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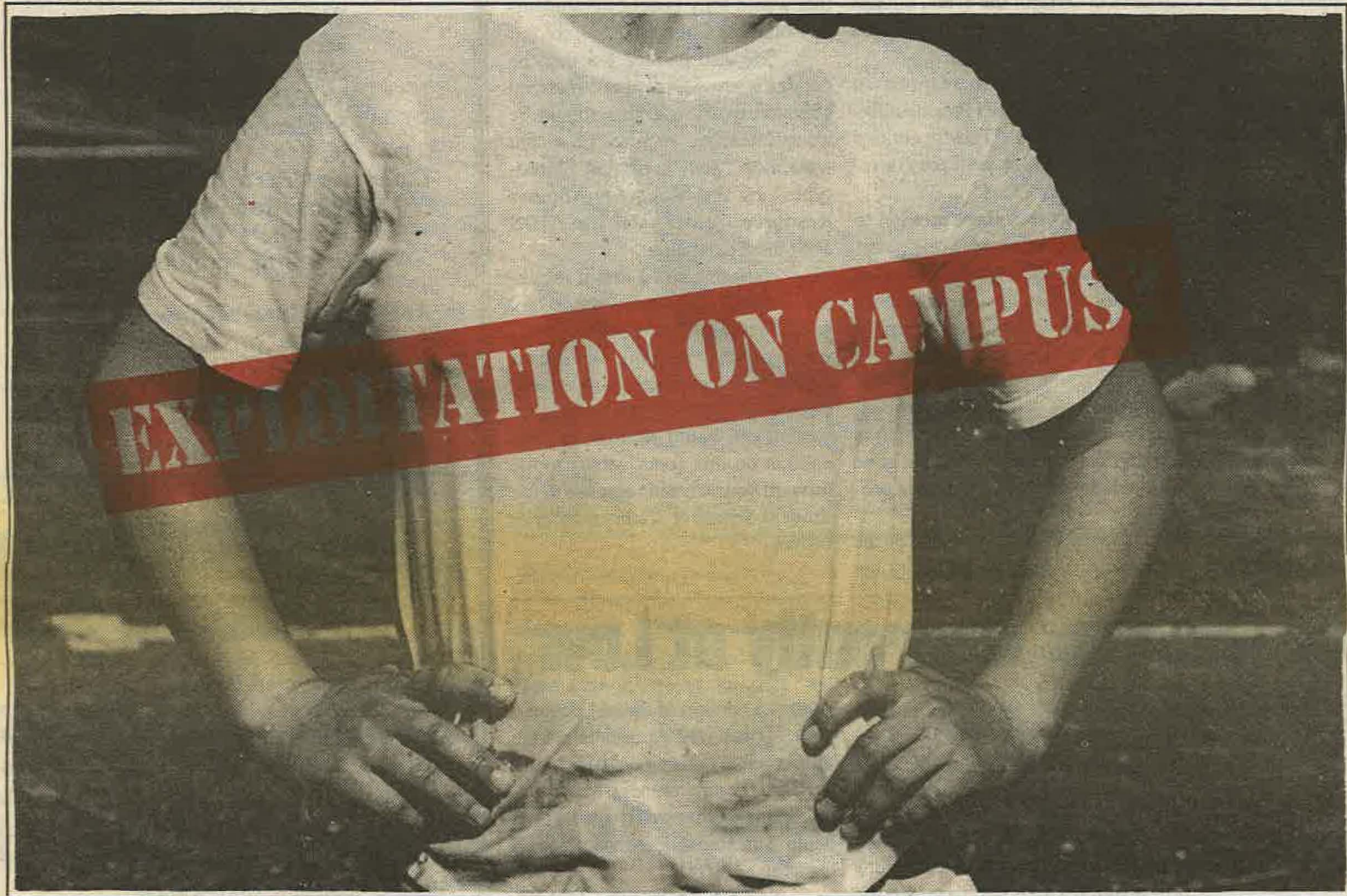
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Wet T-Shirt Contest Washed Out til "Spring Olympics"

by Lisa Larsen
MTX EDITOR-in-CHIEF

You've heard the rumors, now here are the facts. The Student Senate has approved a Wet T-Shirt Contest to be held on campus as part of a "Spring Olympics" fund raiser. The contest was originally planned for the fall semester as part of a fund raising barbecue, but has now been moved to an expanded "Spring Olympics" with such events as a water balloon toss and mud wrestling.

Partly in an effort to avoid accusations of sexism, the Senate has planned to hold an "iron man" competition in conjunction with the Wet T-Shirt Contest.

When asked what the goal of the contest was, Jeremy Mills, ASU President remarked that "we just wanted to get some response -- good or bad -- from the student body. We thought it would be a way of getting people's interest."

Although the controversial contest has not yet been publicly pro-

moted and is not planned until next semester, the Student Senate is already receiving a response from some students. The Senate itself gathered a petition of some 78 signatures in favor of the event, but has also received numerous unsolicited formal complaints to date.

When asked to respond to these complaints, ASU President Jeremy Mills replied, "They're entitled to their opinion, at least they're responding to our ideas."

As for the college proving to be a barrier to the event taking place, Mills remarked, "We're not doing anything illegal or against school policy, therefore they cannot stop the contest from taking place."

However, according to Vice-President of Student Services, Kathryn Jefferies, at this point this is "not an event because it has not gone through the necessary planning process."

When asked to comment on the controversial plan proposed by the

ASU, she replied that she was "... happy that they're thinking about planning events, but ... would like to see them come up with some meaningful and significant events that would truly benefit the students of Columbia College."

She also pointed out that the college is providing other beneficial community services that should be given attention, such as the recent workshop "Sex, Lies, and Stereotypes" by the Mountain Womens Resource Center, and the AIDS awareness campaign.

Jefferies noted that if the intent of the ASU's proposal was to "get people excited about a Senate that is serious about planning significant events, this is not the way to accomplish it."

If you would like to voice your opinion on this controversial topic, forward your written response to the Student Senate or Kathryn Jefferies office.

Clubs on Campus Currently at Low

by John Flynn
MTX STAFF WRITER

One the many opportunities to enjoy campus life at Columbia College includes joining a club. Campus clubs cover a wide range of areas and activities.

Forming a club requires that you secure a faculty advisor and obtain approval from the Student Senate. If approved, the Senate provides \$50 to start up the club.

In the past, there were several active clubs on campus. However, in recent years there's been a disturbing trend resulting in a number of clubs becoming inactive.

Inquiries by the Mountain Times indicated that the reasons are two-fold: faculty members noted that clubs require significant time commitment without compensation, and the students we polled indicated a general lack of interest in joining clubs.

If you are interested in joining an active club or reactivating one, the following is a list we developed of active and inactive clubs with telephone numbers or contact persons.

Drama Club - The purpose of

drama, is to continue the tradition of theater at Columbia College. If interested in joining drama on campus, contact Nick Teshin 536-1625. Advisor: Ellen Stewart. (Active)

Science Clubs - The Science Club focus in on creating a future community with a basic knowledge of science. President: Sofia Wiley. Advisor: Tad Wolgamott. (Active)

Alcoholics Anonymous - A.A.'s goal is to aid in the continued sobriety of members and help new comers achieve sobriety. President: Randy Cofer 533-9387. Advisor: Meryl Soto. (inactive)

Cycling Club - The Cycling club's goals are to provide an opportunity for all Columbia College students, faculty, and staff, to participate in the sport of cycling. President: Sean Erickson 785-2273. Advisor: Jim Toner. (Inactive)

Roteract - The Roteract Club is a smaller version of the rotary organization. It is designed to help with community events, better the community, help communities other than its own. They take a trip to Mexico once a year to help the people that are living in poverty. (Inactive)

Outings Club - The Outings

Club is a version of the old Ecology club. It has the same interests in mind such as taking field trips to understand the environment, and to better the planet that we live on. President: Tim Renaud. Advisor: Ross Carkeet. (Active)

SALSA Club - The SALSA club was formed to join together to promote and celebrate the diversity of the peoples of the Columbia College Community. President: Kevin Harding 536-9902. Advisor: Lynn Martin. (Active)

Culinary Arts - The Culinary Arts program is and excellent opportunity for students to gain experience in culinary arts with extra efforts in the catering field. President: Robert Clare 588-5135 Advisor: Gene Womble. (active)

As noted, the Student Senate at Columbia College will provide \$50.00 in seed money to jump start any new club on campus as long as it has been approve by the Student Senate.

If you'd like to form a new club, check first with the Student Senate for details.

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\$18,000 Grant Enables Recycling Program

by Chris Luhdorff
MTX REPORTER

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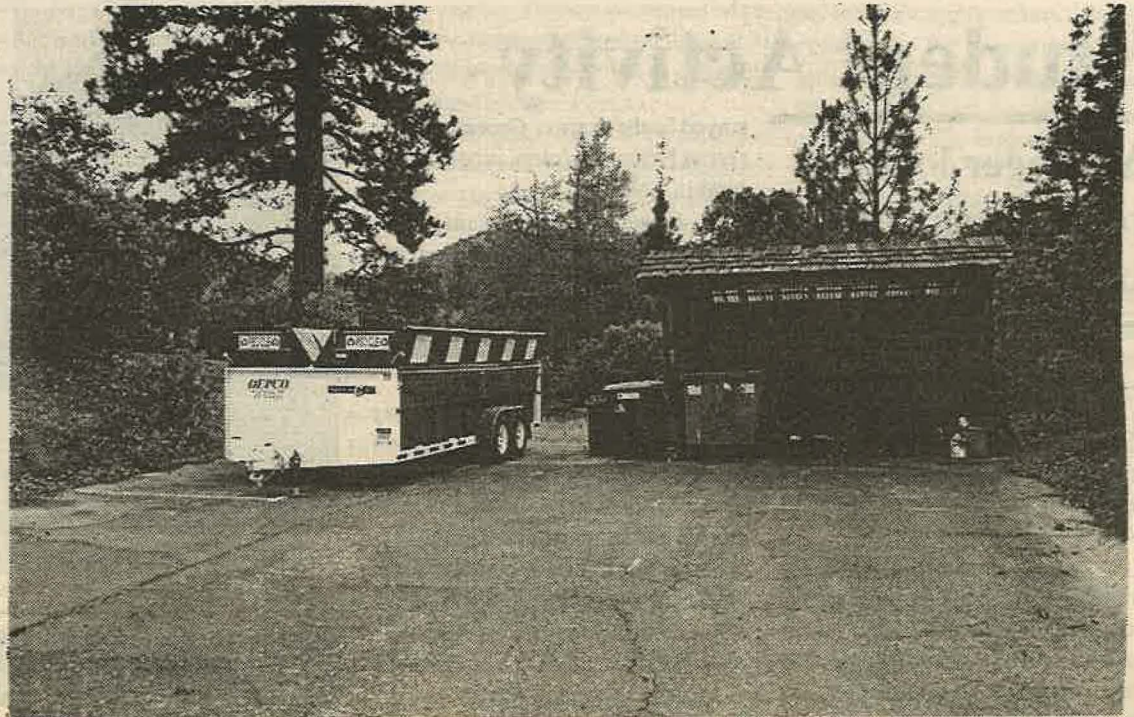
There are currently recycling canisters outside of each of the buildings, including the dorms. The coordinators are intending to implement the use of up to 80 more. These will be placed inside of the classrooms, one container per classroom. These will in turn be separated and categorized by the recycling staff. Therefore the frequent use of these containers is encouraged by all, student and staff.

