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## Fire academy grads make plans

By ROYAL H. GARRISON IV  
STAFF WRITER

Two dozen future fire fighters will graduate from the Columbia College fire academy this spring, and all will continue their educations, either here with the Tuolumne County fire program, or with another company or school in the state.

The Columbia College Vocational Fire Science program is a 16-week course with a 16-week California Fire Academy that includes a low- and high-angle rope rescue course taught by instructors George Melendrez, Chief Helms and Joesph Mendonsa. The courses are taught here at Columbia and at the Sierra Conservation Camp Urban Training Center.

"This will be Chief Melendrez's last session," said student Matthew Scott. "I feel really honored to have trained underneath one of the state's best fire chiefs."

Scott, a first year college student from Lodi, will be graduating from the Columbia College Fire Academy this spring.

He summed up his experience.

"It's an all right course, where you get to learn the basics about fire prevention," he said. "Chief Helms was a great teacher."

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ROYAL H. GARRISON/PANHANDLER PHOTO

Trainee Matthew Scott weilds a fire hose during a training exercise.

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It's time to put away the snowboards and get the wakeboards out.

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## YCCD wants Williams at helm

By MARIA CRISTINA LONG  
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After a nationwide search that began last October, the Yosemite Community College District stayed close to home and wants James H. Williams as its new Chancellor.

Williams has been serving as Interim Chancellor since June, replacing retired Chancellor Pamela Fisher. The District serves 29,000 students at Columbia College and Modesto Junior College, has a staff of 1,300 and an annual budget over \$100 million.

The process of selecting a new Chancellor came down to four finalists and the selection came after a public forum April 12 and 13. The forum gave the finalists an opportunity to discuss their preparation for the position, their education, and leadership philosophy, and the audience had an opportunity to ask

questions afterwards and turn in a comment card.

The candidates talked openly about their strengths and weaknesses that highlighted their personalities with only a podium to lean on. They covered, amongst many subjects, student services, autonomy, trust, integrity and respect for diversity; shared governance was a common theme throughout. One talked about his trials as a child stricken with polio and the perseverance that prevailed, while another talked about dealing with a school in turmoil, such as running a community college that employed a mother of one of the two killers at Columbine High School, in Littleton, Colorado.

Each candidate brought their distinct personalities to the floor and talked about their years of professional experience. Ultimately, Williams's calm, decisive, balanced leadership, and his educational

philosophy, was the cornerstone of a proven track record the District chose to lead with.

"I'm here to learn from you and you're here to learn from me, and we will learn together," said Williams during the forum.

Williams is a strong advocate in the link between students and faculty, understanding the one-to-one relationship with students. He believes strongly in doing everything for faculty so they can provide the best to students.

"If I'm chosen as your next Chancellor," said Williams, "you will see me and the Central Service administration a lot."

Williams talked about feeling a sense of disconnect between the college and the district and wants to do more to bring about Central Services. As for Modesto Junior

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# EDITORIAL

## Letters to the Editor

### Royal Thoughts

ROYAL H. GARRISON



Red, yellow and green.

What are they? Why do you wear them? Are you Jamaican? Are you a Rasta man?

These are they most commonly asked questions when someone spots me sporting the colorful gear around the Mother lode. Some recognize the coloration on the Black Oak Casino sign, which usually gets leads to other questions. Like, "Are you an Indian? Are the Mi-Wuk Indians of African decent?"

First of all, the colors are the coloration of the Motherland flag of Africa, from which all human life evolved from. Even though we see the colors represent in the Jamaican culture and in their flag, it is defiantly the colors of Africa. Knowing the history of the Mi-Wuk Indian tribe, I felt honored and proud to see the color displayed within there logo, and the manner in which they are displayed, done properly to teach history.

Red represents the blood of the people, the Mi-Wuk Indians symbol showing their people died fighting for the land.

Yellow is a representation of the stolen minerals of the earth. Yellow represents gold, which the Mi-Wuk Indians represent with a pottery of gold to show the hard work of their labor and how skilled they are as people.

Green represents the land that was stolen from the people. The Mi-Wuk Indians represent this with a symbol of the Oak leaf, from the black oak which was clear-cut years ago, along with the Digger tree, which was name of Mi-Wuk Indians before 1929.

