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## Columbia College's 30th Anniversary prompts a brief ... *70's Flash Back*

**November 1970:**

The Mountain Times defends itself against accusations of "being a power hungry group out to destroy the preexisting government already established on campus."

**February 1971:**

Discussions regarding making Columbia College a 4-year college are began at the state level. However, then President Dr. Rhodes doesn't feel it will happen for "possibly another five years."

**October 1974:**

A hypnotist is scheduled to hold demonstration using student volunteers in Forum.

Students are encouraged to "please be discreet" when using marijuana on campus to avoid the "needless hassle and expense" of arrest.

**May 1975:**

Hitchhikers are encouraged line up and make signs stating their destinations in order to avoid traffic problems leaving campus. The building of a permanent, sheltered hitchhiking waiting area is proposed.

Students debate whether smoking should be banned in the cafeteria.

The Mountain Times charged 10 cents per issue, or \$2.00 for a one year subscription.

**March 1978:**

Students join together to save the Stanislaus River and protest the New Melones Dam Project.

An article on the use of marijuana is run in Spanish in the MTX.

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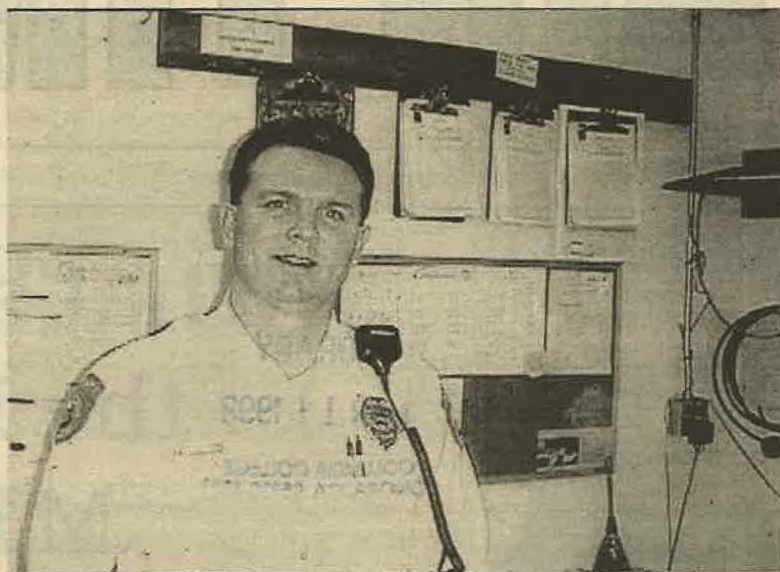
# Campus Crime on Decline

by Cryss Black-Wolf  
MTX Staff Writer

Crime on our campus is on a decline; for that we must give recognition to Greg Elam, our lead campus security officer. Greg Elam's experience, prior to Columbia College, includes 1+ years with the Contra County Sheriff's Dept., 1 year with Clayton P.D., 3 years with Fairfield P.D., 5 years with Concord P.D., and 10 years with the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Dept. Greg, as he likes to be called, was originally hired on as a security consultant; since then he has been placed in his current position.

"We have had a decrease in thefts and forgeries" said Greg. He believes the decrease in crime, in general, has to do with the fact that before he came on board security wasn't as "customer service related, as it is now. This type of relationship between the security staff and the college community is [priority one]", says Greg.

When asked as to what contributes to this decrease in crime, Greg states that "education is the key; continuity and education is what ensures the success of this program." It is because of the way his staff approaches security on our campus, giving the public opportunities to learn why certain rules are in place rather than having a harsh approach that benefits nobody, that most are willing to follow the rules that are in place.



Greg states that a lot of the crimes on campus are crimes of opportunity. Because of the occasional car window that has been left open, or the occasional backpack that is left unattended, especially around book buy-back time, we have a potential for certain crimes. Said Greg, "a big part of our presence here on campus is to emphasize crime prevention; if someone notifies us of an open window in a car, and there is a purse or backpack inside, we will find the owner on campus and inform them." Greg states that most crimes can be prevented with minimal effort. By following a few common-sense precautions such as not leaving your purse or wallet in plain view in your car, or leaving your windows open, you can actually prevent crime from happening.

Security officers perform many duties on campus, including 24 hour security patrol, parking enforcement, and lost and found. If there is a medical emergency you should, of course, dial 911 from any phone system. For all other situations, you can call 5911 from any college phone system which will put you through to the emergency response team here on campus. The phone number for security is 5167 on any campus phone, or 588-5167 from non-campus phone systems such as a pay phone or your cell-phone.

Greg also wants the campus community to know that if there are some things that you may wish to report, but are concerned about your personal safety, he assures that your anonymity will be not only be guarded, but respected.

## Columbia Celebrates Cultural Diversity

by Lisa Larsen  
MTX Editor-in-Chief

In a small, rural community such as ours, the benefits of celebrating cultural diversity may often be overlooked. In attempt to heighten awareness, Columbia College will present a series of events throughout the semester highlighting the contributions and perspectives of different cultures in our society.

The first of the series, a film entitled "The African American Perspective," was shown on Feb. 19th. The film -- which was organized by instructors Phyllis Greenleaf, Gerald Casimere, and Vice President of Student Services Kathryn Jefferey -- drew a moderately sized, but interested and involved group of 30-35

individuals, including Columbia College President, Jim Riggs.

The film presented some historical information on African American contributions to our culture and stressed the economic and social benefits of a culturally diverse community.

Casimere noted that, "Not only it is important for students to be informed on these topics so that they can encourage the celebration of diversity in this community, but also so they can be more culturally aware when they transfer into more ethnically diverse communities."

According to Casimere, the first film was very well received. The audience was eager for practical suggestions of ways to become involved in, and encourage cultural celebration in this community. Tangible avenues

of participation will be the subject of upcoming films and events scheduled for this semester.

Casimere pointed out that locally, there are already several established events and clubs that celebrate our local ethnic diversity. An annual Martin Luther King Day celebration is held in mid-January, the annual Celtic Fair will be held March 14th and 15th at the Calaveras Fairgrounds, and the Annual Pow Wow is scheduled for April 25th here at Columbia College. Additionally, the Native Nations and Friends club welcomes visitors at their meetings which are held every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in Aspen 1.

For more information on cultural events check the bulletin board on the Aspen building, or contact Phyllis Greenleaf at 588-5275.

## Columbia College Student Killed by Drunk Driver

by Lisa Larsen  
MTX Editor-in-Chief

Columbia College student Eileen Warner died February 14th due to injuries sustained in a January 15th auto accident.

Warner was driving on Twain Harte Grade when Sherry Boren, 43, of Truckee crossed the center line traveling at approximately 70 m.p.h. and collided head on with Warner's vehicle. Initially charged with drunk driving, Boren may now face felony manslaughter charges.

Warner is remembered by instructor Meryl Soto as a "kind and generous person who was serious about her studies and loved art."

A fund has been established in Warner's memory to help her family meet the expenses of this tragedy. Contributions can be made at the Columbia College Business office, or can be directed to the "Eileen Warner Fund" at Sentinel Community Bank. For more information contact the business office at 588-5113 or Sentinel Community Bank at 533-3011.