For those who bring donations to the center itself, it is asked that these donations are left next to the bins rather than inside of them. They would also like to state what items are not accepted at this time. These include items such as used motor oil, paints and/or thinners, hazardous materials of any kind, magazines, tin foil, styrofoam and household garbage.

If you do have materials that are hazardous (e.g., used motor oil, paints, pesticides, etc.) please contact your local recycling center in Sonora. On campus call Ken Lucas in the College Transportation Department, or Natural Resources Instructor Ross Carkeet for information and suggestions on how to dispose of such materials in a safe, effective manner. Such items can have fatal repercussions if not properly handled.

Recycle

The recycling center is located at the back end of the upper parking lot.



As most are aware, Columbia College has an ongoing recycling program that is being implemented here on campus, on a daily basis.

Recently, the college has been awarded a grant of approximately \$18,000 for a retrofitting of the current recycling program. With this money the college has purchased a large trailer--segregated for the different types of recyclable items --and a cart with a trailer for picking up the recyclables around campus.

The coordinators for the recycling center would like to inform the student body its intentions for the recycling program, as well as some information regarding the current acceptable donations.

Currently the Center is accepting the following:

- CALIFORNIA REDEMPTION PLASTIC (e.g., soda and two-liter bottles)
- CALIFORNIA REDEMPTION GLASS (e.g., soda bottles).
- NON-CALIFORNIA PLASTIC (e.g., clear water bottles).
- NON-CALIFORNIA GLASS (e.g., Snapple™ bottles).
- FROSTED PLASTIC (e.g., milk and water jugs).
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Senate Determined to Combat Campus Apathy

by Tammy Aguiniga
MTX ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Student Senate of Columbia College has a full agenda for this semester. At their meetings they have discussed creating more campus clubs, getting more bands for college hour, and raising money.

Current Student Body President Jeremy Mills is determined to get students active on this campus. He has set forth three goals for his year in office.

"My number one goal is to get a new library built here within the next five years. Number two is to have more activities on campus such as campus movie night and more bands. Number three is better representation for the students."

He commented that these ideas were beginning to be implemented but that the Senate needed more people and experience since

he was the only member with prior experience.

Just recently the Senate held elections and filled the executive seats. It was another example of lack of participation of students on campus. The elections took place on September 23. Of the approximately 2700 students enrolled and allowed to vote, only approximately 133 did.

Mills stated that their were a lot of complaints that were unaware of the elections and had little knowledge of the candidates.

The candidates elected were Cliff Amend for Executive Secretary, Stephanie Allen for V.P. of Finance and Chris Schipper for V.P. of Activities. Current members Deirdre Harris, V.P. of Clubs and Mike Hamilton, V.P. of Policy and Procedure round out the executive board.

A current idea for a fundraiser, a BBQ and Wet T- Shirt

contest, has been postponed to next semester. This activity would have entailed aBBQ on the soccer field

**"My number one goal is to get a new library built here within the next five years."-
Jeremy Mills,
ASU president**

The contest was open to both men and women and prizes were to be given.

Other events that are also being discussed are a Masquerade Ball for Halloween.

The lack of clubs on campus was something V.P. of Clubs Deirdre Harris discussed at the first

meeting. She commented that there was a problem getting clubs started as well as maintaining them. One senator commented that there was apathy among faculty members in being an advisor of clubs.

Remember, when you are

ing to be some trial and error, but if everyone will do there part this program can be a huge success. Though it might be inconvenient for some, the overall benefits are for all, as the money generated by this program will go towards SCHOLARSHIPS!!

To try and alleviate this lack of clubs problem and promote participation in clubs on campus the senate offering \$50 in seed money to help clubs get started on campus.

At one meeting they allotted money to a newly formed Drama

Club. They also discussed that a Psychology Club is being created. Currently on campus there are only four active clubs, The Drama Club, S.A.L.S.A., the Outings Club and the Ecology Club. The Senate's hope is that interested parties will activate more clubs.

The Student Senate office is located next to the Transfer and Counseling center. Senate meetings are usually announced in the student bulletin and all students are encouraged to attend.

ASU TENATIVE OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

October 30th
"Rocky Horror Picture Show"
Dogwood Forum, 8:00 p.m.
Admission: \$1.00

October 31st
Masquerade Ball
Oak Pavilion, at 8:00 p.m.
and Second Showing of
"Rocky Horror Picture Show"
10:00 p.m., Oak 9 or 10
Admission: \$1.00 for each activity

Housing Staff Aims to Increase Student Activity

Manager looking to get programs back on track

by Nichole Mac Donald
MTX ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Columbia College Student Housing (CCSH) staff has been working on implementing some new programs to get students more involved with campus life.

Manager Samantha Green wants to create some programs in conjunction with the student senate and the college. Green stated, "We have a really good group of students this year. I'm pleased with our overall student population. So I'd like to get some of their programs back on track."

In the past, CCSH has participated in the nation-wide program Hosting International. Hosting International allows travelers from all over the world to visit colleges to see the school system. CCSH received a lot of visitors from Europe who

stayed in the dorms. Green hopes to restart Hosting International at Columbia College.

However, Green's main focus is on some activities for the students. "I want to have a date night or a movie night," she said, "I also want to incorporate some dances with the student senate."

The new programs that may start are not just for the residents of CCSH. Green wants to involve all the students of the college. "Our facilities and programs are open to everyone. We have a recreation room with video games and a pool table. It's open to all students." Along with the recreation room, the laundramat is available for public use.

All in all, Green is just interested in getting the students more involved with the college life. She said, "This is such a great place to meet people. . . this group [of students] is really friendly and fun to have around."

Look for upcoming articles on the status of dorm changes and activities in the Mountain Times.



Housing available

The student dorms still have vacancies. The dorms offer a unique college experience.

Student Employment Resources Available On and Off Campus

by John Flynn
MTX REPORTER

One problem almost every student faces at Columbia College is making enough money to continue their education and support themselves or family.

It's a quandary. If you can't afford to stay in school and earn a degree or certificate, how can you obtain a better job with benefits in the future?

Right now, obtaining an evening or weekend job that pays \$6.00 to \$7.00 an hour and provides twenty to thirty hours of employment a week is the goal of many students.

At present, the Columbia College job placement office is temporarily closed. Many student were left stranded this fall without the professional assistance provided by the job placement office.

However, there is some good news. Kathryn Jeffery, Vice President for Student Services, states that, "The college is in the process of developing and hiring a new job placement position."

Jeffery noted that "The new position will be a newer, improved and expanded version of the older outdated position. Extra services will be available to provide assistance for all Columbia College students who are looking for employment while they

are pursuing higher education at Columbia College." The College expects to fill the new position before the end of the year.

Are their any other alternatives? Yes!

There's the "employment board" in the hallway of the Rotunda. The Student Services receptionists have been posting new job openings

"The position will be a newer, improved and expanded version of the older outdated position."

Kathryn Jeffery, Vice-President Student Services

receiving from Columbia College Job Placement Board. Job openings are only posted for two weeks, or only for a designated job posting date. Applications from employers to prospective Columbia College students must advise Student Services if the positions has been filled.

Another new option is the One Stop Shop also known as "The JOB

CONNECTION" in Sonora. It's located at 195 Mono Way, on the south side of the EDD office. The Job Connection is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, and is closed on holidays.

The Job Connection has its own Employment Resource Center to serve both job seekers and employers in the southern Mother Lode region. This employment service has its own facility in partnership with Mother Lode Job Training, Edd and GAIN. Columbia College is also in the process of becoming actively involved.

It's also a member of the national One Stop Career Center Network. They have been open since March 31, 1997. Since their opening they have been getting approximately 30 visits a day from prospective job seekers.

The best news is there are no costs for services at The Job Connection.

Among the services available at The Job Connection are; a resource library, job posting community board, access to five resource, computer work stations, Internet hookup to search for or solicit employment, and FAX and copy machines. The list goes on. The JOB CONNECTION is a great resource for prospective job seekers.



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College Explores Scheduling Change

2+2+1 Will it equal more student options?

by Tammy Aguiniga
MTX ASSISTANT EDITOR

You're already doing it. Taking classes twice a week for an hour and twenty minutes each day. Tuesday and Thursday classes are usually scheduled that way.

Now Columbia College is exploring potential changes in class

scheduling which would extend this format to Mondays and Wednesdays too. It's called 2+ 2 + 1.

It means most classes would be scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays or Mondays and Wednesdays, leaving Fridays available for alternative courses and activities. Don't rush to the telephone to get your Spring courses scheduled. This issue is just in the research stage to identify the pros and cons, with no definite scheduling commitments currently being made by the college's administration.

The thinking is that this format would potentially create several ad-

vantages, for both students and faculty, by offering more curriculum options on Fridays. For example, this would free up a day, or more, for students to work and also minimize their time and costs for child care.

Freeing up Fridays would provide more time for the college to link with the local community and offer opportunities for instructors to meet and exchange ideas to enhance teaching methods and design more innovative curriculums. Additionally new curriculum formats could be constructed which allow the college to

offer shorter term Friday and Saturday classes. An example would be six hour classes scheduled on these days which would allow you to complete a course in nine weeks.

In effect, the new format could create class times that provide more classes in time frames when students can and prefer to attend classes.