This isn't the first time theses colors have been represented in the Mother Lode. Back in the late1800s, this was a regular sight, for at that time the Buffalo Soldier were station in Yosemite National Park and the surrounding area. Those soldiers displayed their homeland colors during the Indian wars of 1869, 1891, 1899 and again in the years of 1903 and 1904. Prior to that, the Buffalo Soldier were veterans

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## School shootings, suicide affects everyone

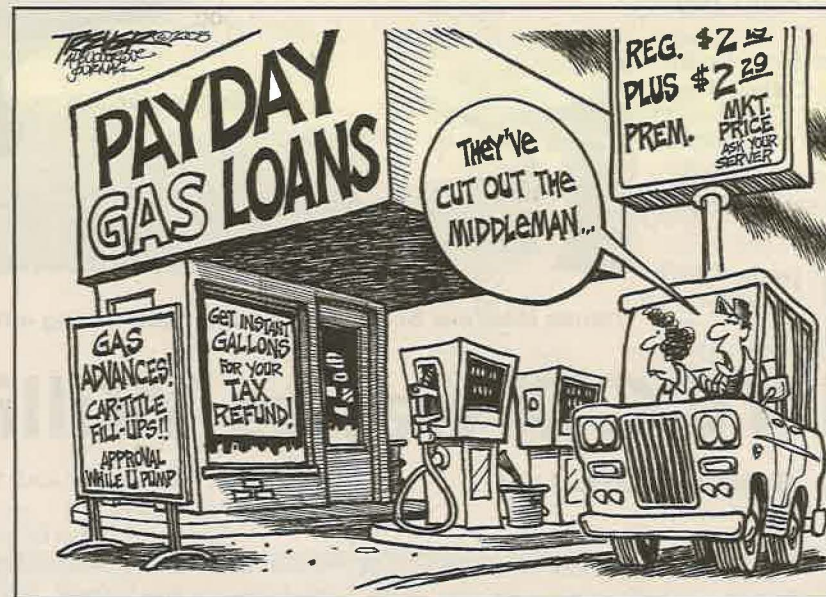
To the Editor:

March 21, 2005. Redby, Minnesota, repeat of Columbine. Only this time, the shooter was a grandson of a Redby policeman, 17-year-old Jeff Weise of the Redlake Chippewa Tribe. This was the worst shooting incident since Columbine. That ended in 12 dead including the two teen gunmen. This time the gunman killed 9 including his grandfather, step-grandmother, a teacher and some classmates after making it through a metal detector to get into the school. After a short shoot-out with the police he shot himself.

This was another violent murder-suicide involving a student. Nationwide, the violence and suicides are crying out for help any way they can. We as citizens, psychologists, counselors, police, firemen, emergency medical technicians, teachers, and family and friends need to be aware of the actions, words and unusual behavior in those around us. "Are these people just talking or will they do as they threaten?" Take them seriously. It could save a life! We need support groups in our local schools and community. We, as a community, state and nation need to do something

now, before it gets worse. We all know someone or have heard of someone that has either tried to commit suicide or has actually committed suicide. The Surgeon General has asked for action to lower the numbers of student-related deaths. This has become a major problem across the US. We, here in Tuolumne County, are not above this. Let's get together and start taking action to stop this fast growing epidemic. Remember, suicide also "kills" those left behind!

Jeff Craft  
V.P. of Activities



## Horoblescopes are grounded in the occult

To the Editor:

I think Beverly is misunderstanding Mystery Bradford. She didn't want to turn the Panhandler into a Christian paper. She simply wanted a section advertising Christian programs, etc. This is a public newsletter that is published to a school full of people with different types of beliefs. It isn't going to interfere

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# OPINION

## Hey, rude students: Shut the hell up!

What is with these students? I don't understand the need to talk over an instructor during a lecture. Why is it the more difficult the class, the more rude some students seem to be? And yes, I am directly pointing a finger at and stereotyping "Generation X."

I don't understand why these students think it's OK to be so impolite. I purposely sit in the front row and try to ignore everything that goes on behind me. I come to class not only prepared to learn, but with the intent to retain the information that was compiled and presented.

If I sound somewhat possessive, I mean to be. This is my education. I paid for it. My mom and dad didn't send me here to get out of their hair, pass the time, sow my wild oats, or figure out what I want to be when I grow up. I know exactly why I am here and how to get what I came for.