## Resignations in Student Government Prompt Organizational Changes

by Lisa Larsen  
MTX Editor-in-Chief

A new assignment of executive officers and the addition of new senators was required this semester following the resignation or removal of several students at the beginning of the Spring '98 semester.

Those resigning or removed were:  
Jeremy Mills -- President  
Mike Hamilton -- Vice President  
Scott Schipper -- VP Policy & Proc.  
Deirdre Harris -- VP of Clubs  
Stephanie Allen -- VP of Finance  
Chris Bourgoin -- Senator  
Stephanie Roberson -- Senator

The new Student Government is:  
Chris Schipper -- Acting President  
Cliff Amend -- Vice President  
Breanna Bird -- Executive Sect.  
Justin Soloman -- VP Finance  
Gabe Durkee -- VP Clubs  
Heather Bird -- Senator  
John Flynn -- Senator  
Glenn Verkerk -- Senator  
Cryss Black-Wolf -- Senator

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## Buckeye 4 -- Campus Secret

by John Flynn  
MTX Staff Writer

Another semester. You're taking a variety of classes that require tons of homework including, writing papers, math and financial calculations and lots of research. Where can you find help to meet all these demands?

Check out Buckeye 4, the Business/Typing Lab. The lab is directed by instructors Janet Carty and Ida Ponder and is open to all students.

Open Lab hours are Monday/Wednesday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 4-8 p.m., and Fridays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The lab provides a friendly relaxed self paced environment where you can use computers to address all your homework needs, including accessing the internet.

Business students can also access various math and accounting software applications. In addition to homework, you can also take various business occupation courses to develop your employment skills.

According to Ida Ponder, "The lab is a great resource and is currently under utilized". Stop by or call them at Ext. 5168.

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## Looking Back ... C.C.'s 30th Anniversary Series

by Mo Slaughter  
MTX Staff Writer

Several events have been planned as part of Columbia College's ongoing 30th Anniversary Celebration. Two open-house weekends will take place on March 20-21 and April 24-25.

Juniors and Seniors from local area high schools will be invited to sit in on classes, get information on

campus services and even spend a night at the student dorms.

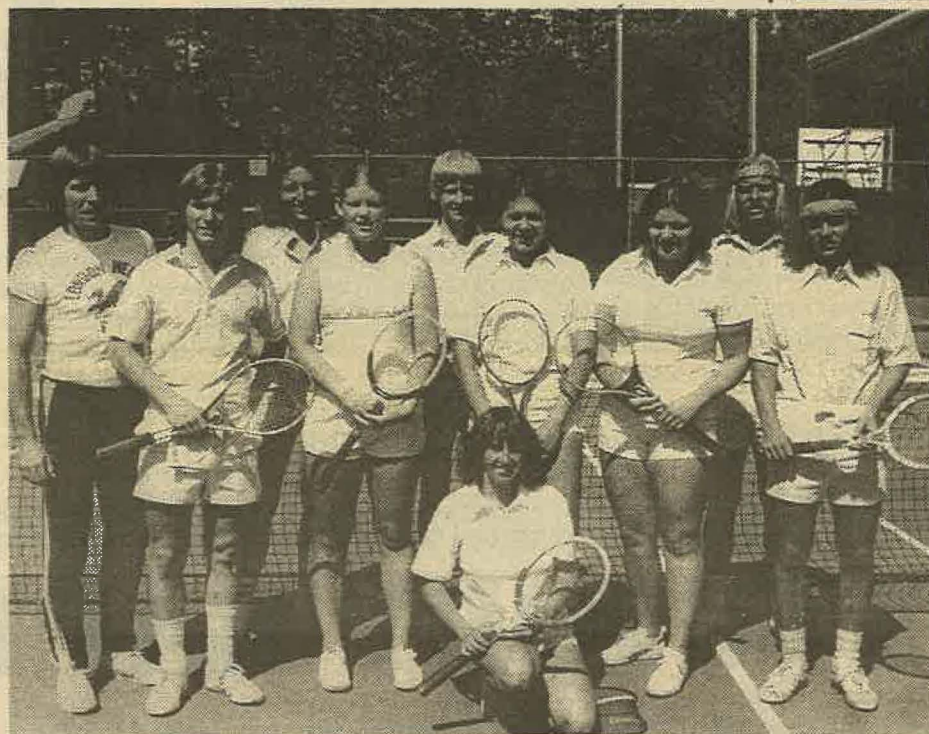
Tours and a barbecue will be held on both weekends and the April open-house also coincides with the annual Native American Pow-wow.

The 30th anniversary planning committee will hold their next meeting on March 13, students are encouraged to come and contribute their ideas for events.

Ross Carkeet  
circa 1970's



C.C. Tennis Team 1977



C.C. Golf Team 1977



## Welfare Reform Moves Forward at Columbia

Last year, federal legislation created new welfare reform laws which became effective January 1, 1998. The new federal laws directed state governments to develop their own welfare programs within federal guidelines.

California's program, CalWORKs, generally limits welfare eligibility to 24 months for new applicants and 18 months for existing recipients. There is a 60 month lifetime cap on benefits. After conducting a four week job search, CalWORKs recipients must participate in 20 hours a week of welfare-to-work activities. This weekly requirement escalates to 32 a week on July 1, 1999. These activities can include a combination of training classes and employment.

Community colleges will play an integral role in implementing California welfare reform. Columbia College received approximately \$170,000 in state grants last fall to create new training curriculums, hire necessary staff, help fund work study type employment opportunities and subsidize child care for CalWORKs students.

Kathryn Jeffery, Vice President of Student Services, is overseeing the CalWORKs program at Columbia. Jeffery states that "the college is

moving forward on several fronts to effect welfare reform."

Recently the college held a student forum to explain the new laws and receive student input. It is also developing a new course, Skills 392. According to Dave Willson, Interim Vice President of Instruction, this class is specifically designed for students to identify career options and provide training in job skills necessary to enter and remain in the workforce. The college is also exploring on-the-job training (OJT) formats to link students with the local labor market.

Columbia also hired a new CalWORKs Coordinator, Cass Larkin, to manage the CalWORKs program on campus. Larkin previously worked at Columbia as Job Placement Coordinator and recently served as director of the Mountain Women's Resource Center in Sonora. She will work directly with CalWORKs students at Columbia to assist them in matriculation, training, and transition them into jobs. Larkin's responsibilities also include coordinating with the local agencies such as the Department of Social Services, Mother Lode Job Training and child care agencies.

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## Child Development Center To Begin Offering Toddler Care

The Columbia College Child Development Center has received approximately \$300,000 in state grants to expand their child care program. The new grants will double the current child care capacity of Columbia College.

\$135,000 of the new grant is earmarked to construct a new child care facility which will handle approximately 24 additional children. This new facility is specifically intended to provide space for "toddler care", according to facility supervisor, Kathy Sullivan. Current child care services at Columbia Col-

lege are only offered to children 36 months and older.

Sullivan noted that the "new facility will extend child care down to 18 month age children."

In addition, approximately \$175,000 in grant funds were obtained to operate the new facility including; equipment, supplies, support staff and provide meals for the children. These funds will also provide fully subsidized child care services for eligible clients. Eligible is generally defined as low income such as CalWORKs students. It should be noted however, that the facility ser-

vices will also be available to the general student population.