Three unit classes fit nicely into this new model. However, that may not be the case with four and five unit classes. According to Dave Willson, Interim Vice President of Instruction, "The 2 + 2 + 1 concept has a lot of appeal, however, we want

to study it thoroughly to appreciate its broader implications." Willson continued, "We want to provide the most innovative curriculum to meet the needs of our students and the community. The bottom line is student success. We are currently studying the issue to find out if 2 + 2 + 1 is a viable concept for Columbia College."

If the concept sounds appealing to you, Columbia College wants your input. Vice-President Willson suggests you drop a note with your thoughts to the Instruction Office.

Scholarships and Financial Aid Show Students the Money

by Lisa Larsen
MTX EDITOR in CHIEF

Living on a typical "starving student" budget can be challenging at best, and more often - nearly impossible. It is a difficult situation, you can't work many hours because you need to go to class and do your homework, but you can't afford to stay in school with the amount of income you have. What you need is financial assistance.

This is where Columbia College can help. The Financial Aid Office is set up to help students stay in school and achieve their goals. There are a variety of sources of funds: grants, work study, and an of-

ten overlooked source -- scholarships. Many students are aware of traditional financial aid assistance programs, but don't feel that they qualify for scholarships. What most students do not realize is that you don't need a 4.0 GPA in order to win a scholarship.

According to the Financial Aid Office, while some of the scholarships do require a high GPA, most are more flexible, requiring at least a 2.0 average. It's not even necessary to be a traditional full-time student. There are scholarships available to all types of students; full-time, part-time, transfers, certificate programs, re-entry as well as new students and many more. Last year there were

scholarships worth up to \$1500 for the Faculty's Highest Honors, as well as \$500 for a music major intending to transfer, and \$1000 for a learning disabled re-entry student.

Another myth is that the application process is tedious and time consuming. Not true. The process is simple. Fill out one application and turn it in to the Financial Aid/Scholarship Office by the end of this semester and you will be entered into the competition for every scholarship that you qualify for. Applications are currently available in the Financial Aid/Scholarship Office in the Manzanita building. Last year Columbia College awarded \$38,385 to 100 scholarship winners.

Grant Facilitates Improvements

by Nichole MacDonald
MTX ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Columbia College Child Development Center has received a grant for \$11,141.16 to make several improvements to their facility. According to Kathy Sullivan, Center Supervisor, "the facility needed the money to make several important repairs." The state grant was secured with the assistance of the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office. The new funds will be used for several purposes including; installing new vinyl and carpet, replacing doorknobs, replacing the heat pump, lowering child sinks to the appropriate height, repainting doors and improving the play yard.

The Child Development Cen-

ter offers a morning state approved preschool program and afternoon child care for children of Columbia students. Preschool programs are offered Monday through Friday and run from 7:45 A.M. to noon. Child care is offered Mondays through Thursdays from noon to 4 P.M.

The staff of the Child Center focus on developing children's feeling of self worth and positive self esteem. In addition the curriculum is designed to prepare children for elementary school. Meals are also provided for eligible children and the Child Care Center participates in an early intervention program with Tuolumne County to identify speech and language problems for treatment.

The Child Center is located on

the north west perimeter of the campus near Madrone (Auto-Tech). Stop by and check out the new grant funded improvements or call them at 588-5277.



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New President Focuses on Improvements for Success

by Tammy Aguiniga
MTX ASSISTANT EDITOR

Dr. Jim Riggs, Columbia College's new President, took his post on July 1 and has been busy planning future changes that will help the college reach it's full potential.

According to Riggs the transition has been "great."

Riggs comes to Columbia from Lincoln Land Community College in Illinois where he was Vice President of Education and Student Services. He received his B.A. and M.A. Degrees in music from Eastern Washington University and a Phd in Education with an emphasis on community college leadership and curriculum, from the University of Southern California.

"I am enjoying meeting

staff and a number of students as well as a large number of people from the community," said Riggs.

Getting familiar with the people in the area and their needs has enabled Riggs to develop a plan for the future. He stressed that it is important to serve the outlying areas, such as Calaveras County as well as our own.

He said that some of the strengths of the college are the already successful programs such as Hospitality Management, Basketball, Volleyball and would like to develop more programs that help retrain those who work in the declining industries of this area such as natural resources.

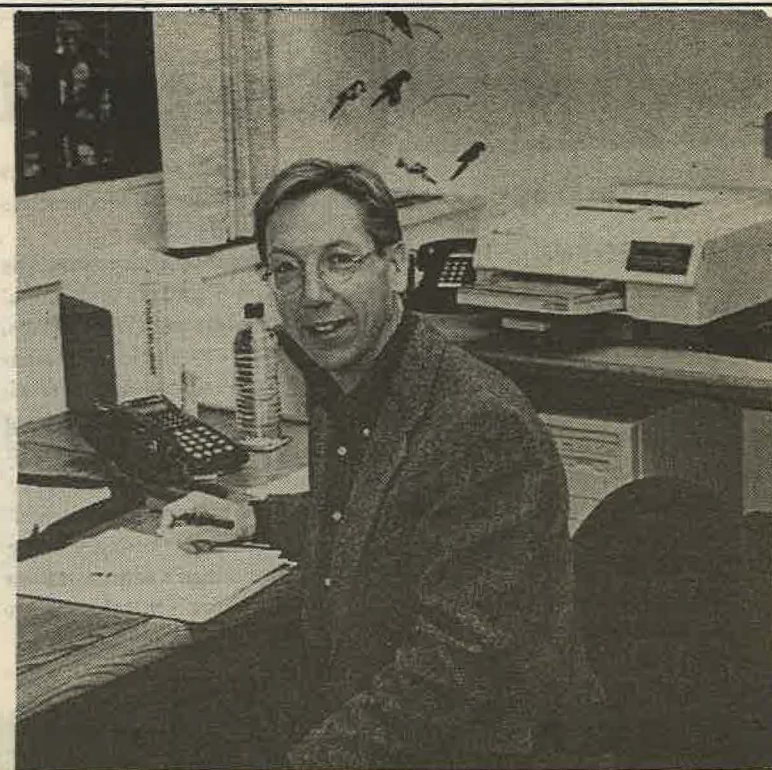
He also wants to look towards changing the schedule configuration so that it can better fit stu-

dents needs. Making classes available to students who live far away via television and the Internet as well as setting up times that are more accommodating.

Making the college more technologically friendly is a real focus for Riggs. He also wants to bring technology to this campus not just for the staff but also the students. He wants the students to have access to to the vast amount of technology available including e-mail accounts.

Another focus for Riggs is the Welfare to Work program. He is working with county agencies to set up a program that will help people off of welfare and into the work force. He wants to go beyond the basic role of community colleges of teaching students right out of high school and reach out to the adults in the community. It's his belief that education is one way to break the welfare cycle.

Uniting the college in their mission statement has aided Riggs in



Working Hard

New Columbia College President Dr. Jim Riggs takes a break for a photo.

initiating these changes. The current statement is adequate but traditional. He would like to see more emphasis on student success and economic development.

"We are meeting as a college

and asking ourselves 'Where do we want Columbia College to be in 1, 2, or 5 years from now?' according to Riggs. "Student success is really the only measure (the college) has."

Mountain Women's Center Reopens to Provide Support

by Otis Anderson
MTX STAFF WRITER

In May of this year, the Mountain Women's Center opened it's doors to provide assistance and support to women in need.

Tuolumne County has been without a women's center since the Mother Lode Women's Center closed down due to various internal reasons in November of 1996.

The women's center is run by a small staff and relies largely on volunteers.

"Volunteers are our backbone," said Cass Larkin, the center's Executive Director.

She is among the handful of staff that can be found at the Center's small church street location.

The Center offers a variety of services, including a battered women's shelter, a 24 hour crisis line, legal advocacy, a children's shelter, support groups and various volunteer programs.

The crisis line is 533-3401 (it's constantly staffed), and is meant for emergencies such as beatings and

rapes. The line is rarely busy, so it also receives support or "Just want to talk" calls.

The crisis line can summon aid and put the caller in contact with the other services of the Women's Center, such as the battered women's shelter or legal advocacy. The crisis line, like all of the services, is confidential.

The shelter is open to women who've been the victims of domestic violence. There is also a children's shelter. Victims can stay in the shelter for 45 days, during which many options, legal and otherwise are opened up to them. They may seek restraining orders or consult legal advocates (which are not lawyers) who offer options and support. This is also a place where the victims can seek other options such as housing, welfare, counseling and support groups.

The crisis line provides rape victims with help in hospital response, advocacy and providing clothes to those who had their clothing retained as evidence.

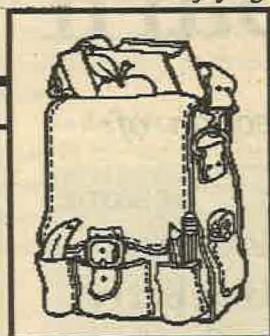
The Mountain Women's

Center is much broader than it's predecessor. It provides community services such as violence prevention, education as well as various women's programs and workshops. It participates in educational programs in grades K-12 as well as some right here on campus.

These programs are designed to try to prevent violence and sexual assault before it starts. The elementary programs are designed to teach basic techniques such as anger management, assertiveness, conflict resolution and what a 'safe touch' is. The high school and college programs are centered on rape prevention and building healthy relationships.

So far the Women's Center says that the community has been very supportive. The Center has received the support of county institutes and citizenry in the form of donations and encouragement. Says Heather Carter the shelter manager, "Without community support, we would not be able to provide."

For more information contact the Mountain Women's Center at the office number of 588-9305.



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Miller Climbs on Board at Columbia

by Tammy Aguiniga
MTX ASSISTANT EDITOR

Never tell new biology instructor Micha Miller to go climb a mountain because he may take you up on it.

Miller has climbed mountains all over the world. The highest mountain he has ever climbed was Mt. Huascaran in Peru at 22,205 ft. In fact it was his strong desire to climb mountains and be outdoors that got Miller interested in biology.

Miller, who describes himself as "outdoorsy", explained that for him, "Biology seemed to answer the most amount of questions in the world."

He went to Western Washington State University where he received a Bachelor's Degree in biology. Then he received his Masters in plant physiology from Washington State University.

This August 8th he graduated from Idaho state University with a Phd. in biology and began teaching at Columbia this fall.