Most instructors don't say anything to these rude people, they simply lecture on. Some stop and stare at the talkers and wait for them to quiet down before continuing.

I empathize with the lecturers. I understand it isn't their job to baby sit. I have actually interviewed a professor or two and they told me that over the years they have become accustomed to the chatter and have learned to ignore it. Very few teachers at the college level ask rude students to quiet down, and fewer ask them to leave the room.

Most college students, at some point of their lives, have attended school, or at the very least been taught the simplest of manners. Common courtesy isn't a foreign subject, so what gives?

Now before I step down from my soap box, I must admit that I am human too. I have on occasion been rude and caught a fit of giggles with my cohort and sister, Robin. I sincerely apologize to my fellow classmates.

It's when the talking continues time after time, class in, class out that

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really upsets me. I have also witnessed some disrespectful students who act like the instructor is inconveniencing them during a lecture.

Yes, I may be old enough to be a parent to most of these students. And yes, as a child I attended a private school where crime and punishment were far different. When we misbehaved we got a ruler across our knuckles, or a thump on the head. In addition to that, we still had to deal with our parents.

I am by no means condoning this pre-historic punishment. I am just

trying to figure out what changed?

Out of curiosity, is the subject matter that you must discuss greater than or equally to the material the professors are lecturing about? If so, I again owe apologies.

Please tell me where to sign up for your class – oh, and can you speak up so we may all hear you? Are your class credits transferable? Here are some pens, can you jot down the main points of your lecture on the dry erase board? GET REAL!

Those of you who know me, and actually attend class with me know that I take my education very seriously. I can still joke around, laugh, and enjoy myself, but at the same time respect the teaching staff. But, enough is enough!

I have come to the conclusion that I must take a stand. The next time I will personally ask you to be quiet. If you still can't hold your tongue, please excuse yourself. This is my class, my money, my education, and my right to politely ask you to shut the hell up!

## Christian content does not make a religious paper

To the Editor:

Yes, Ms. Estorga, you are correct in the fact that "The Panhandler is a school newspaper which is to publish articles of relevance to Columbia College newspaper"

What might not be important to you might be important to others. I didn't realize that by publishing Christian news in a paper made it a "Christian Paper", the Union Democrat also publishes church information so does that make it a "Christian Paper"?

Do you read each and every article in every newspaper that you pick up, or do you skip over the articles that don't interest you? Did you know that you do have the right to skip over articles that you don't like? I do not mean to sound like I am putting you on the defense, which I am not doing, but doesn't everyone have the right to read and not read what they want? The newspaper is for everyone who wants to read it, so if you feel that "religion is thrown at you", please skip that information. It is not being "thrown at you" but informative for others. What about the rights of others?

So, if the Mystery Bradford student started her own Christian Newsletter in her own home and distributed it on her own time, I guess it should be distributed "underground" in order to not invade "your" secular space? How do you deal with money; "In God We Trust"? Isn't that also

intruding on your "secular space"? Again, I am not attacking you, but I would like you to respect others rights as I respect your rights and thoughts.

The "Horablesopes" is actually "invading" your freedom from religion. Interfaith means "part of all

faiths". I do not know of any Christian religions that use horoscopes in their religion. I am in no way attacking the Horablesopes, just using it as an example! What relevance does the "Horablesopes" have at Columbia College?

Debbie Shoemaker

## Occult: More balance sought

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with her freedom of religion to have a small column in the newsletter on Christian activities. Her freedom of religion allows her to ignore the column completely and read other sections of interest to her.

Many local papers put in small sections on Christianity for Christians while still being a "secular" newspaper simply to appeal to all variety of readers. There is no harm and that.

It is also very naive to say that horoscopes are an "interfaith/non-faith bit of fun nonsense".

Though they seem harmless, horoscopes are grounded in the occult. I'm sure there are a few people in the school who might feel that the "horablesopes" are an "unwelcome intrusion and a waste of space", and maybe feel that their religious freedom is discriminated against by allowing horoscopes and not a simple Christian activity notice.

I think the paper would do well to balance things out a little bit and they would then cater to more of the reading audience.

Carrie White

## Royal

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of the Spanish War. The Buffalo Soldiers were the first African American soldiers to serve during peace time.

Why do the Indians represent the coloration of these men today? Many Indians believe the name symbolized the Native American's respect of the Buffalo Soldiers' bravery and valor, and the colors symbolize the history that all tribal people went through to make this a free country today, no matter what race, color, or creed.

