin cancer, dementia, thousands of dollars in medical bills, total physical deterioration and eventual death. This is what will happen to you if you are exposed to the AIDS virus. You do NOT want to get AIDS.

Once a person is infected with Human Immuno Virus (HIV), the virus that causes AIDS, through unprotected sex or sharing needles with an infected individual, there is no turning back. It is a virtual death sentence.

The AIDS virus is very well established in society and shows no signs of going away. According to the California Department of Health Services (CDHS), more than 87,000 documented AIDS cases have been reported in California. Since the start of the AIDS epidemic in 1981, more than 55,000 Californians have died from AIDS or HIV-related illnesses. AIDS is now the number one cause of death for all Americans ages 25 through 44, and estimates indicate that one in every 200 Californians is infected with HIV.

In fact, in Tuolumne County, according to health department records, there have been 45 documented cases of full-blown AIDS in the last 11 years. Of all new HIV infections reported nation-



Photo by Mathew Schmitt

Brett Babcock (pictured above) and other members of the Rotaract Club helped with the information table and "Safer Sex Kit" distribution during "Aids Awareness Week."

wide, 25 percent of those cases are to people between the ages of 13 and 20 years-old.

According to Columbia College school nurse Dee Hall, AIDS is increasing in the heterosexual community because millions of people still think it's a "gay" disease.

"The key to prevention is education," said Hall. "It is still spreading because not enough people are being educated."

Jerry Cadotte, executive director of the Sierra AIDS Council, says there's an ongoing shift in increasing hetero-sexual transmission of HIV, especially among women and adolescents. Most recently, AIDS diagnosis are

of people in their late 20s and early 30s, which means they contracted HIV in their teens or early 20s, he said.

"Young people are less likely to be in an established monogamous relationship," said Cadotte. "This puts them at risk because they're more apt to have multiple sex partners. Same sex relationships aren't talked about, but it's more prevalent than people think. A lot of men who don't consider themselves gay or bi-sexual have same sex encounters while they're under the influence of drugs or alcohol."

"The drug and alcohol connection (to HIV) is basically thought of as needle use, (through shared needles) but the drugs and alcohol also lowers the inhibitions to sexual encounters."

Columbia College Health Services, in conjunction with the health department and the Sierra AIDS Council, recently sponsored an AIDS awareness week at the Columbia College Campus. Information on AIDS, brochures and safe-sex kits were available for free. A panel discussion with volunteer speakers from the AIDS council was also held.

One speaker, a perfectly healthy looking individual diagnosed with AIDS, who grew up in rural Merced county, told of his exposure to HIV. He had moved to Modesto, in his thirties. Thinking AIDS was mostly in the larger metropolitan areas, he participated in drug use and unprotected sex. He believes he was infected with HIV around 1986.

He feels the spread of AIDS is the result of people not caring.

"People just need to respect their bodies and themselves," he said. "Everyone has something good in them. They shouldn't get sidetracked on drugs. There's not one friggen thing I've done that was worth my life."

Now, this gentleman is working as a volunteer helping to educate communities about the real threat of AIDS.

"If I can save one life," he said, "it will all be worth it."

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compiling data in studies which include botany, wildlife, forestry, range management, archeology, etc. Columbia College also has plans in the future for additional certificate programs in engineering, graphic design, architecture and animation, when resources become available, which are all based on the computerized drafting program, AutoCAD. The GIS classes will be utilized in other new programs, such as the Natural Resources Watershed Management Certificate and will eventually become more fundamental in geology, geography, surveying, and cartography (maps), as well as all the natural resource fields, as time goes on.

Columbia College is now in the process of getting the word out that there is a GIS program being offered. Willson is the driving force in promoting GIS and other vocational programs to local high schools and other community colleges in neighboring counties. Articulation agreements are being created for both new and transfer students to allow for early planning to enter the program. Willson also believes that one of the best ways for the promotion of our certificate programs is to recruit GIS students and other vocational students to speak at local schools to help educate upcoming students of career opportunities.

The GIS Certificate Program offers students a unique vocational skill for those who are still undecided about their career goal or offers natural resource students who are looking for permanent work an edge in the job market. There are increasing job opportunities available in this technology and related areas. With computerized global modeling using GIS, it may be possible to find solutions to problems such as global warming, ozone depletion, water & air pollution and sustainable resource management techniques that can make a difference in our environment.



Cover Art Story

HALF DOME ON ICE

By Paul C. Billups
GUEST WRITER

Here I was after a 2,000 mile pilgrimage - Yosemite at last! Seeing this chosen place of my waking dreams for the first time, with its unfathomable beauty, challenged my capabilities to comprehend it.

Arriving in May, on the night of the full moon, my gaze became fixed on the water falls, and the sheer cliffs surrounding them. In the glowing light I was struck with a sense of the surreal. What I was seeing was difficult for me to believe. My first impression of the valley gave me the feeling of a living, breathing entity; sweeping folds of granite seeming to flow, yet remain stationary to the falling water, absorbing and reflecting the moon's glow.