In between his own schooling he taught field studies at San Fran-

cisco State University as well as being an environmental education instructor at both Olympic National Park in Washington and Yosemite National Park.

Some might wonder why he would choose to teach and not practice in his field, but for Miller it was an easy decision to make. "I am a social person... a big part of teaching is being social."

His socialness helps him face the challenge of getting students interested and enthusiastic about biology. He attempts to make the students see how biology affects their lives daily. Through group discussions in class he motivates his students to generate answers to their own questions.

"I like that he doesn't give the answer but stimulates me to question what we are doing to our environment," said student Karen Shelley. "I leave class excited about what I have learned."

"Science and technology are something we face everyday. If you (teacher) can bring it to that level, students can relate to that," explains Miller.

In his classes he uses activities that encourage students to think about the environment that they are familiar with, e.g. the Sierra Nevada Mountains, that way they realize that they have a lot of interactions with biology on a daily basis.

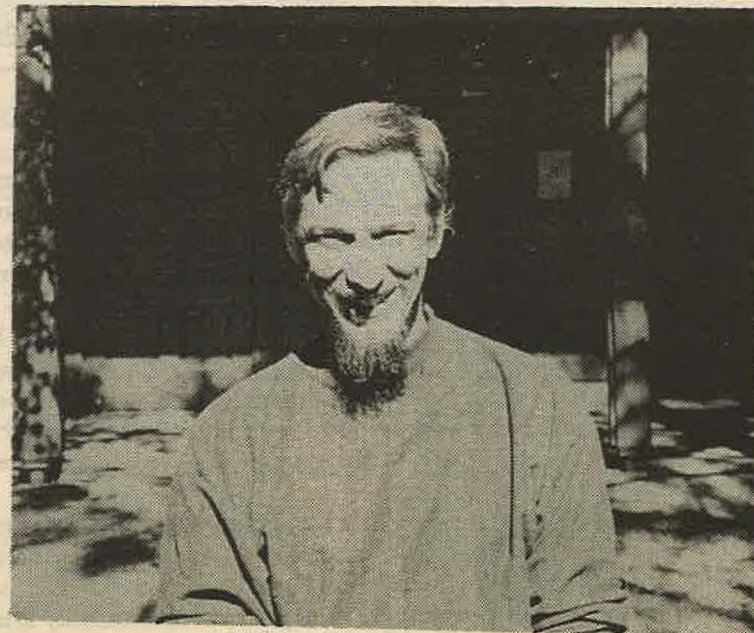
The variety of outdoor activities in this area was a big draw for Miller and his family. When he began job hunting, Miller and his wife, Elizabeth, sat down and thought about where they wanted to live.

They had three criteria, it had to be a small town, somewhere close to the mountains and have reasonable weather. Since they had lived in Yosemite they were familiar with this area.

"Sonora is ideal for outdoor enthusiasts," says Miller. As well as climbing he also enjoys spending time hiking and mountain biking.

He also spends time with his family which consists of his wife, who is the new Gateway Trio coordinator for the campus, and their two and a half year old daughter Hailey.

Though Miller is still adjusting to his new position and isn't looking too far into the future he does have



Hello

Meet Micha Miller Columbia's new biology instructor.

several ideas for new courses.

He would like to get an environmental science class going as well as a field survey class that would teach the techniques of studying the biological aspects of areas.

"My major goal is not to get bored," says Miller. In addition to exploring to the local area for places to climb, he wants to master the lichens of the Sierras for his own benefit.

Yosemite Community College District meet at Columbia

by Tammy Aguiniga
MTX ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting at Columbia on Tuesday, October 7 and spent most of their time discussing

Modesto Junior College related issues.

The items on the Board agenda included the prospective plans for Sierra A and B buildings on the MJC campus, campus development at MJC, and the water main extension at Columbia.

Columbia has been constructing a water main that would connect the college with the Tuolumne Utilities District for water services. It was found last year that the drinking water did not meet state filtration and disinfection requirements. The project is expected to be completed by the end of October. There has been one major delay with P.G. & E. not being able to hook up power, though it was projected that would be overcome by week ending Oct. 17.

YCCD Chancellor Pamela Fisher commented that "this would get us (school district) out of the water business."

Allowing business development on the 80 acres of the West campus at MJC was a focus for the meeting. The West campus contains 80 currently unused acres which are set up to be sold off commercially in an effort to generate revenue for the college that does not come from the state budget.

Fisher stated, "the State won't give us money to do what we need to do."

Hence the college has hired Dr. Mike Maas, of Maas, Rao, Taylor and associates to serve as a con-

sultant for the YCCD to meeting with perspective buyers/tenants. The property has been determined to be very valuable since demand for commercial real estate in Modesto is growing. There was some concern expressed by Academic Senate Representative Jim Biggs of MJC. Faculty and staff have commented to him about what businesses on the campus will reflect of the campus.

Fisher responded that there were requirements for any prospective tenant.

"Aesthetics, curriculum, and money. Money that goes into the general fund."

The campus has to benefit financially from the transaction but the Board also wants to make sure that the business is compatible with the environment, that they are good neighbors and that the students and faculty get some enhancement from it. They have turned down prospects that did not meet these requirements such as a "speed track" and Home Depot.

YCCD Board members Abe Rojas and Allister Allen support the opportunity for development. Rojas cited the fact that the board consistently passes their budget late be-

cause they are waiting for the state to pass theirs.

"We (the board) have to continue to look at ways of creating funds for the school," said Rojas.

Allen added, "We don't have near as much money to do what we want to do."

The Board noted that these deals develop quickly and they wanted to alleviate any problems by having relocation plans set for the areas that may be directly effected.

The campus currently has a project development called Sierra Halls which is on track to begin in June of 1998 if funding comes through. The project would increase lecture, lab and library space as well as expand some of the student service centers. It has been on a state list for over five years now and is an effort to bring MJC up to par in building space. The college is underbuilt for the amount of students they have enrolled.

The need for a new library at Columbia was also mentioned. The Board is aware of the need and emphasized that the process is long and tedious.

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Polish Student Embraces Columbia

Aneta Davis Moves From Poland To Bear Valley and Adjust to New Life

By Cynthia Edwards
MTX STAFF WRITER

Perhaps you've noticed her flash of determination around the campus, or heard her enthusiastic voice in the cafeteria, that wasn't quite American sounding. You wouldn't forget her if you'd shared a class, because you'd be trying to keep up with her amazing mind. This determined, enthusiastic, amazing young woman comes to us in the form of Polish born, Aneta Davis.

Aneta came to America three years ago, after meeting her future husband while she was a tourist in Poland. She married, put down new roots in Bear Valley, and decided to give herself a year to adjust before pursuing her education. "Up in Bear Valley, the trees were so huge, and I remember opening the cupboard, and the size of the ant was at least half an inch long, and I thought that even the ants were huge in America," Aneta chuckles as she's telling me this story.

I prepared for the interview with a list of questions, thirsty for information about a country that I knew very little about. According to Aneta, 501 Levis are very popular in Poland, although they are twice the price. Over 94 percent of Poland is Catholic, this could contribute to the fact that abortion is illegal, and homosexuality is not acceptable. Poland is not always cold, as many Americans believe. It experiences the seasons much like we do, with maple trees turning colors in the fall, winters freezing, and summers with warm days.

Education starts with kindergarten, followed by first through eighth grade at elementary school. After the eighth grade, a student has the choice of attending one of three different high schools. One high school prepares you for a future education at the university, while the other two high schools train you for a vocational career, waiter, chef, auto mechanic, etc. Very few high school or university students work. Aneta feels that she is at a disadvantage when applying for a job. She states, "I never had a job in Poland, so I am so behind Americans because in America [if] you are 15 years old... you can get a job. You have all this experience, where as I have only worked a few years since coming to America." The government does pay the cost for a student to attend the university.

Poland is no longer under communist rule, citizens now vote for their leaders. Aneta recalls when communism was in control, "I can remember wanting to go to a certain dentist when I was a little girl. My mother and I would get up at 3:00 in the morning to go stand in line, and maybe I'd get in by 9:00 a.m., so that I could then go to school. Also I remember my mother having stamps for food rations. I have what you call a sweet tooth. My mother would get a stamp worth ten grams of chocolate each month. If there were no children in the family, there would be no chocolate stamp issued. Poland has changed so much since I was a child, and so much in the three years since I have been back. Things are getting better. My mother says that there have been more changes than she can tell me about over the phone."

Food was becoming more available in the market when Aneta left Poland. Juice, yogurt, vegetables, fruit and meat were readily available, with much of it being imported from Germany. Aneta spoke of how overwhelmed she was when she first started shopping at our super markets, "I remember standing in the aisle in front of the toothpaste looking at all the different kinds, not being able to choose. I left without buying any. Later I told my husband to just go and buy one. Now I have done research. I clip coupons and watch for sales. I have become an American consumer. I value my money more now."

I wondered if graffiti was a problem in Poland like it is here in America. "What I remember," Aneta explained, "is when we left communism, there were so many unhappy people, they would write, 'We want communism back,' in public places. People are used to their life a certain way, especially the older people who could not adapt so easily to change. They didn't know any better. We had been taught that communism was the best. But graffiti was outlawed."

Aneta feels that most Americans don't appreciate what a great country America is. I remember her excitement after she attended her first class with John Russel. She told me, "this is such a good place to live, and I was so happy to hear Professor Russel say so. He has traveled all over the world, and he says that this is a good place. People who don't travel have nothing to compare it to. In America, I can go to school for as long as I want. I can keep on learning."

Aneta had almost completed her accounting degree at the university in Poland when she came to America. Learning that she had to start over with her education crushed her at first, but she turned it around into something positive. She told me, "I

thought it could not hurt me to start over. I will learn the vocabulary better and get to know the system. I can only loose a little time." I really admire her persistence and ability to turn a bad know into something good.

Aneta is very thankful for having Meryl Soto for her English 1A class, her first semester at Columbia. She remembers her first class, "Meryl was so helpful and passionate about writing. That first class, Meryl assigned a question for us to write about, and there was this word, 'inevitable', in the question, and I thought, 'what does inevitable mean?'. Then I was much too shy to ask a question, but she was not collecting what we wrote, so I just wrote about whatever I wanted. I loved her class."