The new child care facility funding was developed through a cooperative effort with local community child care agencies, and it is intended to further integrate Columbia College into the local child care service delivery system.

Current plans provide for the new child care facility to be open by September 1998. Services will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information call the Child Care Center at 588-5277.

## STATUTORY RAPE

### New State Laws Aid Local Enforcement by District Attorney

by Ashley Sigmond  
MTX Staff Writer

Statutory rape is defined by law as the unlawful sexual intercourse between an adult over the age of eighteen and a minor.

Laws prohibiting statutory rape have existed in California since 1872. Although this form of sexual activity has been referred to as simple "seduction" and "jail bait", the issue has become a growing moral and legal problem which has gained the attention of government policy makers.

A common misconception is that the greatest number of teen pregnancies involve sex between under age teenagers. Studies have shown

that more than half of the babies born to minors are fathered by adult men.

The average age of girls who had their first unwanted sexual experience ranges from 9.7 to 12 years. In over half of these cases, the perpetrators were family members. Step fathers are the most frequent perpetrator, however, mothers' boy friends, uncles, fathers, brothers and other relatives are also cited.

This situation has prompted greater attention and enforcement priorities by state officials. In 1995, California initiated the Statutory Rape Vertical Prosecution Program. The program is designed to provide more aggressive prosecution of statutory rape cases.

Depending on the age differences of the victim and perpetrator, the penalties range from a misdemeanor to a felony. All violations involve potential jail time.

In Tuolumne County, this pro-

gram is called Prosecution of Adult/Adolescent Sexual Encounters or PAASE.

According to the Tuolumne County PASSE Unit, "The main purpose is to send a clear message to adults who engage in sexual intercourse with minors that they are committing a crime and they will be prosecuted for their actions."

Tuolumne county receives \$100,000 to administrate the program.

PAASE representatives note that, "while they are often referred to as the 'sex police', that's not what the unit is about. It's about stopping a form of abuse that many fail to recognize until it's too late."

If you are experiencing, or are aware of a situation which involves statutory rape, you can contact Val Burkitt in the Tuolumne county PAASE Unit at 533-5642.

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## Virus! (but this is no movie)

by Cryss Black-Wolf  
MTX Staff Writer

Tis' the season for colds and flu; what are you doing to help prevent the spread of a potentially life-threatening virus? This is a question that we all need to ask ourselves especially, when we, as students, are interacting with hundreds of people everyday that we come to school. Dee Hall, Columbia College nurse for the past ten years, has dealt with hundreds of cases of cold and flu. She states that most of these cases (cold and flu viruses) can actually be prevented by simple, common-sense methods.

Said Dee, "The basic differences between a cold and the flu is that you can contract a cold by touching an object, like a door handle, computer keyboard, or even a pencil that someone else with a cold has touched. The flu, however, is usually contracted by air-borne means. If someone coughs or sneezes, and does not cover their mouth and nose properly, everyone in that room is potentially exposed to that flu. And people do die from the flu."

When considering preventative measures that you can take, Dee says that simple, common-sense steps can mean the difference between being healthy and at work or school, and being bed-ridden for two or three days. Said Dee, "I cannot stress enough the importance of frequent hand washing. Also, if possible you should open doors that are frequently used by the public with a gloved hand or with a towel (such as in the restroom)."

We all get sick from time to time. When we do get colds or the flu, Dee states that the best thing to remember is to drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids such as water and juice. Eating healthily and getting plenty of rest are also important in helping to prevent and, or, overcome the onslaught of these viruses. Although there are plenty of over-the-counter medications that one can purchase, these medications can only help to temporarily relieve certain symptoms. They do not cure cold and flu symptoms. Dee states that the normal life-cycle for a cold is seven to ten days, and that once you contract a cold that life-cycle must live itself out. She also states that "antibiotics do not kill viruses!"

If you are concerned as to whether or not you have been affected, Dee states that cold symptoms

include runny nose, sneezing, and coughing to name a few. However, flu symptoms are more exaggerated; they include muscle and joint pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

There have been a lot of cold and flu cases on campus. For the first time in the ten years Dee has worked as the college nurse, the problems began ailing students and faculty as early as August.

Says Dee, "There are 150-200 different virus that can cause colds. There are much fewer that cause the flu; however, once you get over one bug there are many more that you are now susceptible to catching. Again, it all comes down to the things that your parents taught you when you were young; wash your hands frequently and cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Following these simple guidelines can save a person a lot of grief, not to mention lost school or wages."

Dee's office is located in Junior 3; her office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. As stated in the Spring class schedule, the services offered by her department include first aid, health care, health education proif you're not sick. Its nice to hear from you when you're doing well, too.

## KTUO Offers New Music Choice

by John Flynn  
MTX Staff Writer

Tired of the same old over played songs on the radio? Check out 102.1 FM, KTUO, affectionately dubbed "The Cheese," due to their penchant for playing eclectic music that rarely gets aired. KTUO is a completely volunteer, student-run radio station attempting to bring variety to the local airwaves.

Currently, KTUO is using the "Wildcat" radio facilities of the Sonora High School, thanks to the assistance of Bix Beeman, Sonora High calculus teacher. Beeman advises the KTUO staff and is guiding them through the do's and don't's of radio broadcasting.

"The Cheese" is the culmination of months of hard work of Columbia students Terry Sahadi, Chris Burgoine and Jonathan Land. According to Land, "It took three years of working through the bureaucratic red tape of the Federal Communications Com-

mission" to finally link up with the existing Sonora High radio station.

Sahadi sees a bright future for KTUO, including several benefits for the college.

panied with a certificate. We could also use the program to plug and promote a wide variety of upcoming events at Columbia College as well as a variety of clubs on campus."

Sahadi continued, "We would like to have tape sessions, live sessions and an open forum for the students body, faculty and the community at large."

Right now KUTO relies on the hard work of several volunteers to do periodic Saturday broadcasts. Eventually, they'd like obtain enough financial support to broadcast Monday through Friday. Currently they are asking for CD, tape, or record contributions.

Since the KUTO 102.1FM signal is weak, you need to be patient when searching for them on the radio. They play a variety of music, including hard rock, punk, and ska.

If you would like to get involved, or would like more information, leave a

Shadi stated, "We would like to have a radio communication course offered at the college, accom-

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# What's In a Name Anyway?

by Cryss Black-Wolf  
MTX Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to change your name? Did you, as a child, wonder why your parents gave you the name that you now carry like a badge; a badge that will follow you for the rest of your life? What name would you chose if you had the chance yourself?

The aforementioned questions, and many others, were a major factor in my decision to change my name. The process can be not only intriguing, but exciting. But before you start picking out a new identity, let me fill you in on the process I was taken through: how much time it took, how much money it can cost, as well as the pro's and con's of performing a legal name change.

In some cultures, the names of the young are chosen to reflect a particular personality or character trait. Some name their young after a relative that the parents are fond of or that has been deceased. Others chose their child's name from a published list of popular baby names or book of baby names.

But you don't have to settle for the name you were given; every day ordinary people change their original name, some because of religious reasons, others do it for professional reasons. The truth is that you can do it simply because your current name just does not suit you.