The next morning, I got my first hypnotizing look at Half Dome, Tis-sa-ack, as she was known to the valley's first inhabitants. I was drawn to this magnificent peak. It is one of the most unique in shape and in legend, at times almost human-like. I was fascinated to know more about it.

Having found an ideal camp away from the trappings of civilization, I stowed my extra gear, and headed out, my goal: reaching the top of Half Dome. With callused bare feet I hiked, moving further away from the roads of the world. I carried only a small pack containing a sweater, one wool hat, two pairs of wool socks, a nylon coat, some

food, water bottle, and my only shoes, a pair of smooth-soled friction boots.

The aptly named "Mist Trail", which which led me out of the valley, was grandly green and wet. Once past the halfway mark, the weather began to turn bad. Soon the cloud cover dropped socking in the unfamiliar terrain. Before long, snow started falling, at first lightly, then quickly intensifying into large disc-like, spongy wet flakes. In spite of the change in the weather, I was reveling in my experience so much that I continued on with gusto.

Nearing the summit of Half dome, the storm showed itself to be of a much more serious nature.

During the final mile, I saw the only person I had seen for hours, bounding lightfootedly down the granite stairs that buttress the foot of Half Dome. When I asked this black-bearded giant of a man what it was like at the top, he replied in a long, drawn out fashion, with snow filling his dark beard, "Well, it's pretty wild".

The snow was no longer melting when it touched down now as the temperature had continued to drop. The visibility was fairly good, so my upward flight seemed a

relatively safe bet. I quickly gained altitude by scurrying up the final sections of cables.

Nearing the summit of Half Dome, the storm showed itself to be of a much more serious nature, causing me to fear that my dogged determination may be leading me to my last adventure. I told myself not to worry about that now, to be strong, calm, but as I fortified my thoughts, I sensed that the full fury of the storm was yet to come.

Sure enough, soon after finding the highest point, a near white-out condition hit. I could see my hand at arms length, but beyond that visibility didn't exist. For a time I closed my eyes to alleviate the sting of the ice crystals, pulled my nylon coat tight, and waited.

About 15 minutes had passed when a "window" opened for a chance to escape. Having kept the direction of the cables planted in mind, I jumped up and ran for them.

By now the granite surface was freezing in spots, and the smooth footwear I wore caused me to slip, leaving me hanging by a single hand more than a couple of times as I struggled down the cables.

When I made the base I was thrilled to be in one piece. Feeling wonderfully alive, just down from the clouds. I was full of wonder for this place, "Yo-so-mighty", during the spring of my seventeenth year.

YOSEMITE'S
Half Dome

If your planning a rewarding ascent to Half Dome and would like some useful tips, you may want to contact the Public Information Office, National Park Service, P.O. Box 577, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389; or give them a call at (209) 372-0200.

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This summer hike is not recommended for the short winded or those who don't appreciate the thrill of being thousands of feet off the ground.

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-Mark Joachim-

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On The Horizon Herbicide Spraying To Continue

By Karen Shelley

The New Horizons program, which has been a part of the Columbia College Campus for the past six years, provides primarily for women, a variety of services. Women who may qualify for these services are single parents, displaced homemakers, non-traditional students, re-entry students, and single pregnant women.

Aside from student grants for books, child care, transportation and equipment, the program also offers assistance with registration, introduction to campus services, assistance with job placement,

"the New Horizon program helps women get off welfare and assists them in working towards academic and career goals."

individual guidance and a resource library of information and inspirational books.

This integral program faces the possibility of losing its funding due to Congress' decision to no longer allow gender equity funding as part of the Vocational Education money given to states. However, Linda DuTemple, the administrator of New Horizons, said that she wasn't worried about the threat of extinction since getting people

back into the work force is also a major concern of Congress' welfare reform movement. DuTemple said, "the New Horizon program helps women get off welfare and assists them in working towards academic and career goals."

The New Horizons staff, which consists of Linda DuTemple, Cass Larkin and Carol Salado-Poor is not sitting idly by waiting to hear of their program's possible demise. They receive updates on Congress' progress, and then take steps to put a plan into place to continue their services, which include, a full calendar of scheduled workshops to develop skills in areas such as parenting, job searching, communications, assertiveness, and stress management.

In addition they offer, a Women's Re-entry Support group which meets every Tuesday at 12:30 in Juniper 1. These sessions are co-facilitated by two of the New Horizons staff, and have been created to provide a safe environment for women to share problems they are experiencing in school and at home.

DuTemple says that the college has been very supportive of the program in the past, but she remains concerned for the future. "I don't know how supportive the college will be when there is no grant money."

By Amber Brooks

MTX STAFF WRITER, AND
Johann Newton
MTX MANAGING EDITOR

Concern over aerial herbicide spraying of the Stanislaus National Forest by the U.S. Forest Service brought together environmental groups from around the state to protest the government action.

About 200 people gathered last month under cloudy skies to voice their outrage and to raise community awareness. Marching to the steady beat of drums and chanting along the way, the protesters made the one mile trek from the Blockbuster parking lot to the forest service headquarters on Greenley Road.

The event, organized in part by the Columbia College Ecology Action Club and others, highlighted various speakers, none of whom had anything good to say about the forest service's decision.