Aneta spoke a fair amount of English when she came to America. Her father insisted that she learn the language, so he paid for private tutoring lessons, twice a week, 45 minutes long. Her teacher was Polish, but spoke with a British accent. Aneta first read English from British books. A few semesters ago, Aneta and I shared a history class. The instructor passed out the syllabus, the first night of the class. The tests were to be all in essay form. Aneta, wanting to ensure proper word usage, asked the instructor if she could bring a dictionary to class for the test. The instructor told her no, that the flicking of the pages would be distracting while people took their test. Aneta disagreed, but accepted his decision not saying much.

Aneta beams when she speaks of her classes with Dr. Hill. Being an accounting/business major, she has spent many hours in his classes. She tells me, "he is such a good teacher who will push the right buttons for a student to learn. I have such respect for him. He has so much knowledge he wants to share with his students."

This semester, Aneta is enrolled in 17 units. She maintains a 4.0 GPA, but claims no super intelligence. She tells me, "I work very hard for my grades, studying much. Last night I only slept three hours. People don't believe that I work this hard, they think that it comes easy for me. This is not true."

Aneta is still considering her educational direction after Columbia. American citizenship could be in her future. She says, "I will always be Polish. I love Poland, and I love America. Here in America I have the opportunity to do anything. I think about going into international business. I would like to do something that benefits both Poland and America." I don't doubt that Aneta can accomplish anything she sets her sights on.

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The View From My Desk by Lisa Larsen



Initially, the goal of this column was simple enough, to introduce myself as the new Editor-in-Chief of the Mountain Times, and let the readers learn something about who I am. Instead I learned something about myself, and what I hope to do with the student newspaper this year.

I wish I could tell you that this little insight was an epiphany gained through some soul-searching writing process, but unfortunately it came from something far more superficial -- deciding which picture of myself I wanted to use for this heading. I debated, should I go for the "what-I-really-look-like-everyday" pose? Or better yet, should I undergo three hours of hair and make-up at the salon and then airbrush my head onto a Victoria's Secret model's body? As tempting as the latter idea sounded, there was a flaw in my master plan. No one would recognize me. After all, people on campus have come to expect my secret beauty regime of two hours sleep, eight cups of espresso, and hair and make-up done while maneuvering Shaws Flat Road at 60 mph.

In all seriousness, I guess what really bothered me about this silly photo decision is that I found myself wanting to change who I was just to meet some arbitrary social ideal and

be accepted. I want to believe that we -- as educated young adults in 1997 -- are too enlightened to buy into the idea that the value of a person (especially a woman) is determined by their physical appearance. Perhaps that is why it concerns me that the representatives of the students of Columbia College would resort to promoting a wet T-shirt contest as a way of increasing student interest and participation. I am not interested in writing a complaint section against the student senate. In fact, I fully support and share their goals of encouraging student participation and ending the apathy that is all too common among us. I merely disagree with their means of accomplishing this. I believe most students are interested in making our time here meaningful and memorable, and that we don't need to resort to cheap gimmicks to get their attention and support.

I think our main problem is one of focus and organization. But you hold in your hands right now one of our best resources to solve this problem -- our own student run newspaper. Let's use it as a tool to get more people interested and involved in what is happening at our school, use it as a forum to promote new activities and ideas, represent who we are, and help us all to get to know one another and work together. It's easy to complain about the lack of resources or lack of activities at a small school like ours, but one of the great things that often gets overlooked are the opportunities available to us here. We have more of a chance to take the lead, have our ideas heard, and really make an impact on student life. I encourage all of you to join us -- contribute your writing, ideas, or events you would like to promote.

Talk to any one of our staff, drop us a note in our mailbox in the instruction office, or call us.

So, how do I feel after producing my first issue of the Mountain Times? Producing this paper was a lot like giving birth: First I spent some time getting to know my partners before conceiving of an idea for the paper. Then after spending hours upon hours in a painful, never-ending production process, I finally had my long awaited result. And much like a new mother, the finished product is not exactly what I expected, but at this point I'm just pretty happy to have it out.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work and patience during the labor process. In particular, special thanks to: Otis Anderson for the paste-up and the unsolicited serenade; Tammy Aguiniga for doing so much of the layout work and for understanding my strange sense of humor; and especially our Faculty Advisor, Michael Wadlè for teaching me the art of editing, and keeping me from drowning myself in the lake during this process.

And whatever happened with the photo choice? Well, as you can tell I didn't exactly go for the glamour. As fate would have it, I came down with the flu on picture day -- ensuring that I would not compromise my ideals of portraying myself honestly. After taking a near overdose of Theraflu, I pushed aside my feelings of physical inadequacy and smiled for the camera. I believe the students of Columbia College will judge me for who I am and what I have to contribute, and I believe that we can make our college into something we can all enjoy and be proud of... and that's the view from my desk.

My Turn... Nichole MacDonald MTX Assistant Editor

What's up with the soap in the bathrooms? If you examine everything the way I do, you probably noticed that the chalky, grainy soap is awful. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I was under the impression that soap was supposed to clean your hands. My hands feel dirtier after I use that soap. It's like I walked outside and rubbed my hands in the dirt. How can it possibly pass as soap? There's no lather or fresh scent. It's not of any relation to soap. That soap is like a crushed PEZ candy. You know when you buy PEZ, the first couple pieces are all smashed.....**Don't you** think PEZ dispensers are creepy? Where's the body? It's just a head sitting on a post, and candy pops out of it's neck. That doesn't seem very inviting to me. For someone who did not know what a PEZ dispenser was it would probably seem awfully strange. Have you ever wondered how PEZ got so popular. I don't think I've ever seen a commercial for PEZ. Actually that's probably why they've done so well.**Commercials** are so lame. All those commercials and infomercials on psychic hot-lines are getting old. They're obviously phony. I can tell someone that they have a relative that is sick, everyone's great grandma is in the hospital. If you aren't sure whether or not you should be in a certain relationship, don't ask a psychic, they'll tell you anything to get you to call back and spend another twenty bucks.**I'm about** ready for the college to provide a chairlift to haul us around campus. Now, I don't mind walking, or a good workout for that matter, but not when I'm in a hurry. We should at least be given a P.E. credit for spending an hour each day walking to the parking lot. The very parking lot where I park my car, that I always lock my keys in. But that's another story.

And, of course, I must touch on the Wet T-Shirt subject. Oh, tee shirt, shmee shirt. I don't care. It's not like it will invade my rights as a citizen. It will raise some good money. So, right on, have your contest.

Talking Heads

asked by Lisa Larsen

Do you think the wet T-shirt contest passed by the Student Senate is an appropriate fund raiser for a public institution?



Chip Broschious
"Breasts are beautiful and we should all enjoy some"



Matt Sidorovich
"Yeah, why not? If you don't like it, don't go."



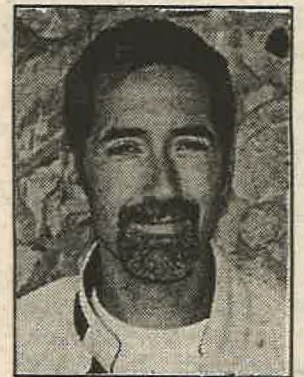
Jaclyn Woertz
"I think it's demeaning from my own point of view, but if they [the students] want to participate, that's their choice."



Leah Friedel
"I personally wouldn't do it, but as long as the people participating want to, then I guess it's appropriate."



Charity Sanfilippo
"I can't believe they would even consider doing that at a public school. I think it's disgusting."



Jim Toner
"I think it's a terrible reinforcement of the idea of objectifying women. I can't believe we would allow something like this to take place."

To Smoke or Not To Smoke

The effects of the butts on campus environment

by Chris Luhdorff
MTX STAFFWRITER

How many times have we been careless as to how we treat our planet? Be honest with yourself. How many times have we either thrown that Styrofoam cup to the wayside, tossed that soda can in the bushes (it happens more than one would care to think), or thrown that cigarette butt on the ground, not bothering to either pick it up or to place it in an ash can? How many times have we self-justified our actions of negligence, of environmental genocide, passing it off as something that is not significant enough to expend the necessary effort to just put things where they belong? After all, we are just one person...right? Wrong!

Really, the major part of the problem lies not with the larger, grossly negligent acts of treason against our planet. At least those can, for the most part, be monitored and, if necessary, prosecuted. The real problem lies with all the smaller, seemingly minute infractions against

nature. These are the things that go, for the most part, unnoticed and uncontrolled--the cigarette butt here, the gum wrapper there; these have the largest impact on our planet because such things are enacted by us on a daily basis, and, with the propensity towards global significance.

It is true that the collective of Earth's population is becoming more and more environmentally conscious. And yes, we are recycling our trash more than we used to; but it needs to go beyond that.

A very wise person once said, "think globally; act locally". The key to saving our planet from its' ultimate demise depends on our ability to act according to our environments' needs... where ever and whatever that happens to be. This brings me to an important point; there is a specific element of negative environmental impact that is occurring right here on the Columbia College campus. Did you know that all the cigarette butts that are being tossed around campus are ultimately de-

stroying our environment? Even more specifically, these butts are putting the very lives of the local wildlife in danger. Many sources have stated (myself included) that they have witnessed the deer and various other wildlife ingesting these items.

I decided to get some input from others about this grave topic. Terri Vegas, a smoker, had some very strong opinions in this area.

"Yes, deer have been eating [the butts]. There does seem to be and increased awareness, but at the same time there seems to be less butt cans for smokers to use than in semesters past. Perhaps they are just being moved [to less frequented areas]; a lot of smokers don't want to have to search for a butt can. But if you smoke, you should pick up your butts."

Pat Rapier, a non-smoker, also had an interesting observation.

"It (smoking) bothers me, but I never gave the impact on wildlife much thought. It makes sense; no matter how much they (grounds

people) try to pick up the butts, they cannot get them all. What remains behind washes into the lake with the next rain fall. How hard could it be to put a butt out and carry it to the can, which they pass by anyway?

Mike, a member of the maintenance and grounds team, elaborated.

"...another problem is that smokers place their garbage in the butt cans, and the garbage can is only a few feet away." He also concurred that such practices can discourage other smokers from utilizing the butt cans for their intended use.

These individuals brought to light some great points. I decided to take these points to our local guru on such things, Ross Carkeet, who is the instructor for our Forestry and Natural Resources department.

"The deer can be attracted to cigarette butts because of the leaves inside. The same could be true for some of the smaller rodents. I think the best way to discourage this [throwing butts on the ground] is for

students (smokers and non-smokers) to use peer pressure to enforce butt can use; this type of policing, if performed in a nice way, could be the most effective."