Theses are the principles of One Love and tribal thinking around the world.



# NEWS

## Hughes leaves music department legacy

By MARIA CRISTINA LONG  
STAFF WRITER

The hills are alive with the sound of music.

That happy singing you hear is coming from the Columbia College Music Department, which just received the largest endowment in its history.

The gift comes from Roberta Wallace Hughes, who donated in her will \$108,333. As an aspiring actress and singer, Roberta lived in the Hollywood Hills, but retired to the foothills of Columbia.

As a young girl, Roberta left for Hollywood to pursue a career in music but started work as a stenographer, meeting influential people and even trading voice lessons for stenography.

Although she sang in Hollywood nightclubs during the 1930s and '40s, it was her writing that paid the rent - and quite well. She met a woman named Ann Foster from Sonora, who prepared her taxes for more than thirty years. Roberta didn't have heirs to her estate, and through Foster's suggestion, named Columbia College as one of her beneficiaries. Roberta was humble about her wealth and believed setting up scholarships would encourage young people interested in music - a passion that inspired her generosity.

"The beauty of a large endowment insures an ongoing source of funding and support," said Connie



Roberta Wallace Hughes

Mical, Chief Operations Manager at Columbia College.

It has been music to the ears for the teachers and students of music at Columbia College. This single donation established five scholarships of \$3,000 a year to pay for private music lessons.

"Unlike majors for other studies, such as math or science, music majors must take private music lessons every semester, apart from their ongoing studies, to earn a Bachelor's Degree," said music instructor Rod Harris.

Music instructors John Carter and Harris had to look at the whole picture of the student before nominating them for the award. The criteria includes completing one semester of music theory and musicianship, a 3.0 G.P.A., being enrolled in a second semester of music theory and musicianship, participants of a music ensemble (such as jazz or choir). And students had to audition.

"The Hughes foundation was such a huge boost to the music department because it increased the opportunity for students," said Cass Larkin, financial aid director. "With more students in music programs, this increased the scholarship funds about 25 percent; more students can receive help than before."

This year's recipients were Paul Crotty, Kyla Meyer, Andrew Perez, David Vermeulen, and Martha Thompson. They will receive their scholarships at the annual Scholarships and Awards Celebration.

## Smokers limited to 12 places to light up next fall

By MARIA CRISTINA LONG  
STAFF WRITER

Smokers will have more opportunity to get to know each other next fall.

That's one way to look at a change coming to the Columbia College smoking policy, at least. Beginning fall semester, students and staff at Columbia will have just twelve designated areas to smoke. None of them are covered, and smoking near the cafeteria will be prohibited.

The change is the latest in the campus' smoking policy, and is also a result of a 2003 law that prohibited smoking within 20 feet of any public building in California.

The problem for Columbia was that all its former smoking areas were within 20 feet of one door or another. To comply with the 2003 law, the campus eliminated its designated smoking areas and let smokers light up anywhere - as long as they were five paces away from any door.

Officials said that policy had three problems.

The first was a concern for exposure to lingering smoke, especially near the cafeteria. This was a risk to the food service department because they are inspected annually; a health inspector could deny food-serving permits because of smoking too close to the entrances.

The second was the litter of

cigarette butts. Groundskeepers were picking up butts all the time.

"It was sad to see the cigarette butts all over," said Laureen Campana, Coordinator of Health Services and a smoking-cessation counselor. "It's like they aren't trash."

One day she and another member of the College Facilities Committee filled a grocery bag almost half full of cigarette butts. This posed the third problem - the fire hazard. With cigarette butts just lying on the ground, some still smoldering, instead of people using ashtrays, the risk of starting a fire was just too great. The committee felt something had to be done.

But smokers at Columbia are

lucky, as the College Facilities Committee does not want to ban smoking entirely.

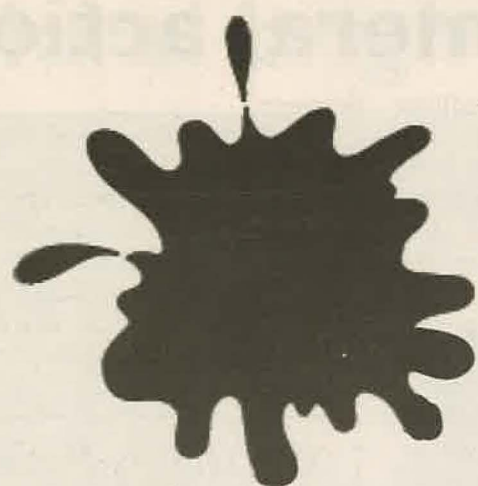
Other campuses do.