"Certainly they wouldn't pollute



Photo by Mathew Schmitt

Members of the Ecology Action Club join the concerned community at a protest outside the District Forest Service building, in an effort to stop herbicide spraying in the Stanislaus National Forest.

their own backyard under the guise of protecting the forest," said Sonny Hendricks, a Miwok Tribal Council elder. "They are the ones who can't see the forest through the

trees." Jennifer Bates, of the California Indian Basket Weavers Association hopes the protest will alert the public as to what's going on in the national forest.

"I know people that have been affected by herbicide spraying,"

"We don't want it getting into the water or treating plants that don't need to be treated"

Mike Ruty, USFS

Bates said. "I've spoken to people who have had blisters in their mouths (from the herbicides). As basket weavers, we go out into the forest to gather the plant materials. The materials then go into our mouths for processing." According to Bates, it's not only on forest service land, but private industry as
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Talking Heads

by Mathew Schmitt

What would make your experience at Columbia more fulfilling?



Violet

Life at Columbia College would be more fulfilling if we could have safe sex without the necessity of condoms.



John Baker

I don't believe that the school could do anything to make the experience more fulfilling, this is up to the student.



Noah Trilet

All fines collected from library and parking should go to a better system of transportation. Also, I would like to see the lake opened for boating.



Sarah Jones

More teacher evaluations and eliminate their tenure, it's a shield of immunity.



Tiffany Lake

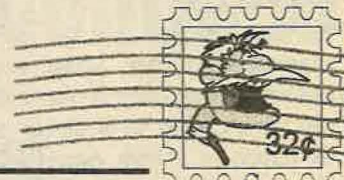
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Eden Alexander

Life would improve on campus and my faith restored with the return of my pager.

Letters to the editor



To the Editor:

In reference to Mr. Reese's March letter to the editor. This gentleman's concerns, in my opinion, are somewhat dis-placed. Although the Constitution itself can, and often is, misinterpreted, the bottom line is that the ultimate objective of the Constitution is to assure us of our freedom and to protect the rights of the people.

All the people who are busy fussing over the precedent of whether or not it is "Constitutional" to require thumbprints on personal checks, to allow drug-sniffing dogs on school campuses, etc., are missing the whole point of the Constitutional amendments themselves. For instance, if it takes a little "preventative maintenance" to insure my freedom of not having the price of store-bought goods raised because of all the check-bouncers, then what would be the harm in giving a thumbprint... If it ultimately works toward the good of the consumer, then I find it quite difficult to see the problem in doing my part to help, for what in the long run is to be in my best interest anyway.

If a little "preventative maintenance" in the form of a drug-dog randomly sniffing around is what it takes to keep my school a safe, productive environment; one that I can be assured of as being an optimum academic atmosphere to which I can broaden my horizons without further hindrances, then I again fail to see the harm. Isn't that why we attend school anyway? Isn't it our aspiration to better not only ourselves, but our environment, school and/or the work place, and excel in life as far as we can take ourselves? If not, then you're in the wrong place.

Anything to thwart such honorable endeavors should not only be considered as counter-productive, but also as a total waste of valuable time.

-Chris Luhndorff, Angels Camp

To the Editor:

A recent article in the March 1996 edition of the Columbia College Mountain Times quoted the Associated Students as stating that in 1994 Columbia College students requested the Chancellor raise the tutor hourly pay from \$4.35 to \$4.50 an hour and that she refused. Please note that all student hourly pay, including tutors, was \$4.50 an hour in 1994 and is \$4.50 an hour now. According to our records, the hourly student rate has never been \$4.35. For your information, the current student hourly rate is increased \$.25 for all hours worked between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am. It is also important to note that the legal federal and state minimum wage is \$4.25 an hour. The Yosemite Community College District has historically paid students at a rate greater than the federal and state minimum wage.

In the future, please give my office a call to verify payroll or any other fiscal information so you can be sure you have accurate information.

Teresa Scott,
Assistant Chancellor Fiscal Services

Editor's Note: If student tutors had received a 13% pay increase as did the chancellor in 1994, they would be making \$5.08 per hour.

To the Editor:

In 1938, during the Roosevelt Administration, Congress and the President passed the Wages and Hours Act which is better known as the Fair Labor Standards Act. Among other things, this legislation secured the forty-hour/ five-day work week, effectively determining that it was reasonable to ask workers to spend only eight hours each day on their job, and workers would be paid over-time wage for hours beyond that amount. However, the eight-hour work day is in jeopardy in California.

The California State Assembly, along strict party lines, passed AB 398 (Aguilar) and sent the bill to the State Senate. If this bill is approved there and makes it to the Governor's desk to become law, employers of California will no longer be required to offer workers over-time pay or compensatory time for the hours worked over eight each day.

If the eight hour work day and appropriate compensation for hours worked are important to you, please write or call your State Senator and Governor Pete Wilson to let them know that you feel this is legislation that **does not protect California Workers.**

Andrew Reese
Sonora

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- Letters to the Editor
- Guest Editorials
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- Story Ideas

Rosasco Recall Rally
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Friday April, 26
5PM

When the governor of the State of California, Pete Wilson, makes a campaign pledge not to run for president if re-elected as governor and then breaks that promise, what do you think about that? It makes me ANGRY! He lied is what he did, plain and simple. Did he only say that to help win himself the election? Obviously, his word doesn't mean much does it? So what's he doing still holding office?