Animals haven't evolved to the point of being able to make the distinction between leaves that grow on a bush, and the ones that come with a dirty filter attached. Even Mother Nature, in her infinite wisdom, couldn't have planned ahead for that one! For such things, it is ultimately up to us; we must decide if the results of our choices and/or actions deserve to be enacted against those who cannot chose for themselves. Our inherent lack of control or self-discipline can have a proliferative chain reaction, one that will only result in humans having to keep coming up with new ways to spare and, or, repair our environment. Why must we continue to poison innocent creatures (the animals and, ultimately, our children) because we refuse to give a damn?

It is my sincere hope that every human can change how they view things before having to view either by themselves, or by their children (and having to explain to them the why's and the how-come's of), the dark side of the results caused by the choices that we've made--like a ground squirrel who is in the process of dying slowly because of an intestinal blockage, or a fawn who is fighting the same condition and/or choking to death because of the trash we humans have left behind.

I do not expect that everyone will agree or, much less, care. I do, however, hope that everyone considers, even if just for a moment, these things prior to dropping that butt (or any garbage) on the ground. So please, putt your butt where it belongs!

in a bar, but some of us don't drink and do not like to be in that environment. Also, this privilege will be taken from my group soon. Effective January 1, 1998, all bars in the state of California will be forced to ban smoking in their establishments.

I feel that within the past ten years we are rapidly being forced to quit smoking with all these restrictions put upon us. We are aware of the dangers to our health that smoking causes. But we feel that we have rights too, and to not let us smoke outdoors is an infringement on our rights.

A Smoker relates his experience of discrimination

by Sergio Acedo
GUEST COLUMN

This is a true story. On July 19, 1986, my two older brothers Jesse and Raul, a friend of mine who I will call M for his protection, and I were sitting in a P.S.A. Boeing 747 at the San Francisco International Airport. The plane had already taxied out to the runway and was waiting for clearance from the main tower for take-off. We were flying to Los Angeles for our grandfather's funeral, but there was a slight problem. The plane had been waiting near the runway for more than one hour. The flight attendants would not tell us what the problem was. All the passengers were getting very impatient. Suddenly M and I created a problem that caused us to be escorted off the plane. This was very embarrassing for us. We all were sitting in the last row of the plane, when three very large se-



curity guards boarded and then pulled us from the cabin. M and I went over to United Airlines. We were told that we could take their next flight out but had to wait. While we were waiting, the presence of M in the waiting area caused people to shun us and show disrespect. They would change chairs or make gestures; some would even talk about M right in front of him but never to our face. We never felt comfortable on our trip until we reached Los Angeles. To this day, M and I are not accepted freely in public.

The friend, M, that I have written about is a Marlboro cigarette, and my group are all the cigarette smokers. This group is becoming smaller

by the day. We have been segregated from main stream society and considered second class citizens because the nonsmokers claim that second-hand smoke is bad for their health. OK, I can go along with that. I can compromise with no smoking indoors, but now the nonsmokers don't even want us to smoke outdoors! The city of Davis, California passed a law that there will be no smoking on the streets within the city limits. This is ridiculous. My civil liberties have been taken away. I feel I am being treated like the Negroes when they were made to sit in the back of the bus.

One of the not so obvious reasons for the decline in membership

is the inconvenience smoking causes the member. For example, when I am at the Columbia College campus and I want to enjoy a cigarette, I am forced to stand in designated areas only. Most of these areas are off to the side of a building or are out in the open and are subject to the elements. I am forced to stand in the rain while my nonsmoking friends stand dry under the overhang of the Manzanita building.

We are treated as if we have leprosy. The campus is not the only place where we are ostracized. We are no longer able to enjoy that coveted after the meal cigarette because we are prohibited from smoking in restaurants. We are allowed to smoke

Lady Claimjumpers Hyped and Ready for a New Season

by Nichole MacDonald
MTX ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Columbia College volleyball team begins its sixth season with a new team and new goals. With only two players returning from last year, the Lady Claimjumpers are keeping a positive attitude and striving for excellence.

The team finished fourth last year in the conference, barely missing playoffs, with a record of seven wins, nine losses. Coach Morgan McBride explained, "I have very high expectations for this year although we are in the toughest conference in the nation."

Captains Crystal Peterson and Lisa Christopher also expect nothing but growth with the new team. Peterson said, "I expect a good positive improvement. We're working together. There's a lot of good attitudes and skills."

At such an early stage in the season, the team has already shown improvement. "There's a lot more unity. The team is young and

they listen more," Christopher said.

Peterson and Christopher have a lot more than winning to work toward. They have additional pressures as the team captains. "Captains take it upon themselves to pump everyone up. It's a lot of pressure," Christopher explained.

However, each player plays a unique role in their success. Freshman Cristy Riker said, "I just want to help my team the best I can and keep a positive attitude." She added, "We have heart and skill. Once we relax and get into the groove, everything will fall in place."

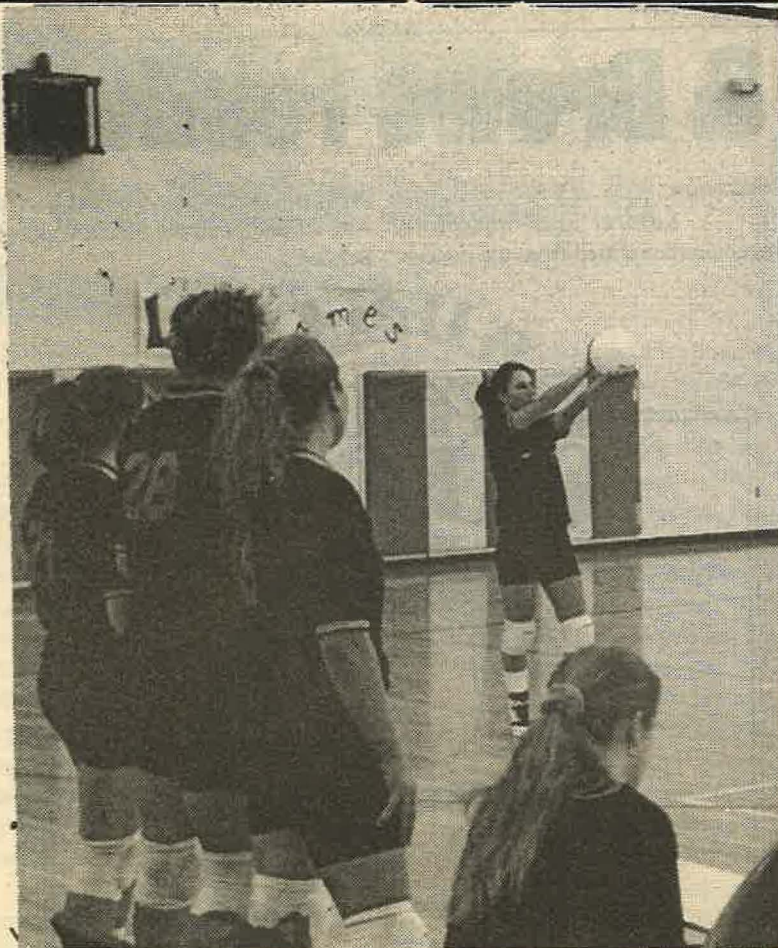
Like most team members, Christopher has set many goals. "I have a lot of personal goals. I want to play heads up, smarter plays. I want to be up all the time and shrug off the bad." She also has goals set for the team. "By the end of the year

I want us to keep concentration and stay focused through a whole game"

Peterson said she wishes to "always play good and have a positive attitude."

Whatever the goals may be, McBride has every confidence in the team to achieve them. "We have a really strong team," she stated, "I know they're going to be successful."

The team members are Cristy Riker, Brianne Miller, Jenny Hursky and Cheryl Toepfer of Sonora High; Loraine Blackmore and Crystal Peterson of Summerville; Amanda Fournier of Mariposa; Lisa Christopher of Turlock; Cori Pritchard of East Union and Sachiko Masuyama of Japan.

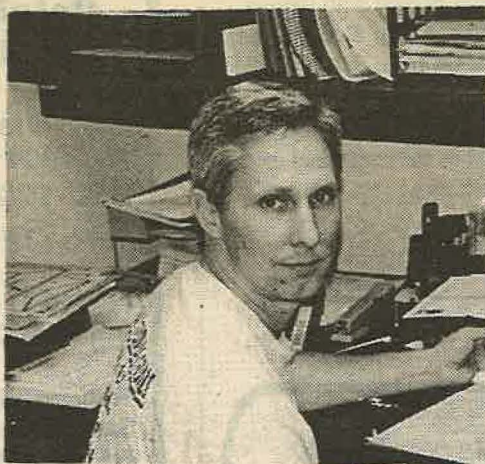


Ready, Set, Spike

Left; The lady Claimjumpers stand for support of fellow teammate preparing to serve. The team has two upcoming home matches, Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 5:00 pm against Taft College
Wednesday Oct. 29 at 7:00 pm against Fresno City College.

New Coach Inherits Success of Basketball Program

by Nichole MacDonald
MTX ASSISTANT EDITOR



Andy Vasher, the new head basketball coach, is ready to take rein.

Although this is his first season at Columbia, he has been a basketball coach for eleven years. He started at Northern Arizona University as the assistant coach, which led him to being head coach at Snowflake High School, Arizona. Following, he became assistant coach for Adams State in Colorado. His last position was at Northland Pioneer Junior College in Arizona, where as head coach, he led his team to be tenth in the nation.

With most of his background in Arizona and Colorado, why Columbia?... Well, why not? Vasher said, "I knew the coach had left and I knew this was a great place with tremendous support for basketball from the school and community. It always had great success and that's very appealing."

Vasher plans on keeping that great success alive. With only five of last years team members returning it will be a battle, but his expectations are very high. "We expect to be competitive in every game," he stated.

Practices will officially be starting on October 15. Until then, it's hard for him to really know what to anticipate. However, we can anticipate Vasher remaining the head basketball coach. He said, "I would stay here forever. It's a great place to be. There's a lot of support, and that's what you look for."

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A Hot Time at Sonora Blues & Brews Festival

by Athena Hamman
MTX STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of blues fans gathered at the Motherlode Fairgrounds earlier this month to hear some great music and taste beer from local microbrewies. The music began at noon, and ran nonstop on both the indoor and outdoor stages until well after 9:00 p.m.