The Riverside Community College District and Woodland Community College have a 100 percent smoke-free campus policy. Cabrillo, Monterey Peninsula, Ohlone, Mission, Newark and San Joaquin Community Colleges have a smoke-free campus policy with the exception of parking lots.

The 12 smoking areas haven't been finalized yet, but will be over the summer.

Campana said she would like to provide covered areas for smokers but it is costly needs state approval.





# The Spot

*Good section!*

Arts & Entertainment

## Student gets cooking on her career

By ROYAL H. GARRISON IV  
STAFF WRITER

The perfect summer job is every college student's dream.

And through the Columbia College summer culinary arts program, it's exactly what Jeanelle Hendrickson found.

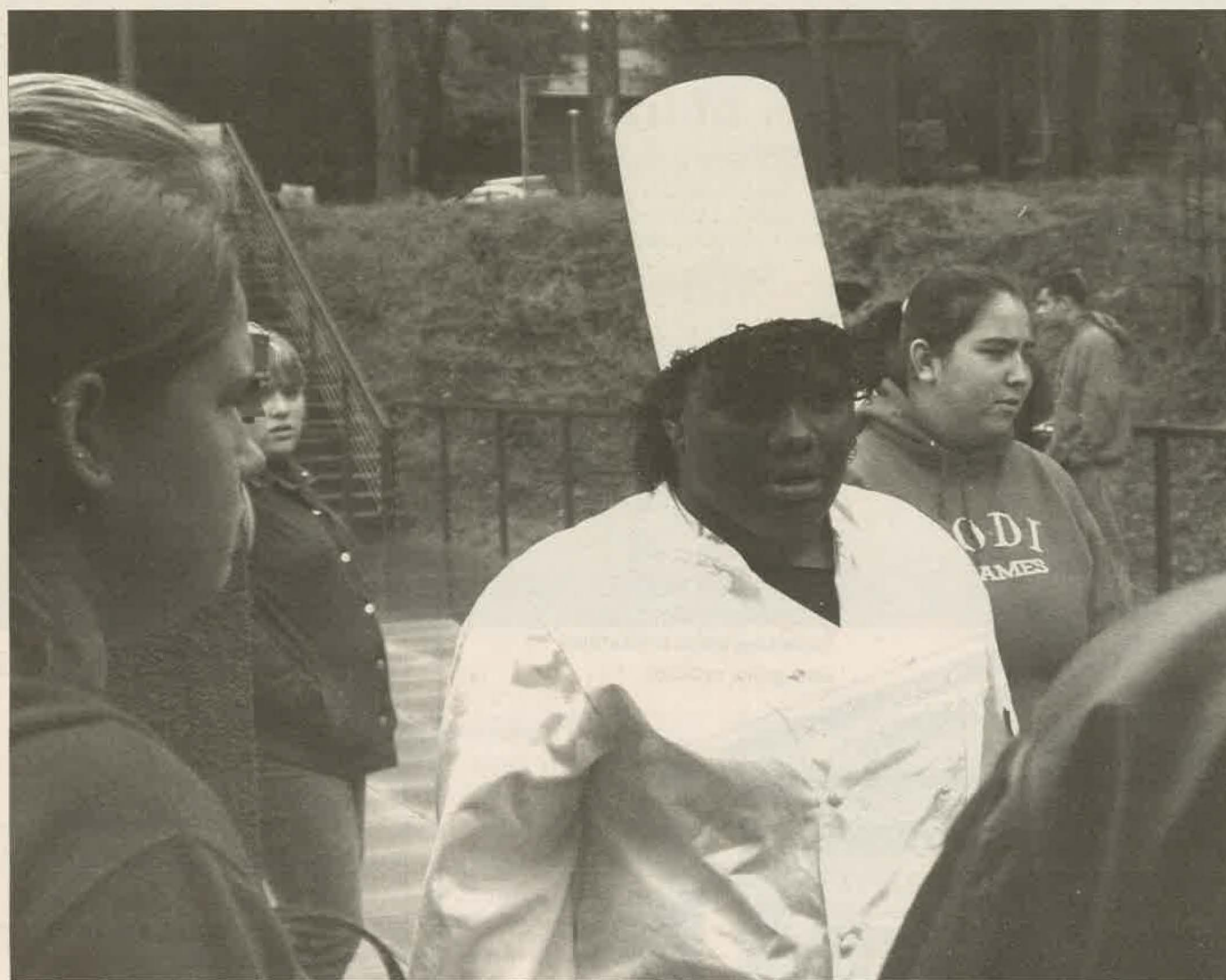
Hendrickson will be working on campus doing the job she loves, cooking food and baking pastries.