Or, how about when two Tuolumne County supervisors go off on their "Golfgate" escapade and forget to mention it to anyone? That's just more of the same nonsense -- it's a lack of integrity is what it is. And it's becoming a national trend. What gives?

It seems like all the people we elect to serve us are only interested in serving themselves.

The chancellor of the Yosemite Community College District, Dr. Pam Fisher, tells the entire district faculty and staff that money is scarce and they must tighten their belts, yet she herself accepts a 13 percent pay

raise. This is totally ludicrous. Yet the "Iron Maiden" retains all of her quintessential power.

In my book, a leader doesn't deserve respect if they can't live by their own recommendations or by their word. How do you respect someone who clamors for the biggest piece of pie and gets it no matter the cost? The elitist hierarchy keeps pulling this crap because they know they can get away with it.

And it's the public's fault -- the hapless public, knowing little and doing even less. And this kind of stuff is going to continue until we decide to do something about it. These tyrannical democratic dictators are going to keep rubbing our faces in the dirt and taking advantage of us. They're going to keep pulling the wool over our eyes, pushing us around, stripping us of our dignity and turning all of us into a bunch of blind, bleating sheep -- because we let 'em...

-Editor

This has been a frustrating year for many of us at Columbia College. The political climate on campus has been in overdrive and now suddenly many of the issues seem to have lost their importance. The importance of the issues have not been lost on all of us however, it's just that we have become exhausted.

I remember when Dr. White announced he had been reassigned; the tears, the questions, the anger. I remember when Chancellor Fisher was granted her 13% raise and the staff granted their 3% raise, after being told to "tighten their fiscal belts".

I remember being at several board meetings and listening to staff, faculty, students and the public plead and question the board about their decisions. I also remember the "fortress mentality" of the board and their unwillingness to respond. How a board governs is just as important as the decisions it makes. I think the YCCD board has failed on more than one level.

While I understand the need to "move on" in a productive manner with negotiations, I can't help but have a sour feeling about what has happened.

The committees, designated A and B, made up of college faculty, staff and perhaps the token student, continue to meet to iron out their differences and perhaps break new ground on governance issues.

There is progress I am told. Somehow I don't feel enough has been done or enough has been understood by the board of trustees. Maybe it's just that I don't understand.

I am sure of several things: I don't feel good about a governing board that condones silence and unanswered questions; I don't feel good about a board that breaks the law and gets to "do it over again"; I don't feel good about representatives ignoring the voice of their constituents; I don't feel good about professional harassment, abuse of power and greediness and I don't feel good about all that I have seen and heard from the Yosemite Community College District board within the last year or so.

I am appalled at the fear the faculty and staff has experienced while speaking out on these issues. Most of us will never know the whole story behind all of this because bills must be paid and the issues just weren't important enough to risk the mortgage.

Citizen circumspection of local government is the cornerstone of our American Democracy. It is a foundation that has lasted centuries, but not without struggle and sacrifice.

When the public voices concerns that are never heard, when employees raise questions that are never answered and when voters become thwarted by representatives that no longer respond, there are few alternatives but recalls, strikes and protests, or to simply roll over and play dead.

Sometimes I think the rolling over and playing dead part would be the easiest. I just wish I could learn how to do it!

Connie Lee Close

**WRITE A LETTER TO
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LET THE COLLEGE
KNOW WHAT YOU
ARE THINKING.**



Earth Day emerged out of the 1970 Environmental Education Act; its official international observance is on April 22. In the beginning, this "student-led movement" was initiated through college efforts of solidarity to educate the general public on environmental issues and new concepts of dealing with them.

Today, 26 years later, Earth Day is celebrated as a grassroots form of solutions to many problems by thousands of elementary, high school, and colleges throughout the world. The day is celebrated in many ways, including tree plantings, litter clean-up, cultural events, and large scale festivals attracting thousands of people, such as "the People's Earth Day" in San Francisco. In all cases, the focus of these events is on possible solutions to negative human ecological impacts.

This April 22 get involved with your environment. Whether you help coordinate a large event, rally against herbicides in the forest, ride a bike (instead of a car), plant a tree, or simply clean-up your yard for the day this world will be a better place because of it. For information on local issues contact your college's environmental/ecology clubs.

by Mark Joachim

Sports

Soccer Team Power Plays To .50



Photo by Tim Mann

Instructor, Coach, and river guide, Mike Fabry runs his troops through drills on Symon Field.

By Tim Mann
MTX STAFF WRITER

The Columbia Soccer Club, which includes many students from Instructor Mike Fabry's soccer class, finished its 18 game season on March 17. The club, playing in the highest division, Premier, finished at .500 in only its second year.

Fabry commends this year's team for its fine showing, and recommends that any other athletes interested in a challenge, take his advanced soccer class. The college also offers a recreational level class

for all beginners and up.

Recreational soccer meets Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30. Advanced is 4:30 to 5:50 on the same days. Both classes meet on Symons Field above the Oak Pavilion.