Frankie C & 2 Tuff started off the festivities and the Mofo Party Band kept the festival rocking with

their classic blues sounds.

The Dave Hole Band, from Australia, followed and brought the crowd to their feet with some hot slide guitar and retro sounds, including classic Jimi Hendrix.

Next up was my favorite, the Tommy Castro Band. Castro showed why his band was the recipient of the 1997 Bammie (Bay Area Music Award) for Best Blues Musician and Outstanding Blues Album. He connected with the crowd and played several cuts from his new CD.

The crowd showed their appreciation with thundering applause and demanded an encore.

The festival concluded with guitarist extraordinaire, Jimmy Thackery & the Drivers, a band with hard rocking blues roots.

The crowd was great and the music was hot as many fans pressed towards the stage to dance to the blues. There was plenty of good food and beer available too. The beer tasting stopped at 4:00 p.m. for all the happy concert goers to have a safe

ride home.

Several local non-profit agencies benefitted from the concert proceeds, including Central Sierra Arts Council and the Sierra Waldorf School.

The Music Stop

with Athena Hamman



The Local Scene

I love to watch "Bison" at Coyote Creek. These local boys are definitely a group to keep an eye on. The clarity of their sound is top quality. The individual vocal and instrumental talents set Bison apart from most of today's bands. Check these guys out!

Monday Night Football? Check it out at Wilma's Flying Pig Saloon or Coyote Creek both have drink specials and good food!

Coming Events

October 25 - Wilma's Flying Pig Direct from the San Francisco Blues Festival -- Kenny "Blue" Ray.
October 31 - It's Halloween!

Check out Coyote Creek and Wilma's Flying Pig for games, great music and costume contests.

November 4 - Clan Dyken Local band at Coyote Creek.

November 7 - Soupy Sales Remember the Gong Show? Coyote Creek.

November 14, 15, 16 - Columbia College Jazz Artist Series Presents their rhythm and blues show featuring Cornelius Bumpus. Bumpus has played with the Doobie Bros, Steely Dan and many others. Ticket Info: 588-5211.

That's it for now! See you at the events, and in the next issue of the Mountain Times.

Welcome to the Columbia College Mountain Times Music Stop. This is the spot where music lovers can make a stop and check out what has been and what will be going on with the local music scene.

Many of our students at Columbia College have a variety of musical talents and interests. You can always see what I mean around lunch time where it's a good chance one can eat some veggie pizza while enjoying a fellow student "Get down at the guitar".

This section will help bring all of us music mongers together. Maybe even close enough to all meet for some good Blues and a bit of pool shootin'. So enjoy these bits of music review and information, and let me be your guide down the funky street of music.

If anyone has ideas to share with me regarding any aspect of our local music scene, please stop by the "dungeon" or drop me a note in the Mountain Times' box in the Instruction Office.

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The Shaker Legacy In Song and Dance

by Lisa Larsen
MTX EDITOR in CHIEF

Students and the community will be offered an intriguing taste of the traditions of a near extinct religious sect as Columbia College (in collaboration with Modesto Junior College) presents an evening of music and dance exploring the legacy of the Shakers. According to Terry Hoff, dance instructor and co-choreographer, the performance "will not be a documentary, but will use dance to explore and celebrate the Shaker philosophy with traditional Shaker music."

The Shakers began as a group of nine men and women that fled from religious persecution in England in 1774 with the goal of creating an utopian society in America. They lived communally, emphasizing a strong work ethic and self-sacrifice. Although other contemporary religious groups emigrated in this time period with similar goals and practices, the Shaker beliefs were distinct in several ways.

One of their central beliefs -- that has most likely contributed to their current near extinction -- was celibacy, even among married members. In our modern context it seems difficult to understand how a group with this religious restriction could prosper. However, during this time period -- when women were expected to perform their wifely duty of bearing many children at great risk to their health -- the celibacy mandate actually attracted many women to the sect. In fact, during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries the Shakers became one of the most widespread religious sects in America, even though the group was completely dependent upon new converts for growth.

Other Shaker beliefs, unusual for their time period, were attractive to women as well as ethnic minorities. The Shakers believed in total equality of all races and between the sexes. In fact, the founder of the sect was a woman -- known as Mother Ann Lee -- believed by members to be the anointed successor of Jesus. Women were equal to men in every facet: access to education, property ownership, and leadership in the

community. Other ethnic groups were treated with this same equality. People of any race were welcome in their communities. Many Shakers actually purchased African-American slaves in order to free them, and a black woman served as the leader of a Shaker group in Philadelphia.

Perhaps one of the most unusual features of their beliefs, especially for their time period, was the use of dance in worship. While other religions considered dance sinful and taboo, the Shakers viewed dance as an integral part of the demonstration of their faith. The dances began as spontaneous individual expressions of religious fervor, evolving over time into more formalized, choreographed group dances. It is through this channel that the Columbia College Performing Arts presentation will examine the Shaker philosophies and lifestyle.

The dance production will feature a total of thirty dancers, eight of them from Columbia College: Christina Bonetti, Maria Egger, Lisa Hope, Eliana Machuca, Diana Perry, Carol Salado, Lisa Voorhees, and Terry Hoff. Modesto Junior College will contribute the remaining 22 dancers. The production will also feature eight singers: Carol Salado, Virginia Heath, Tenaya Holden, Jane Henning Childress, Scott Growden, Paula Crist, and Alan Davis. Columbia College English instructor, Jim Toner will serve as one of the two narrators.

The story of the Shaker community has come full circle now, declining in numbers down to only eight members still in existence today, ironically almost the exact number that founded the sect in 1774.

Performance Schedule

MJC Main Stage Auditorium
Saturday, November 1, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 2, 2:00 p.m.

Columbia College Oak Pavilion
Saturday, November 8, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for sale at the door:
\$5 (students/seniors)
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The Duty of Hair

- by Jim Toner

I. Mothers

I brushed her hair for ten
Cents. One hour, one dime:
That was the deal. My mom
Lying long on her TV couch at the end
Of a day. The blue light of the TV,
And her hair on blue fire in my
Little kindergarten hands.
Oily hair, tired hair. Hair
That smelled of too much work: of
Tuna casserole and Comet and scrubbed
floors.
Of ironed bedsheets.
Of floors and sheets and never any thanks.
Eight needy bodies needing raising
Every day. And her hair:
It smelled of a work that
Never gets
thanked.

I went to work:
I brushed out the work still
Held in her hair. In her head were
The spiders that grew into hair, spider legs
I snared in the bristles of the brush.
I look at the brush:
Thick with spider legs all
Wavy and blue, all
Plucked from a head now drooping, and
Drooping, and
drooping,
asleep.

She slept.
In the blue light of the TV
I watched her sleep, me still brushing.
One hour, one dime, and I wanted my dime,
And I would get my dime, but
For now I must work: brush, and
Brush--my stroke a song too sweet
To startle her.
My brush full of spiders,
My stroke full of sleep.

Later
I'd fall asleep in my own bed--
My hands all full of her,
My eyes all full of her.
The oil of her hair still held in my hands.
The blue of her face still held in my eyes.

I was growing up.
I was knowing.
And there in bed in my baseball pajamas,
What I was knowing was this:

It is the duty of a
son to brush
his mother
unto sleep.

II. Fathers

I combed his hair for ten
Cents. One hour, one dime. My old, dying
Dad lying long in nobody's house.
A hospital is nobody's house.
Too many tubes going into too
Still of a man, too many alarms that
Ought to alarm but no one comes
Running. It's just me. Just
Me and a near-dead dad.
His only fight is on the inside,
Insides doing all they can to repair all that invasion.
Outside there is no fight.
Outside he lies too still.

This is my father.

This is my father
Who cannot lift an eyelid,
Who cannot comb his white wild
Hair all wild like a troll doll.
He looks silly.
My father should
not look silly.

On the table is his comb and a dime,
His old, black comb since Truman.
I comb the white white hair because
He is my father, and a near-dead
Father should not look silly.
I comb for an hour, and for an hour
All that matters to me--in the universe--is
To give to his every white hair
The order, and the dignity, and the holiness,
of stars.

I finish. And
I pocket the dime from his table.
Just because.

I was growing up.
I was knowing.
And there in that dying room in my own sad hands,
What I was knowing was this:

It is the duty of a
son to comb
his father
unto death.



"Gunpowder Man", Dynamite Show

by Lisa Larsen
MTX EDITOR in CHIEF

"Gunpowder Man," written by local playwright Rick Foster, is the story of a young Chinese girl forced to flee her home during the Taiping Rebellion, and immigrate with her brother to gold-rush era California. Originally commissioned by Sierra Repertory Theatre as a traveling one-act play for the regional school system, the play has been expanded for this Stage 3 performance.

The one-actress show begins as "Little Tiger" recounts the tragedies that forced her to leave her home, filled with hope from embedded from the missionaries stories of justice and equality in found America. Disguising herself as a boy, Little Tiger finds

work on the Central Pacific Railroad and encounters a mix of kindness, prejudice, and tragedy in her new home.

As the play opens in the small theatre of only 80 seats, you are faced with a single, sparse set and only one actress. However, clever stage design and convincing acting soon weave a large cast of characters and complex scenery within your imagination. With a minimum of props and costuming, Los Angeles actress, Tricia Dong, smoothly becomes many characters of diverse backgrounds with seemingly little effort. Adding to the effect is the fact that the style in which the play is written is ideal for the intimate setting of the theatre, in which audience members feel as if they are part of the events

transpiring and not only observers.

When asked about his motivation for writing "Gunpowder Man," Playwrite Rick Foster said, "I wanted to explore the history of California from the perspective of the immigrant, it is a history that is not often told and is far more complex and interesting than we have been taught."

Stage 3 is a relatively new theatre to the area, in existence for nearly five years, and celebrating its second anniversary in its downtown location adjacent to Cups coffeehouse. Stage 3 has become known for its produc-

tion of new, riskier plays instead of old standards that are more of a guaranteed profit maker. "Artistically, the response has been very good," said house manager Neil Mill "but we are still struggling economically."

Support the growth of new theatre alternatives in our community. See "Gunpowder Man" now playing until October 26, on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sunday Matinees at 2:00 p.m.. Tickets are \$12.00. For more information call: 536-1778.