Hendrickson, 19, was born on Saint Thomas Island in the British Virgin Islands, raised in Merced and has always had a desire to express her native culture through her cooking.

This summer, she'll get her chance.

Hendrickson will cook for the fire fighters enrolled in the Columbia College Department of Forestry Academy. That's three meals a day for the 18 to 22 cadets who will be attending through the summer. She also hosts the walking tour of Columbia for visiting schools and prospective students, and will be hosting a meal open to the public every Thursday from June 16, through August 14 along with the other students and Professor Gene Womble.

"All are encouraged to attended," said Womble.



ROYAL H. GARRISON/PANHANDLER PHOTO

**Jeanelle Hendrickson leads a group of high school students on a campus tour.**

"Jeanelle is one of those students who will go beyond the call of duty to make thing right for those around her."

Hendrickson's desire to come to Columbia was

inspired by Womble and an early visit to her high school from the culinary arts department. At that time she was a student in the Future Homemakers of America

program for Culinary Arts. Hendrickson said she hopes to attend Johnson and Whales School of Culinary Arts, on Rhode Island, to become a pastry chef.



# Students ready for lights, camera, action

By DANIEL SHEPHERD  
STAFF WRITER

Movies have touched us all at least once in our lives, made us laugh, cry, or even think. Film is a definitely medium to be reckoned with.

That's why Professor Jim Toner is teaching the Film Appreciation (English 11) class this semester. But looking beyond the mere "watch-and-analyze" formula that has been used in the past, students are expected to actually make their own short films.

This hands-on approach has become one of the class's main attractions to students, some of whom certainly have a flair for the

art of movie-making.

Enter Erik Pung, Jason Armitage, Dave Bruno, Nathan "Potter" York, Jennifer Camp, and Marc Rudlin, the team behind one of this semester's best student films, *The Sanguinary Blade*.

*Sanguinary Blade* is the pop-culture-reference-laden tale of a cursed dagger that takes control of the main character (played by Bruno), and, in typical horror-film style, takes the lives of his friends.

"Potter just came up to us and said 'I want to make a film called *The Sanguinary Blade*,'" Pung said, "And that was about it."

The movie was surprisingly quick to film.

"We shot it over President's

Day weekend and started editing as soon as possible."

And although the entire thing was done almost entirely without a script, there were more than enough good ideas to keep the movie moving.

"We were just throwing cool ideas out there. You can't include everything you want."

And you can't always get the cooperation you want, either. Scheduling time in the ITC (Instructional Technology Center) was a bit difficult.

"We are so grateful to Melissa. She spent as much time as she could in there. Still, we would have liked to have more time in there."

Dave Bruno and Jason Armitage put the most time in at the ITC, editing then re-editing *Sanguinary Blade* for a director's cut.

"My fear is that we'll spend too much time editing this movie and not getting to our next one."

Their next movie, the final project for the class, is top secret.

"We want to shock people with this one. We'll either do it real well, or it will be crap. There is no in

between."

And what about after this class ends?

Don't panic, there has been talk of a filmmaking class appearing in the fall.

Either way, Pung said, "We've got to keep making movies. It's too much fun not to do again."