If you are seriously contemplating a legal name change, I would recommend that you check out one of the many books written on this

subject from the library to help guide you through the legal details.

Basically it works like this: the first step in this process would be to go to your local Superior Court. For about \$1 you can acquire a pack of papers that you will need to fill out. The stack can look intimidating at first, but a lot of it is really only duplicate copies.

The actual paperwork needed only consists of three documents; one is for you to fill in your legal name and address (with the words "In Pro Per", meaning "in representation of yourself", underneath) along with your proposed name and a brief description of why you want to change it. You can simply state that "my current doesn't suit me."

The second paper is for you to write your legal name, proposed name, and the name of a newspaper of general circulation and in your county of residence.

The third paper consists of your original name and your proposed name. This is the document that the Superior Court judge will sign, granting your petition if everything is in order. These three documents will cost you about fifteen minutes of your time to type them out.

With these papers in hand, you go to the courthouse and file them with the clerk. Unless you make huge amounts of money, you can get the fee of (approx.) \$187 waved.

Next, after a day or two, the judge will sign paper number two, authorizing you to have your inten-

tions published in your local newspaper once each week for four weeks. This can cost anywhere from \$30 to \$100, depending on where you go. After the four weeks are up, the newspaper sends an affidavit/proof of publication to the courthouse. If no one has sufficient grounds to try and prevent your proposed name change (like a famous person or trademarked name) then the judge grants your name change!

You then need to send a certified copy of document three to the Secretary of State, along with \$10, and your name is officially recognized!

Total cost: approx. \$110-\$300. Total time: 4+ weeks, and only 15 or 20 minutes in front of a typewriter.

Sounds easy, right? Well, there are pro's and con's to consider before going through this process. A name change can be empowering to the individual. But for some, the process might not as enjoyable.

I would caution those who are considering doing this to know that this has the potential to cause strife amongst family members. You must also be prepared to take the time to contact all of your creditors, school departments/records, employers, Social Security, Dept. of Motor Vehicles, and much, much more.

Be prepared to be hounded with questions and procedural inquiries. If you are proud of your new name, however, and are empowered by it, then the whole process is worth all the time and money. So go ahead, consider a new you!

## The Rest of the Story . . .

By The Writer Formerly Known as Chris Luhdorff

I wanted to give some insight as to what was going on behind the scenes, if you will, during my decision to change my name. Some people go through an identity crises, although I do not think it was as traumatic as that in this case. I have at times felt a deep void within my being that longed to be filled. As with most who are fortunate enough to survive adolescence (an admirable accomplishment these days) I too came to that point in my life when I had to choose how I was going to conduct myself along the next phase of evolution into adulthood. Like most, I made some wrong choices. But, after a few years and a great deal of contemplation, trial and error, I have found out who I am and have chosen a lifestyle that epitomizes sobriety, nobility, and longevity. Maybe some of you here at Columbia have crosses that same bridge, passing the same milestones as I have.

In the process of making the correct choices for myself, I began to identify themes and concepts that were important to me. I decided I wanted to be forthright and honorable, with an attitude of what-you-see-is-what-you-get. I also decided that I wanted to be responsible for my own actions instead of making excuses.

My original name - Christopher Luhdorff - reflected two elements that I just couldn't live with any longer. Luhdorff is just an Americanized, Christianized mockery of what was once a proud Germanic name; it (its' original spelling) was a name of a town in the Motherland. And Christopher, when looked up in a book of names and meanings, goes completely against my personal ideology.

So, where did I come up with Cryss Black-Wolf? Cryss is enunciated the same as Chris; I opted to just change the spelling so that people could adapt a little easier to the name change, and to satisfy my intent to let go of the aforementioned concerns at the same time. Also, I find its' spelling to be rather unique, sort of like a male version of Crystal, as Kris is a female version of Chris. Black-Wolf has a little more to it than you would think. In case some are wondering, I do have American Indian in my lineage, but that is not why I chose this name. First, Black is the color

of a clean slate; all is born of blackness, and it is the origination of all things. All colors, of put together, come out black. Black encompasses everything like a blanket. It causes a deathly-fear in some and, at the same time, can be comforting, inspiring, and embraced by others. It is the color of the vast night sky, where possibilities are endless and future-driven. I think you get the idea. Secondly, Wolf is a name I chose because it is an animal that, next to humans, is the most highly developed in social and family affairs. Wolves are loyal to their own, and are avid protectors and providers. Personally, I believe that they by far exceed in their ability to thrive in a given location, and in their ability to give back to the gene-pool; I say this because there are many humans that, in my personal opinion, are not worth their weight in fecal matter!

The one thing that put me over the edge and drove me to legally change my name, was an assignment that I had in Meyrl Soto's English class. That's right. I blame Meryl! Actually, She assigned our class a task: we were to write about what our name meant to us. We could delve into our genealogy, or whatever. I chose to take the cynical rout and I wrote my paper under the premise that there wasn't much to a name anyway. After all, you didn't chose it, and it probably changed over the course of time. Basically we were stuck with the cards dealt us by our parents and couldn't change it! She wrote back on my paper four little words that challenged me; she said: "Oh, but you can!"

I proved her right, and have used those four words to break down any barrier I have come across, academically or professionally. It has become a mantra for me. I would encourage anyone reading this to adopt that same frame of mind, and take yourself to places you never dreamed possible. Have some selfdoubt? Remember those four little words: "Oh, but you can!"

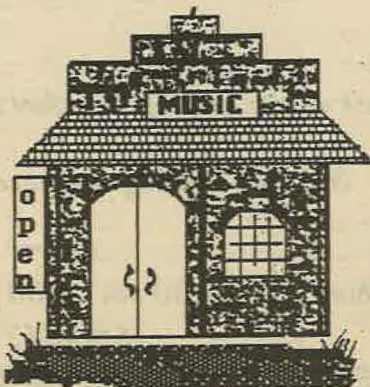
Oh yes, and if you do decide to change your name too, I would suggest that you avoid certain names such as Dick Richards, Oliver Klotzoff, or Huge G. Rection. You want to be remembered as being distinct from the rest of the crowd, not as being a nimrod!

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# H.I.V. HITS HOME

## The Human Face of H.I.V. and A.I.D.S. at Columbia College

by Lisa Larsen  
MTX Editor-in-Chief

He is the first to admit that he has led less than a perfect life. There have been days of IV drug use and nights of unprotected sex with multiple partners. But one night in particular continues to haunt him.

He was an emotionally confused young man, trying desperately to quiet the struggle within himself by going to a party to distract himself. There he eased his pain with the readily available illegal drugs, doing crystal meth with other IV drug users escaping their own demons.

The struggle and the pain melted away, at least temporarily, along with his better judgment and inhibitions. Several sexual encounters followed. Nameless, thoughtless sex with no apparent consequences. No consequences until the drugs begin to lose their numbing effect over his mind. No consequences until two nameless partners from the past begin to complain about nagging night sweats and diarrhea that won't go away. No consequences until the realization of what happened begins to settle in, and the ugly rumors about the nameless disease of the nameless participants began to circulate.

His actions that night were a mistake, a mistake he may pay for with his life. His story is not unusual, no one plans to be infected with HIV. No one plans to get AIDS.

HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). Normally a person has the (HIV) virus for months or years before they are even aware that they are ill, allowing for the unknowing infection of others. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has estimated that there were approximately 650,000 to 900,000 Americans infected with H.I.V. as of December 1996. The current estimate for HIV infection in the would obviously be substantially larger considering that each year between 40,000 and 60,000 Americans are newly infected.

The statistics are overwhelming and should be sobering. Yet people commonly fool themselves

into thinking it will always strike someone else. After all, you're young, you're not homosexual, you're not an IV drug user, and you live in a small community -- you're pretty safe, right?

Although not engaging in high risk behavior does improve your chances for escaping infection, it by no means assures it. In fact, one half of all new HIV infections occurs in people under the age of 25, and heterosexual sex accounts for 75% of reported cases in young women aged 20-24. Perhaps most surprising of all is the fact that rural populations like our own, actually have the highest rates of increase in AIDS cases, with heterosexual contact accounting for most of the cases.

AIDS and HIV have hit home here in Tuolumne County as well. According to Christina Tuchsén, Public Health Nurse at the Tuolumne County Health Department, there have been 50 new AIDS cases diagnosed in the county since 1985. This figure does not include other persons already diagnosed with AIDS that have moved to the area, nor does it indicate how many are infected with HIV but have not yet been diagnosed with full-blown AIDS.

Even here at Columbia College, several people's lives have been affected by this devastating disease. Kevin, the man mentioned at the beginning of this article, is one of them. Kevin was diagnosed with HIV over 12 years ago in Los Angeles. He waited nearly four years after that night described above, the night he feels certain that he was infected, before he was even tested. He was afraid ... afraid to know for certain what he already suspected.

During our interview, Kevin is cheerful, enthusiastically chatting about his goals to help others by becoming a social worker or earning a degree in psychology.

He has reason for his optimism. He has yet to develop full blown AIDS, and continues to astonish his physicians, maintaining his low viral load using only alternative medical approaches.

Yet blended into this optimistic face are the eyes of a realist: Eyes that have seen too many friends die of the same disease that lives within his own body, eyes that have watched someone dear waste away, eyes that have seen someone take their own life, eyes that someday may have to

watch while the same fate befalls him.

This blend of optimism and realism have motivated Kevin to use his life to help others. Aside from working toward a career in social work, Kevin is attempting to volunteer himself for a clinical drug trial through a company called Virex in San Francisco, as well as sharing his experience with HIV to educate others.

The goal of AIDS/HIV education is, of course to help prevent further HIV infection, but also to end the discrimination and fear associated with the disease. Although the labeling of AIDS/HIV as a "gay disease" is significantly less common than when the disease was first recognized in the early 1980's, there are still some widespread myths.

The facts are this: AIDS/HIV is not exclusively a homosexual or IV drug user's disease. HIV is contracted through unsafe sex, used needles and syringes, and has been contracted in the past through blood transfusions. According to the CDC, casual contact with an infected person (such as using a public restroom, handshakes, and hugs) does not put you at risk.

The annual AIDS Awareness Week will be held March 23-27 at Columbia College and will feature speakers, films and discussion groups as well as free information and safer sex kits to be distributed on campus and free, confidential HIV testing will be offered on campus.

Early detection is vital, especially now that a variety of new treatments to help control the effects of HIV are available. Among the treatments available are the well known "cocktail" of medications used to control viral load, as well as new experimental protocols, and alternative medicine approaches. For a more detailed description of currently available treatments and research check out "The Body" website, a very thorough and up to date multimedia AIDS and HIV information resource at: <http://www.thebody.com>

For free, confidential HIV testing at any other time, call 533-7401 to schedule an appointment. For other information and AIDS related services you can also contact Christina Tuchsén at 533-7412 or call the CDC's National AIDS Hotline at 1-800-342-AIDS.

## New Horizons Program to Offer New Resources for Reentry Women

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- An ongoing women's support group available weekly during college hour in Fir 7.
  - Financial aid for books, child care, transportation and equipment to eligible students.
  - A mentor program to assist each student with their individual educational needs.
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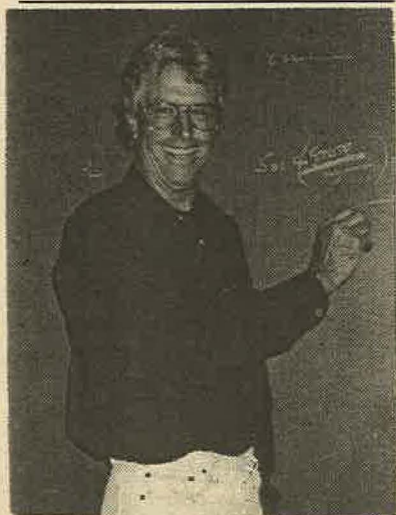
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# Stalking . . . DAVID ALFORD

Cryss Black-Wolf  
MTX Staff Reporter



The night turns to a soft glow; it is morning at the Alford place, 6:30 a.m.

Dave's cat "Black" (named in Dave's creative fashion, after his color) walks across Alford's face, summoning him to waken after a night of tug-of-war for occupancy of the center of the bed. Dave states that for some reason or another cats do not seem to understand the concept of private property, being inherent bad capitalists as most of the feline persuasion usually are. David recounts, "maybe they are terrific capitalists, thinking the whole world belongs to them!" Alford can't really decide.

**6:45 am:** With the cat outside, Dave begins the daily task of heating up the log cabin he inhabits on the old family ranch just outside of Avery. Resisting modern technology, he crams wood into the stove, aspiring to take the edge off the cold of the morning.

**7:00 am:** Dave begins a short calisthenics routine consisting of 100 sit-ups, 50 push-ups, and a lot of stretching, groaning and moaning. He then goes for his every other day powerwalk/run along Love Creek, a torrent this time of year, managing not to fall in the creek (this time). After a cool down from the walk he gets back home and begins a short meditation session. In regards to his stamina, he states "It's easy, really, when you stop and think about it. But, of course, the point is to not think about it!"

Breakfast is ritual; he has cereal, non-fat yogurt, fruit, juice and vitamins. . . . . Maybe some toast and honey. Dave states that his two grown sons know better than to show up for breakfast; all they want is "eggs, po-

tatoes, sausage, pancakes and coffee: the two cultures, the generation gap."

Today (Monday) and Wednesday Dave still has two hours before heading out to Columbia. He settles down to 10-20 minutes of journal writing, which he has been doing since 1974. He has 24 volumes that make up his collection, stored in an old cardboard box with an attached note that has instructions to "burn the damned thing" if he dies. Alford says "if" as if it is possible that he may not die. He says "Who knows? There are disagreements about these things you know." The journal entry might be an analysis of a dream or a drawing of Black, by now clawing at the door to be fed. Black has to be fed after daylight in the morning and before sunset at night, otherwise the family of raccoons that live under the house eat all the food. The raccoons have become rather audacious, cuz they know Dave's such a wuss and won't hurt them.

After finishing his journal, it's reading time. Today, a piece from Ken Wilbur's book, Sex, Ecology and Spirituality, for the proposal that Alford is going to make to the college for a course in the "unity of everything". He says, "Nobody ever showed me how anything related to anything. We just studied fragments of human knowledge, a little bit of Greek drama, a little U.S. history, a piece of literature, some chemistry, and so on. Come on. We can do better than that."