This production is part of a year long Chinese Cultural Festival which showcases Chinese art and culture. Upcoming events include a talk and book signing with the author of the book "All the Tea in China" on November 1 and a Chinese Painting and Calligraphy on December 6. For more details contact The Central Sierras Arts Council at 532-2787.

Good Food, Great Prices at Garcia's

by Michael Wadle
MTX Advisor

We hadn't planned on eating at Garcia's.....but we had earned it!

I had talked my two sons and daughter into climbing Sonora Peak, and spending the night at the 11,500' summit. After 2000' of climbing through snow fields and leaning into howling winds, we finally stood on top.

For dinner we escaped the winds by BBQing on the lee side of the summit cone and ate tube steaks, Bush's beans and M & M's. Incredibly clear 360 degree views made a great dessert and provided a surreal night under the "billion's of stars and a full moon.

Up early the next morning, it was back to Murphys.....until my daughter Casey insisted we stop by Garcia's.....We were still hungry!

Garcia's offers a variety of Mexican food, including burritos, tacos, salads and combination platters. Specialties include Southwestern Calamari Tostada, Fish Tacos, New Mexican BBQ, Mayan Chicken and Shrimp Fajitas.

I love the entire menu but almost always order the tostada salad with carnitas (\$3.95). Zach had the grande burrito (3.75), Dane, the bean and cheese burrito (\$1.75), and Casey had the regular chicken burrito

(\$2.75). An order of chips and salsa (\$1.00) and four soft drinks (\$1.10 - refills free) completed our lunch. All for under \$20. Garcia's also offers an extensive selection of beer.... and wine by the glass.

Garcia's opened last spring in the former site of Zorro's.....upstairs at 145 S. Washington in downtown Sonora. Garcia's is not white table cloths and waiters, just very good Mexican food, and large portions (the grande burritos are HUGE).....all in a simple but clean environment. Depending on what you order, meals are served on plates or in baskets. Drinks are self serve. You order at the counter and your meals are brought to you. The service was fast.... and friendly.

It would be hard to find an inexpensive restaurant which has more to offer the casual diner....or hungry cost conscientious family.....than Garcia's. I've never walked away dissatisfied.....or hungry!

You can access Garcia's "up the stairs" from Washington.....or there's more parking, and less traffic by entering the back way on Stewart. There's also a covered patio for outside dining in the rear.

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Fri. 10/24 The Zoopeople - Another Zooey LA groovy Group - they're likend to Allman Bros. & Dave Matthews.

Sat 10/25 Hip-Hop, Disco, Smooth Groove w/DJ Visions - Lights, lazars, video & disco ball

Mon 10/27 The Honeydogs - from Minneapolis - Check it! Billboard Loves this band!!

Fri 10/31 The Coyotefest Halloween Bash - w/Club Monkeys! Cool tunes, games, contests and general revelry.

Sat. 11/1 Filmore Sims - Blues

Mon. 11/3 The Articles - Moon Sky Records

Fri. 11/7 Soupy Sales! Yes, Soupy Sales!

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'Horror'scopes

By Otis Anderson

Aquarius

Congress will make a law declaring you illegal, except when used for medicinal purposes.

Pisces

You stink of fish, guppy lover!

Aries

You will spin around, get dizzy, fall down and not be able to get up.

Taurus

People, in recognition of your greatness, will shower you with money, praise and food. You will win the Nobel Peace Prize, which will hereafter be known as the Taurus Peace Prize. Angels will sing your praises. Under your dictatorship the world will witness the dawn of a new golden age.

Gemini

You will conquer the world and destroy all Tauruses because they are not worthy. A Libra will become your ally.

Cancer

You will turn bad and begin attacking other cells. You will then be "cured" by a couple of large italian men in lab coats. They will send you to sleep with the Pisces.

Leo

You will be attacked and eaten by a savage swarm of meat bees.

Virgo

You will be attacked and eaten by a savage pack of ducks.

Libra

You will be attacked and eaten by a savage pack of administrators.

Scorpio

You will find fulfillment in life as a servant to your Taurus master.

Sagittarius

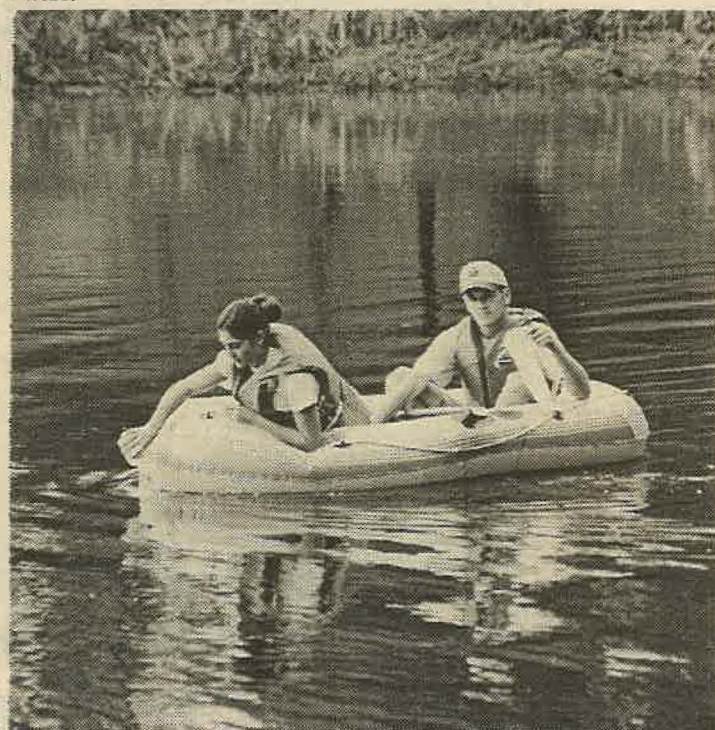
Sagittariuses (sagittarii?) do not exist. They are a lie perpetrated by the government, so it doesn't matter if I don't know their plural form.

Capricorn

Goat. HA HA!!

The MJC Fresh Water Biology class, Bio. 145, taught by instructor Terri Curtis invaded the Columbia Campus Pond during their fieldtrip to the foothills in which they were testing the water quality of ponds.

Right: Several students test the water by collecting it in jars. Below: Two students use a boat to collect water from the middle of San Diego Reservoir.



Water System Nearly Finished

by Joseph Gilliam
MTX STAFFWRITER

For the last two semesters, the water system at Columbia College has been down due to microbiological contaminant problems that are capable of causing disease. Some symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, possibly jaundice, headaches and fatigue. Keep in mind that these symptoms are not just the result of this problem, (it is flu season).

The end seems near. Yosemite Community College District has contracted the Tuolumne Utilities District to connect Columbia College up to TUD's water supply so we can have drinking water. According to the project leader Tom Scesa, "The project was originally scheduled for completion at the beginning of this school year, but it was pushed back to October."

Last spring, the Mountain Times alerted the campus that our water supply did not meet state regulations in regards to the Surface Water Filtration and Disinfection standards. There problem areas focused condition of the Columbia College water filtration equipment. For example, the need to replace the ozone generator plant for approximately \$500,000.

At the time, information obtained by the Mountain Times noted that "during an inspection of the college system conducted last October by the Tuolumne County Health Department, there were 18 areas cited for concern."

Some of the more significant problem areas were; condition of pre-treatment facilities, coagulation dosage rates are not known (these must be periodically evaluated and adjusted during the year in order for the filtration process to work properly), ozone analyzer readings are not reliable, and monitoring equipment is not reliable (ozone is an oxidizer used in the disinfection process). Odor of ozone was also detected, an indication that excess ozone was not being destroyed as required.

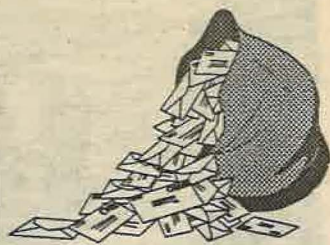
In addition, proper test kits were not in use for measuring residual ozone, no alarm is in use to alert system personnel and to shut down system in event of failure of

ozonators. Observation of water in finished water storage tanks revealed water to be "murky" and not consistent with turbidimeter measuring being recorded. Finally, because of piping problems, "finished" water is delivered directly to consumers before going to the storage tanks where chlorine contact takes place.

YCCD is paying the cost for the water system repair work. The total cost for repair work and connection of the system to TUD is estimated at \$291,000.

PG&E is also involved in the project to provide electricity for the new pumping station here on campus. When contacted, PG&E did not comment on the reason why they seem to be running behind on their end of the project.

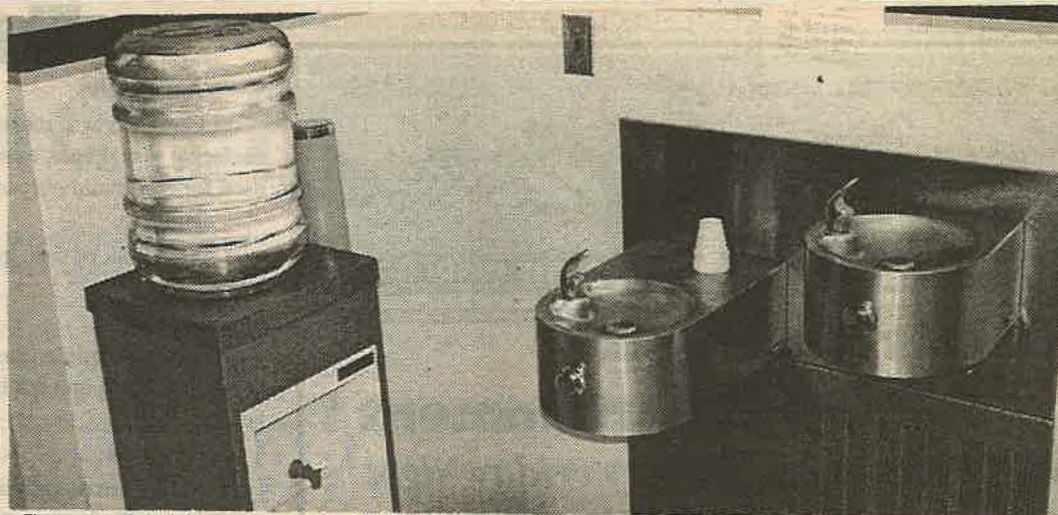
Shortly after completion, the process of lowering the contaminants in the water system should commence. As to how long it will take is still unknown at this time.



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