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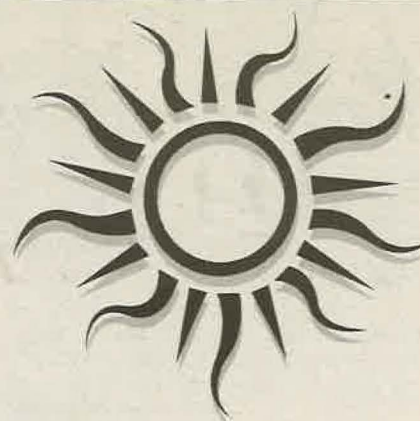
The Drama Department will present two improvisational shows based on audience suggestions. The shows will be performed in Dogwood Forum on Wednesday, April 20 at 2 p.m. and on Monday, April 25 at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

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# Mural brightens Oak Pavilion staff room

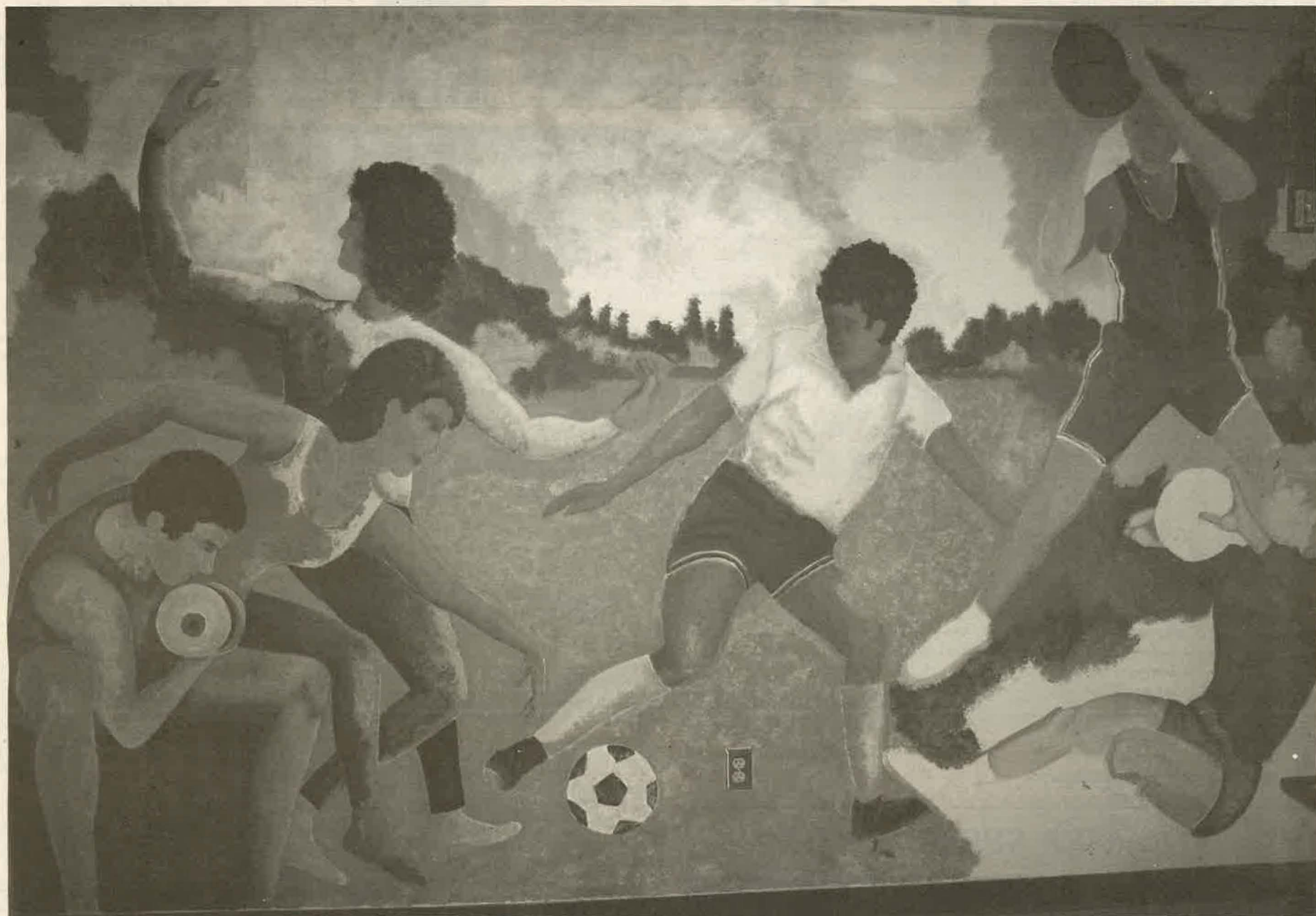


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The new mural by Chrys Day shows student athletes in action.