**12:00 pm:** Alford climbs in his CRX for the 40 minute drive to Columbia. His radio is tuned to either 91.3, NPR news or 680 a.m., Rush Limbaugh. Alford says, "I got that training in college. I was taking economics from Paul Baran at Stanford, the only teaching Marxist in the U.S. at the time. He required us to read the Wall Street Journal. He said it was important for us to know what the 'enemy' was thinking. But Limbaugh is so out-to lunch he's hardly worth bothering with."

Dave never gets tired of the beautiful drive off the mountain. He refers to it as a Zen test. Occasionally he varies his trip by racing someone up out of the canyon. "Only been beat once; a couple years ago some guy passed me on a curve, the screwball. I chased him down until he turned into the student parking lot at Columbia. About ten minutes later the guy shows up at my office door screaming that I was trying to kill him, 'f\*\*k you', all that stuff. I shook

his hand."

**2:00 pm:** Humanities 2, "Modern culture". 4:00 pm: "Twentieth Century Philosophy". "These are strange courses" says Alford. "The way our culture is going (computer & money addiction--the whole materialism bit) it is a wonder that anybody takes these courses anymore, where we try to figure out the meaning of human life." To the students' credit, Alford concludes that a numberable amount of students haven't bought into such addictions, as a surprising number of young people seem to want their lives to mean more than just "stuff".

Says Alford, "Sometimes I have to pinch myself to make sure it's real." Concluding his remarks about teaching he says "I get decent pay for hanging out with vigorous young folks discussing ideas. Is that a scam? Naw. Just a great job! The Buddhists talk about 'right livelihood', work that is deeply satisfying to our 'higher self.' This is it!"

**5:30 p.m.:** Alford packs it up and heads home, where it will be dark when he arrives. He decides to take up a neighbors invitation for dinner, hot tub, and a stroll around the property before complete nightfall.

Dave, in his spare time, has many interests. His two favorite restaurants are located right near Love Creek, where he finagles an invite from his sister and head (French) chef. On weekends he likes to snowshoe, take the occasional trip to the Bay for a film, club or party, perhaps hole-up, visit family, play some poker, or maybe just do some writing. During good weather he enjoys hiking and biking. Dave enjoys the occasional consort, although there isn't anyone right now. Three marriages, including one to a former student, have left him content to remain single for now.

Sensing that I am looking for a neat ending to my story, Alford takes the opportunity to impart a bit of his own philosophy instead, "If you want a conclusion, there isn't one. Life goes on. But I do like the sentiment in the third act of Thurber's 'Our Town' that Ellen Stewart and her group are putting on now. Fundamentally it is 'pay attention', 'be aware'."

If that conclusion leaves you without a sense of closure, welcome to philosophy. Alford's approach to teaching is to make you think, not to answer all your questions.

Plato would be proud.



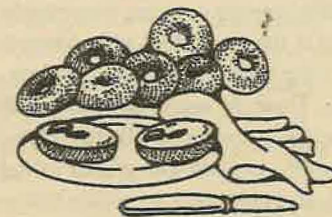
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## Protesting the Narcotic Haze of Capitalism

Contributed by:  
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Sharp-eyed readers of Beat era literature will recognize the title of this piece as a line shamelessly adopted from Allen Ginsberg's 1955 poem, "Howl." Though the passage has been taken out of context, the sentiment expressed in the line strongly suggests an attitude many Americans experience concerning the multi-billion dollar settlement between the government and the tobacco industry. Clearly, there is some confusion about how the industry will pay the damages numerous states claim, especially in light of a clause in the settlement that would allow the

**"...the incident highlights how close the government and big business work together under the table."**

industry to write off a sizable portion of the payout at tax time. This clause, news sources reveal, was neatly passed over by lawmakers until some other sharp-eyed readers dis-

covered it and blew the whistle. In the resulting scramble to reaffirm, and in some cases, realign their position, lawmakers voted almost unanimously to reject the clause, the only dissenting votes coming from the tobacco growing states. An embarrassment for all involved, the incident certainly highlights how close the government and big business work together under the table.

Indeed, citizens should commend our lawmakers for voting the clause out of the settlement, for doing "the right thing." In the interest of fairness and justice, we should expect an industry producing potentially hazardous substances, and regularly covering up research reports that prove this to be true, to pay compensations to those whose claims are valid.

Regardless of the eventual outcome, the whole matter has generated debate over two sub-issues: One, how much influence does big business have in American government; and two, how does America really

perceive the issue of toxic and controlled substances, otherwise known as drugs.

Ask anyone who has smoked for any length of time and most will admit that tobacco is indeed addictive, never mind the cardiovascular ailments connected with smoking. Still, there has been little or no discussion at the legislative level to evaluate tobacco as an addictive substance, as a toxic or restricted drug, along with heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine. As the public becomes more informed about the facts behind tobacco research, it will become obvious the only thing that has kept tobacco off the hard drug list is the fact tobacco is a big business with a big lobby in Washington D.C., and, of course, by the public's desire to use tobacco.

In contrast, look at how the government treats another substance, marijuana. Here is a substance that vexes researchers, elected officials, and law enforcement agencies alike. Modern research has revealed very little to justify marijuana's classification as a narcotic, and there seems to exist some evidence that earlier research may have been tampered with and falsified to make marijuana appear more dangerous than it actually is. Some researchers are now saying in fact that the use of marijuana may be of medical value to some, especially those who suffer from chronic pain, depression, and stress, among other ailments.

In 1996 California voters approved Proposition 215, allowing the medicinal use of marijuana. In response elected officials and law enforcement agencies at both the state and federal levels moved to block the implementation of Prop. 215 and warned doctors that prescribing marijuana might result in the loss of one's professional license. This speedy and dramatic move on the part of the government was surely meant to protect the health and welfare of California's obviously misguided populace. But if the government was really intent on keeping us all from harm, would it not seem reasonable to expect our lawmakers to go after the tobacco industry and try to dismantle its manufacturing complex with similar gusto?

There is, of course, very little chance of that ever happening. This contradiction of values should cause us to wonder if taxpayers can continue to justify the millions of dollars spent to fund the eradication of foreign and domestic marijuana

crops and the harassment and imprisonment of pot growers and users. Going one step further, can we allow any American industry to grow or otherwise produce and distribute any substances perceived to be toxic or dangerous?

As the tobacco industry might remind us all, the use and consumption of tobacco products is the choice of those citizens who decide to use them, and the choice to consume is intrinsically linked to the industry's right to conduct business. If that is so, then America will definitely have to reevaluate its perception of drug and substance abuse. If our values are to remain consistent and true, citizens will either have to move to dismantle all industries that are built on the manufacture and distribution of toxic and dangerous drugs, or we are going to have to understand that the right to decide to consume all such substances is a citizen's right in a truly free society, one unimpaired by the smoke screen of capitalism.



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## Talking Heads

asked by Mathew Schmitt

**Are President Clinton's alleged sexual activities relevant to his job performance and should they be reported by the media? (In essence, is Clinton entitled to penis privacy?)**



**Nicolle Osmundson**  
"Yes, I have penis envy."



**Vanessa Lowe**  
"Of course he is [entitled to privacy], aren't you?"



**Susannah Allat**  
"That's a hard question, but I believe that whatever Clinton does with his penis has nothing to do with how he runs this country."