If you're one of Fabry's students, you'd be well advised not to miss his final, as he will be a hard man to find. Twenty-four hours after his final class Fabry will be at least five miles down the Colorado River on the first of his annual 100 days of river guiding for Grand Canyon O.A.R.S..

What Do You Think About This?

Not so long ago, the NBA and player Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf squared off. At issue was Abdul-Rauf's refusal to stand for the National Anthem, played before all NBA games. Is it a tempest in a teapot, or a grave episode of constitutional bashing? At stake was NBA policy and Abdul-Rauf's paycheck. At the heart of the matter was religious freedom and our right to our own opinions.

This was not the government coercing a citizen. The NBA is promoting a decent thing, the playing of the anthem, and desires a simple show of respect. Certainly it doesn't want guys shooting baskets and stretching during the rendition. Abdul-Rauf does not hold a personal respect for the anthem, the flag, or the country for which it stands. His reasons are heartfelt and his religious views further a separation between him and the state. Yet he did not show disrespect openly. He asked to be excused from being on the floor, to stand aside, to hide his action. This compromise action seems reasonable allowing his religious belief to be unviolated and showing no public disrespect to his employer, teammates, and fans. The NBA refused to allow this. The conflict escalated, leading to Abdul-Rauf suspension, loss of pay, and a national furor.

After a few missed games,

Abdul-Rauf relented and will now stand, offering prayers in his heart for the duration of the song. Once again he offered a compromise while the NBA stood firm. Life will go on and his story will soon be forgotten.

At the Oak Pavilion, all volleyball and basketball contests are preceded by the anthem. Everyone stands, Angie Hursky and Rebecca Hansen sing, it's a great moment and the games get under way. We like it and no harm is done. If, however, you were forced to endure it, then all the good it stands for would be lost. A good thing can not be forced on someone and retain its purity. Abdul-Rauf did not ask that we stop the tradition or forego our pleasure, merely that he be allowed to follow his own conviction in a non-obtrusive manner. Was the flag used to wrap the shackles and gag the protester? Did the symbol gain at the expense of the substance? Was Abdul-Rauf a religious indignant or a whining ignominious? The issue has been resolved, the stakes divvied up, but the heart of the matter is still undecided. What do you think of that? Your comments are encouraged, direct them to Sports, MTX Office, or Oak Pavilion.

-By TIM MANN-

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By Tim Mann
MTX STAFF

The Columbia College Golf team is in mid-season under Coach Chris Bitticks. The eight member team, made up of Ian More, Ebon Slack, Chris Ryan, Jeff Gerow, Jeff Petersen, Mike O'Neil, Tighe Hamman, and Brian Garcia, practice and play home tournaments at Mountain Springs Golf Course.

It's a beautiful course, with vistas of rolling ranch lands and views of the valley to distract from the serious competition at hand. The team is in close contention to earn a place in the NorCal Finals at Chico. Also at stake is a spot for the individual six lowest stroke finishers not on a qualifying team. Teams rack up points at each mini-tournament they attend. It's a five team conference with every school hosting two tournaments at their home course. All five teams compete in each tournament. First place gets five points, second place gets four, and so on. Currently Columbia is in third place, only one half a point out of qualifying for the NorCal Finals. Ian More is the low stroke contender.

The next home match is April 11 and much is riding on the continued drive of this team effort.

Photo by Tim Mann

Chris Ryan blasts his way out of trouble in a practice round at Columbia home course of Mountain Springs.

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By TIM MANN

Robert Parker scored big all season on the basketball court. Now the Sophomore is scoring big in the awards stats. He has been chosen for the All-State team, CVC MVP, and Co-MVP of the Claim Jumpers.

Marlon Johnson was the other Co-MVP, teaming with Parker for a potent one-two punch.

Also honored for their leadership roles were Gilbert Smith (top offensive player), T.K. Davis (top defensive player) and Chris Griffin (most improved). Brian Hamilton was lauded for being an "Unsung Hero."

The golf team posted a home course victory, defeating four other colleges in a mini-tournament at Mountain Springs, on March 14.

Some members of the college volleyball team are honing their skills in club play, traveling from Sacramento to Fresno to compete. Joining non-team members are Janelle Mendes, Peniel Wilk, Lisa Christensen, Jamie Shott, and Kim Miller. Past players also on the team are Tina Cruz and Marci Fieber.

Campus Activities

Any Columbia student or faculty member interested in beginning and/or promoting a campus activity, is strongly encouraged to contact the Associated Student Body.

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Local Entertainment





By Rhianna Lee  
MTX STAFF WRITER

People attending the free workshops presented by a member of the Haudonasunee tribe, Dennis Yerry, on March 16, at the Fallon House

Theater, were overwhelmed by the beauty, strength and sadness his music conveyed. The event was primarily set as an informative workshop to bring the public the message of *Black Elk Speaks*, Columbia Actor's Repertory's next production, which opens May 10. The play was written by Christopher Sergel, based on the book of the same title by John G. Neihardt which retells history from the perspective of an Ogala Sioux holy

man, Black Elk. In a vision, Black Elk sees he must tell the story of their history to rebuild the "Sacred Hoop" that has been broken, not only for his people but for all people.

Yerry brought his insight and musical expertise to an interested group as he played a variety of songs, some of which he composed for the Denver Center Theater Company production of *Black Elk Speaks* in 1992/1993, for which he was musical director. He spoke of many types of songs, drums and flutes, plus described some musical differences between tribes. For example, the Haudonasunee sing lower in pitch than do the northern Ogala Sioux, which he demonstrated by singing

songs from his own tribe including the "Alligator Song" and the "Friendship Song" in comparison with the "Song Of The Sacred Dog", a Lakota song which honors the horse in both rhythm and words. The most moving songs were Yerry's slow, sweet flute songs played on special hand-crafted flute, which he described as his musical pipe, connecting himself and his audience to the "spirit side" while he plays.

Lorenzo Baca, a Mescalero Apache and local artist and musician, helped Yerry at the workshop by sharing local Me-Wuk songs which were passed on to him by the late Me-Wuk elder, Brown Tad. The "Gambling Song", which is

sung with much fun and mischief, accompanies an ancient game of hiding sticks whose order must be guessed. Baca is also instrumental in collaborating the music for the current Columbia production of *Black Elk Speaks*, playing drum, clapper sticks and other traditional instruments as well as a role in the production. Other local people representing the Me-Wuk tribe and other tribal nations will be participating in the play.

After entertaining the audience and coaxing their participation, the workshop was concluded with the "Friendship Dance", a simple circle dance which further united the group. Though Yerry is here on a consulting basis only, his musical and spiritual contribution is an extremely welcome stepping stone for this ambitious project.

He says of his work concerning *Black Elk Speaks*, "When I read the book, *Black Elk Speaks*, in 1991, I received a message to write down all of Black Elk's works, which I then turned into a choral piece. I believe that the series of events which lead to my participation in the production in Denver, which later toured the US have been instrumental in bringing Black Elk's message to the people, healing hatred and guilt everywhere it goes."

Director David Purdy is seeking interested native people of any nation to act, play music or otherwise support this production of *Black Elk Speaks*. Please contact CAR at 532-4644. Purdy also hopes to offer additional matinee performances for interested county schools and generate a deeper understanding of the history and culture of indigenous people.

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By Michelle Baron  
MTX STAFF WRITER

Don't see this movie! That is if you want to be dogmatic and continue to support the death penalty. I must confess that I had no desire to see this movie. I, being of the opinionated type, and

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being set in my ways at an early age, had no desire to see this film. I find both Sarandon and Penn to be superb actors and I knew that if I saw this film I would have to take a new, fresh look, at my own stand on this issue. Many aspects of this film surprised me. Like many others, I had already decided that this movie would whine about the plight of the sadistic murder, and make no mention of the victim or the victim's family. How wrong I was! This film, while it's apparent that the makers are against the death penalty, never forgets the victims. Sean Penn's

performance as the convict sentenced to death, is phenomenal. He manages to convey a crude, egotistical, and harsh front, while also managing to elude to a hidden vulnerability. Sarandon portrays the nun, caught up in the pain of those around her, with a sense of conviction and yet confusion about the path her character has chosen. This film was superbly written and directed by Sarandon's husband, Tim Robbins, and he masterfully depicts the horror of the crime and the death of the criminal, while allowing you, the audience to make your own

judgments. I never felt manipulated into changing my views. This picture is full of human drama and emotion, and I don't recommend seeing this one alone. You will definitely want someone to talk to after this journey. This film was not nominated for best picture, but Susan Sarandon was nominated and won an academy award for Best Actress. Sean Penn was nominated for Best Actor, and Tim Robbins was nominated for Best Director; neither won. All three definitely earned these nominations. This movie is a heavy one, but one I strongly encourage you to see. On a scale of one to five, I gave this one a five!



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I'm sure you've all heard the seventies term "We've come a long way baby!" Well some one needs to tell Robert Redford! When I sat down to watch this film, I must admit that I wasn't really interested in watching a movie where the theme is: "He made her what she is today." But I thought I should

give it a chance, so, there I sat with popcorn in hand, feet up, and pencil and paper ready.

The movie started off with sexism from the very first moment Pfeifer and Redford meet. Pfeifer is wearing a hot pink pant suit and thick black eye liner. She looks like a high priced hooker, and apparently, she is supposed to be void of any knowledge required for an interview. Redford begins by calling her sweetheart, and when she makes a polite protest about the comment, he mocks her with his co-workers. He proceeds to tell her that one part of her job will be to get his coffee and pick up his laundry. She complies, and he quips "otherwise this would have been the shortest career in this television news station's history." Pfeifer smiles.

I hoped and prayed that this film would get better, but in fact, it only got worse, to the point that it made me sick. Pfeifer is so glad to be given a chance to prove her self that she gladly hangs on Redford's every word. He even has to tell her that news isn't about lipstick, but about the questions you ask. The movie goes on to established that he has slept with his former desk person, and that he is a complete sexist, and then the viewer is supposed to think that Redford's character is not so bad when he tells her that she doesn't have to have sex with him. And, in the long run, she becomes famous because of him.