**Nichole Warring**  
"Yes, except when it comes to harassment or him exposing it where it should not be exposed."



**Doug Tooley**  
"Only if he had a contract with Play Girl."



**Natalie Sidwell**  
"No. I don't agree with what the media is doing... but he knew what kind of publicity he was getting into when he went out for this job."



## Long Hard Road Out of Hell

Book Review of the Always Controversial Marilyn Manson

by Cryss Black-Wolf  
MTX Staff Writer

Marilyn Manson (aka, Brian Warner) remains, hands down, the most controversial and most talked about musical artist to date. No other musical group has caused such a stir, or such a contention, between extremist dictator groups such as the PMRC and the American Family Association, and those who strive for freedom of artistic expression.

It is the controversy itself that has aided and abetted in the coronation of Marilyn Manson to his (their) unrivaled status as the most loved and, often, the most hated and feared, band of the Nineties. In Marilyn Manson's own words, he states that "If people are going to hate me, I want them to hate me for the right reasons."

Marilyn Manson's new book, *THE LONG HARD ROAD OUT OF HELL*, written in conjunction with Rolling Stone magazine and New York Times writer Neil Strauss, is a revealing and often shocking recount of how it is to grow up in a small town, attending a Christian school and growing up to be, as stated in the jacket of the book, "the most feared and revered celebrity in America".

Manson speaks of his recollections of his cross-dressing, truck-driving grandfather and the horrors discovered in his grandfathers basement, where toy-trains and lingerie were the order of the day. He recalls his struggle to fit in to the mainstream, small-town idiosyncrasies that were inherent in Canton, Ohio where he endured adolescence. He goes on to describe the process of trying to get kicked out of his christian school and, later on, the process of getting his band the recognition they deserved via extreme and often bor-

derline-illegal methods; in an attempt to become noticed by the powers that be - the record industry and its many (and often crooked) counterparts.

Marilyn Manson has taken "the long hard road out of hell" and has rightfully claimed his current status as king of the shock-rock genre, who's adherents span from Hard Rock to Heavy Metal to Goth enthusiasts. Marilyn Manson, from headlining sold out arenas, to actually being paid not to play certain venues because of the controversial nature of their musical message, has certainly changed forever the trend of music.

Graphic descriptions of backstage capers are mainstay, as are near-death experiences stemming from drug abuse. There are tales of consorting, between Marilyn Manson and various controversial figures (that might cause most to shudder at the mention of their names), and citations of the risque theatrical antics performed on and off stage.

The truth is told within the pages of this well written, well documented book of one struggling musician on his way to stardom (also included are many photos from Manson's personal collection). This tell-it-like-it-is book is definitely not for the faint of heart or for the easily offended. It is, however, an eye-opening and unforgettable tale of someone who has beaten all the odds and has come screaming back for more, much to the dismay of those who seek the destruction of the band called Marilyn Manson. This hard-back book is published by HarperCollins publishers and is available at any reputable bookstore (I wouldn't count on Walmart stocking this one!). You'd better buy this one before it, too, becomes banned!

## Columbia College Hosts Jazz Festival

The Columbia campus was the destination of high school jazz ensembles and jazz fans from across northern and central California on February 27th and 28th.

High school jazz groups performed and were evaluated by jazz professionals as they performed in the Manzanita Building and the Dogwood Theatre. Professional musicians also held workshops for the participants.

Festival highlights included Friday and Saturday night performances by several jazz notables, including, Carmen Lundy, Phil Mattson, Clare Fischer, Don Shelton and Cornelius Bumpus.



## "Scotland Road" Puts New Twist on "Titanic" Story

by Lisa Larsen  
MTX Editor-in-Chief

Of all the shipwrecks, disasters and tragedies in history, few have continued to intrigue us as much as the sinking of the RMS Titanic. It has been the subject of countless documentaries, books, and a wildly successful film to name just a few ways in which the story has been told.

When I heard that Titanic was also the subject of the play "Scotland Road," playing at Stage 3, I was skeptical. After all, how many fresh things can you do with one event that everyone already knows by heart?

Yet "Scotland Road" managed to surprise me. Instead of rehashing the fateful sinking of the ship, the play is an eerie psychological examination of obsession with the Titanic disaster.

The story is set in the present day when a tabloid reports that a Titanic survivor has been discovered on an iceberg. Gary Holman portrays John, a mysterious and wealthy expert on the Titanic sinking, who locates the alleged survivor and has her brought to him for interrogation. What he finds there is a beautiful young woman (actress Maryann

Curmi), dressed in nineteenth century clothing who has refused to speak after uttering only one word during her rescue ... "Titanic."

Assisted by the more hesitant Dr. Halbrech (Greeta Ahart), John desperately interrogates the young woman, trying to force her into confessing her fraud. However, the more they hear, the more they begin to believe her. Finally, the young woman is forced into a shocking confront an with an aged and frail survivor of the Titanic, played marvelously by

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## Claim Jumpers Have Shot at CVC Championship

by Jared Connaughton  
MTX Sports Writer

Lack of experience -- that's the one thing that worried first year Columbia College coach Andy Vasher at the beginning of the 97-98 season. However, this team has managed to put themselves in contention for a Central Valley Conference championship through the first part of conference play.

"I've got to be really happy at this point, we've come along great," Vasher said. He continued by commenting on his team's CVC standings and chances for a championship, "We're in third place, two games out of first. We trail Fresno City and College of the Sequoias by one game. We've got big games on the road at Fresno City and King's River. If we get those wins on the road, then we're in the thick of things."

Vasher attributed most of his Claim Jumpers recent success to not turning the ball over as much as early on in the season, "That's because we've been doing things better for longer and we're playing harder. Another [key element] is that the guys have figured out what we're trying to do here. They're just playing well together."

According to Vasher, Matt Williams was the only Claim Jumpers starter returning from last year. He has played at the level everybody expected, but his main contribution to this Columbia team has been his leadership. Williams, a strong offensive player, leads the CVC in scor-

ing at 24.5 points a game, and also in field goal percentage, and rebounding at just over 10 a game.

"Matt Williams has just been a great leader, he's played great all year and it's not like he's a big secret," said Vasher.

Two other players who have sparked the Jumpers in CVC play are former Merrit player Jody Hollins and Seth Houck. Hollins is averaging 11.7 points a game for the year, but

more than 17 a game in conference play. Hollins is also second on the team in rebounding snagging 8.0 a game. Houck has emerged as Columbia's deadliest outside shooter, he's scoring at a 9.1 points per game clip. Houck also leads the team in assists at 4.2 a game and has knocked down a team best 48 three pointers.

"Jody Hollins and Seth Houck have been playing great, I'm really happy with their play," Vasher stated.

Columbia's most aggressive player John Moberg has started every game for the Jumpers and is averaging 9.0 points a game and is one of the team's most consistent outside shooters.

"Moberg just plays hard and does a great job," noted Vasher.

Columbia's outside shooting has been their main asset as Houck, Moberg, Allan Ramsey (9.0 points per game and 37 three pointers), and Donnell Meekins (7.4 points per

game) lead the Columbia outside attack.