This film was clearly made, as was "Indecent Proposal," to pump up this aging actor's ego. Pfeifer plays this role well (which I'm not so sure is a good thing), but in 1996 I would have hoped that we'd come further then this "Baby"!

If you want to see Redford in something good, rent "Electric Cowboy" or "Sneakers," but don't waist your time or your money on this garbage! On a scale from one to five, well I had to make a new scale for this one, it gets a negative two!

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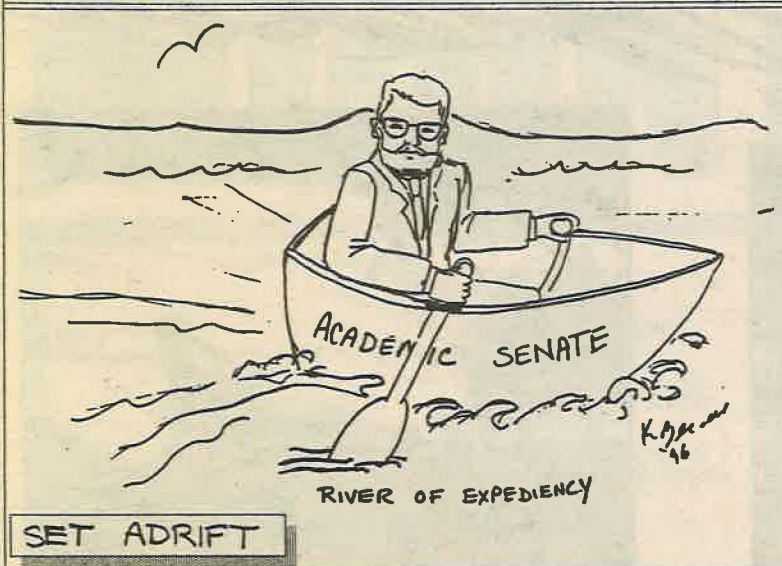
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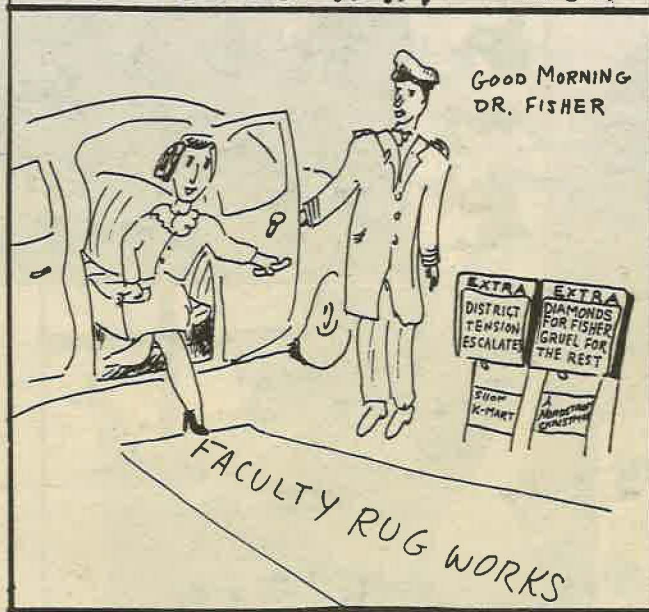
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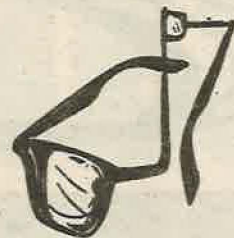
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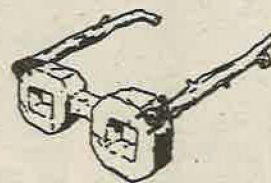


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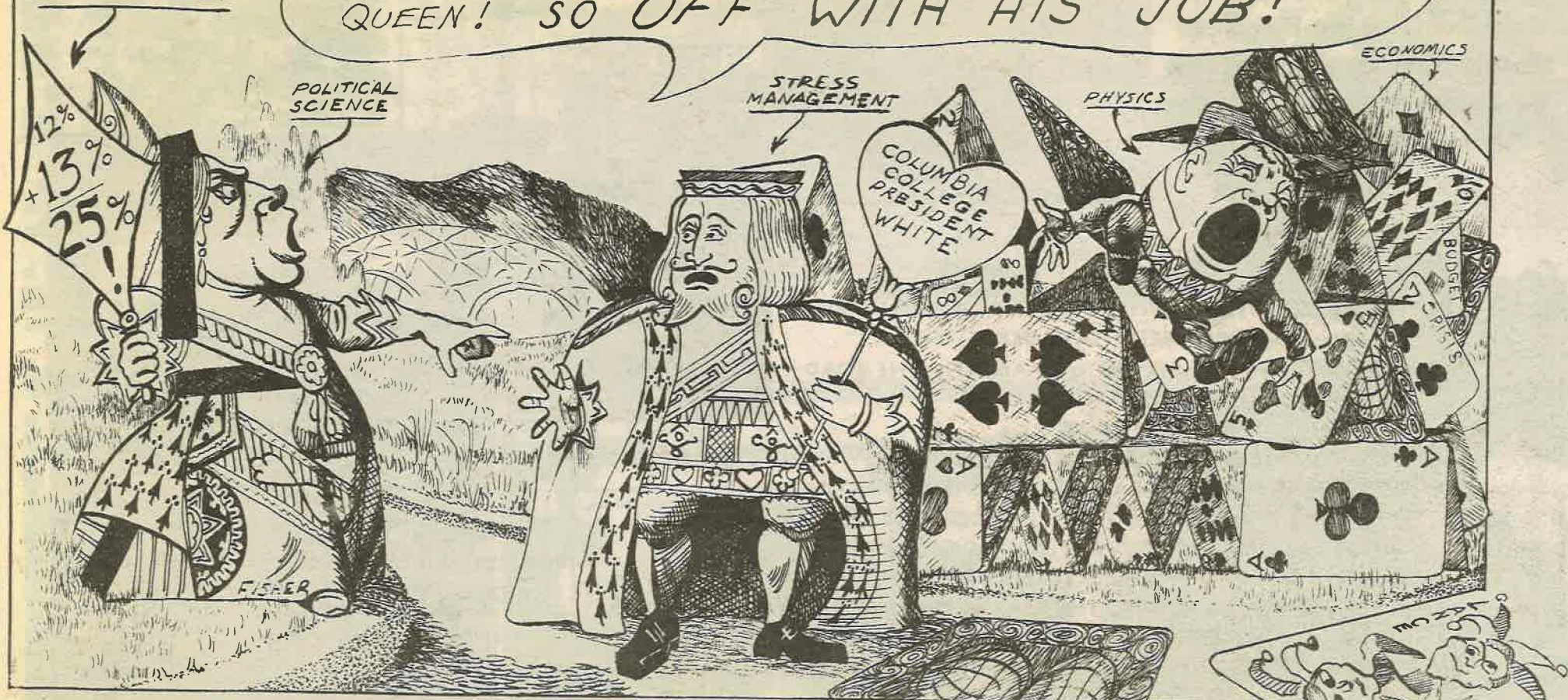
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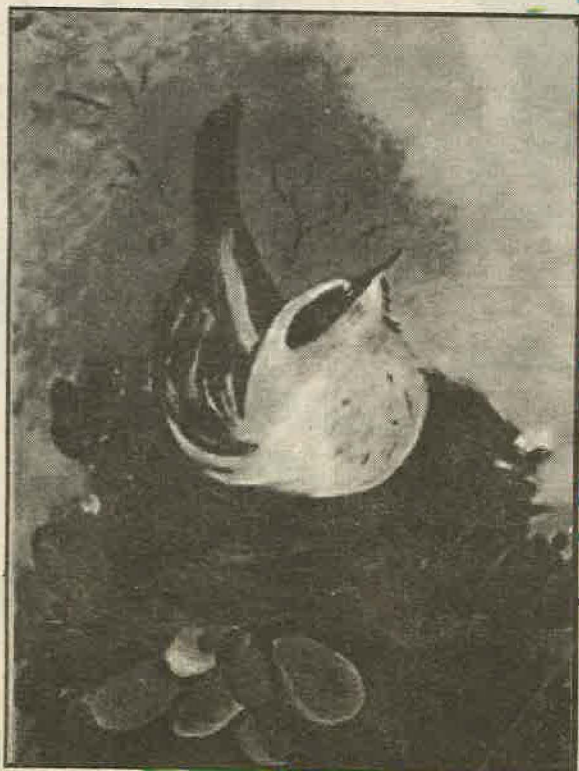
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STAY BY THE FIRELIGHT COYOTE  
COME WONT YOU PLAY WITH ME  
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SMOKE OF THE PIPE GOES BEFORE ME  
STARS SHINING THROUGH THE TREES  
VISIONS OF CENTURIES  
SING TO ME  
COYOTE

I CALL TO THE HILLS FOR THE SOUND OF YOUR VOICE  
BUT STILL THE FOREST SEEMS EMPTY  
I FOLLOW YOUR TRACKS THROUGH THE SAND AND THE SNOW  
TELL ME  
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### LOVER'S LEAP

IN THE CAR, YOU TELL OF WHEN YOU WERE A LITTLE GIRL  
YOU CLIMBED THAT ROCK  
NOW THOUGH, YOU ARE AN OLD WOMAN, AND THE ROAD  
STRETCHES OUT BEFORE US  
WIDE OPEN COUNTRY  
AND THE SKY IS FULL OF HUNDREDS OF PUFFY WHITE CLOUDS  
AS THE ROAD WINDS ITS WAY INTO THE FOOTHILLS  
WE DRIVE THROUGH THE SHADOWS OF THOSE CLOUDS  
AND I CAN PICTURE YOU AS A LITTLE GIRL STANDING ON THAT ROCK  
WITH YOUR ARMS OUTSTRETCHED AND THE LIGHT SHINING THROUGH YOU  
AND THE YEARS FLOAT BY  
LIKE SO MANY PUFFY WHITE CLOUDS  
SOMETIMES GATHERING INTO HUGE THUNDERHEADS FULL OF RAIN

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