"We're shooting the ball great and that's because we're taking the open shots and not forcing anything like early in the year," commented Vasher.

As the second half of the CVC season begins the Jumpers are in good shape for a possible birth in the state playoffs, and quite possibly their first CVC championship since 1996.



1997-98 Columbia College Claimjumpers

## Columbia Pulls Off Victory Over Porterville

by Jared Connaughton  
MTX Sports Writer

Big emotional wins are nice to get, but hard to come by, especially when you're facing the best team in your conference and the 7th ranked team in the state. But on February 12th at Oak Pavilion, the Columbia Claim Jumpers got that big emotional win 87-81 CVC top dog Porterville.

Columbia center Jody Hollins summed up the big victory the best: "That was the sweetest victory of the year we finally beat a top team, one of the best in the state, it was just unbelievable."

Guard John Moberg agreed, "We've been needing a win like that. We just played hard as a team and wouldn't let them beat us."

One of the keys to the win was shutting down Porterville's main guns Carl Boyd (14 points) and Dexter Young (21 points) and not let-

ting them get easy shots.

Coach Andy Vasher was pleased with the defensive play of his whole team, especially John Moberg and Seth Houck. "Moberg and Houck played really great defense," said Vasher.

Moberg agreed, "Boyd and Young just couldn't get the shots they wanted and you could see they were frustrated."

Matt Williams, the conference's stepped it up and played his usual great game as he led the Jumpers with 34 points. He also had 11 rebounds, to go along with 3 steals and 2 blocks.

"Matt really stepped it up and just played a great game," Vasher commented.

Going inside to the big men was a big part of Columbia's game as Hollins added 15 points and 9 rebounds. The Claimjumpers also got an inspiring play from Dave Newman

off the bench when he spelled Hollins. When the inside game would occasionally be derailed shooting guard Seth Houck would step up as he scored 17 points along with 5 rebounds, 4 steals, and 3 assists, including 4 three point bombs. Moberg added 6 points. Paul Boone was another lift off the bench as he played steady defense and led the Claim Jumpers with 6 assists.

Vasher was very happy with the play of his big men Williams, Hollins, and Newman: "We did a good job of getting the ball into our post players, we played great defense and rebounded well."

Hollins agreed, "They couldn't get anything going for themselves because we did every thing good on offense and defense."

Another big part of the game for the Jumpers is that they did not fold in crunch time. As guard

Ahmahl Bodden said, "We played hard for a whole forty minutes and we didn't have that big drought we usually have."

The Jumpers forced twenty three Pirate turnovers while Columbia only turned the ball over nineteen times, an unusual stat for them.

"We did a great job of taking care of the basketball the whole game, and really cut down on turnovers and forcing Porterville into mistakes," noted Vasher.

A big win like this only boosts the Jumpers shot at a state playoff birth which will more than likely happen.

"Our chances of making the playoffs are good," Vasher said.

The Jumpers 10-19 (6-7) host Modesto Junior college on Saturday February 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Oak Pavilion in their regular season home finale.

## Volleyball Team to Begin New Season

by Jared Connaughton  
MTX Sports Writer

The 1997 Columbia College volleyball team showed a lot of heart considering their unusual situation. Some may view their 3-11 record last season as a disappointment, but with a roster depleted because of injuries and various other reasons, the Lady Jumpers played a significant amount of games with only six girls.

Despite only three returning players, all starters on the 97 team, and losing their team leaders Co-Captains Crystal Peterson and Lisa Christopher to graduation, seventh year Head Coach Morgan McBride is hoping for bluer skies for the 1998 season.

"I'm still trying to build up my roster but it will all come together," McBride stated.

McBride will need good leadership from her three returning players: Jenny Hursky Cori Pritchard, and Sachiko Masuyama. The Lady Jumpers will have three new players as McBride that she has received via commitments from high school recruits.

Tiffany Miller of Sonora high heads the list. Her name should sound familiar to Jumpers supporters because her older sister Brianne played on last year's Columbia team. McBride has also received commitments from two Mariposa high school standouts Erin Vagely and Jamie Meisner.

Although the team is beginning with a short roster, there is still plenty of time to get more players before the season begins. If you're a female volleyball player and you're interested in being a Lady Claimjumper contact Head Coach Morgan McBride at (209) 588-5184.



## Matt Williams Selected For CVC 1st Team

Columbia sophomore forward, Matt Williams has been selected to the 1997/98 Central Valley Conference All Star Team by the conference coaches. Williams was the lone Claim Jumper to earn all CVC honors. He was the conference's leading scorer and rebounder.

Williams said, "I was glad to get first team all conference but individual awards don't mean that much to me, I just wish the team had more success. I also wish that guys like Jody Hollins and Seth Houck could have been recognized on the all conference team also, but it's a great honor."

Williams was right, those players deserved some recognition for the type of basketball they played. Hollins felt likewise. "I feel cheated, I feel I was as good as some of the other that were all conference, maybe it was that their teams did better. I played good ball but they didn't recognize me....but it really doesn't matter that much."

Coach Andy Vasher declined to comment on the situation.

Carl Boyd of conference champion Porterville was the Most Valuable Player of the CVC.

## Welfare Reform...

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The money Columbia received to provide child care services for CalWORKs students will be linked with the new expansion of the colleges child care facilities. The new facilities will open in late summer 1998 and extend child care services down to toddlers 18 months old.

If you would like more information on CalWORKs, call the CalWORKs Coordinator at 588-5148.

## Equal Pay for Equal Work Still a Problem for Women

Census Bureau figures show that women between 15 and 24 years old earn 95.5 cents for every dollar a male earns, seemingly disproving the "wage gap" between men and women. But consider that these jobs are almost entirely low paying, entry-level jobs. But as age increases to 25 to 34, women earn 84.1 cents to the dollar and lower still to only 71.8 cents per dollar for age 35-44.

## "Scotland Road"

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local actress Bette Laws-Lefevre. The final scene is full of intense confrontations, interesting plot twists, and a surprising conclusion where virtually no one is whom they appeared to be.

"Scotland Road" is a fresh, intriguing spin on an often told tale. It is playing at Stage 3 through March 15th. For more information call 536-1778.

## Senate Changes...

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Bear Palomo -- Senator  
Cori LaViolette -- Senator

Offices currently up for election are: Vice President of Policy and Proc. Vice President of Activities. If you are interested in being a part of Student Government, stop by the Student Senate office located in Manzanita 14, or call 588-5270. Requirements are a 2.0 GPA and enrollment in 5 units or more.

## Concerts & Events

Bands	Place	Dates
Clan Dyken	Coyote Creek	3-20
Radio I-Ching	Coyote Creek	3-23
Sierra Songwriters Festival	Mother Lode Fairgrounds	4-25
Joe Satriani	Warfield	3-14
Bow Wow Wow	Maritime Hall	3-21
Pat Benatar	Fillmore	3-22
Portihead	Warfield	3-31/4-1
Ska Against Racism Tour	The Edge	4-1
Radiohead	Bill Graham Civic	4-2
Ben Harper w/Hepcat	Berkeley Comm. Theatre	4-4
Ziggy Marley	The Edge	4-6
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