By RACHAEL RAJEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Chrys Day, an instructional assistant for the health and human performance section of Columbia College, has painted a mural inside a staff conference room in the Oak Pavilion.

The painting took Day about six weeks to complete. She worked a couple of hours after work and a little on the weekends.

The mural contains images of people exercising and enjoying themselves, all in vibrant colors and tones.

"I really like my colors," said Day. "My goal was to show movement."

One reason the image was painted was

to liven up the dull conference room for the enjoyment of staff members such as Sandy McCracken.

"Chrys is very artistic," said McCracken, "She's very creative."

Day has been a resident of the Sonora area since 1987. Day owned and ran the 49er Bakery for about four years before she started working part-time here at the college.

Day has worked here for the past four years.

She said she has been wanting to do something in paint and now finally has.

"I'm pleased with how it turned out" she said.



Chrys Day at work.



# Taurus bulls need to watch their ducks

**TAURUS** ♉ April 20th - May 20th -Details have cleared and plans will be fulfilled. You feel great, finally you've got all your ducks in a row. Be persistent and watchful until everything is finished, it's that last duck who is vulnerable. Single? Get out and catch some rays, your future partner will be out sunning themselves too. Attached? Don't be too surprised when your better-half throws you a birthday party, even if it's an intimate private celebration for two. Whether you want to acknowledge it or not, you love the attention. This week is a concerned 8.

**GEMINI** ♊ May 21st - June 21st -Relationships are all askew on the full moon of the 24th. Take a closer look, everything is tremendously superficial. Get out into the cool night air where your resourcefulness has room to sprawl and put things in the right perspective. Single? Give that wall-flower a second thought, a simple connection could be just the ticket. Attached? Opinions are trivial no matter who is right, is it really worth the aggravation? This week is an edgy 4.

**CANCER** ♋ June 22nd - July 22nd -Someone has trusted you to keep the lid on something, and you are dying to tell. You have always been the guardian of great secrets, just remember that person may have something on you that needs to be kept in the bag too. Single? That calm Virgo complements your intelligence

## horablesopes

by Susan Tinsley



nicely. Attached? Get out and do something together, go to your favorite place and live it up. You are both overdue for this shared pleasure. This week is a vivacious 10.

**LEO** ♌ July 23rd - Aug. 22nd -In the first week of May take some much needed downtime, your sanity depends on it. You've been burning the candle at both ends too long. Put some of your favorite music on, and turn off the ringers to all your phones. When spring semester is over the essential R's will be: relax, refresh, and rejuvenate. Single or Attached, enjoy some mellow tranquility for a change. This week is an easygoing 4.

**VIRGO** ♍ Aug. 23rd - Sept. 22nd -You are entering a time of melodious bliss. Just cruise through the next few weeks with ease. Just remember life isn't always this bright, when you least expect it, it can go south in a big hurry. Just enjoy it for what its worth. Single? Grab your favorite pals and hit the local hot spots, dance the night away. Attached? Don't get upset if your partner talks you out of weekend plans, they have better ideas to please you. This week is a balanced 5.

**LIBRA** ♎ Sept. 23rd- Oct. 22nd Certain troubles just seem to be reoccurring over and over again. Try and be your usually diplomatic self; if that fails, just let it go. When it's all said and done you will come out farther ahead than if you fought tooth and nail. An apology is futile, simply pay your debt, move on and forget it. Single or attached visit with old friends at the end of the month and rekindle the kindness that you so eloquently possess. This week is a functioning 6.

**SCORPIO** ♏ Oct. 23rd - Nov. 21st -Everyone has been walking on eggshells around you lately. Not only is that vicious tail at attention behind you, at any minute you could bite the head off of anyone who comes close. Your obstinate temper will cool when you realize people don't agitate you on purpose. Some individuals are just jerks all the time. Single? Try an online dating service to expand your choices. Attached? Give your partner a brake, this is the one person you don't want to sting. This week is a superficial 7.

**SAGITTARIUS** ♐ Nov. 22nd - Dec. 21st -The night time brings you alive. Sleepy mornings and late nights throw your optimistic world into perfect axis. Who cares if you leave those who can't keep up in the dark. They need to get with your program. Single? Have a party and invite the gypsies, they'll spark up any dull crowd. Attached? Send your lover flowers, just because. If you've been in a scuffle make them white to show you're calling a truce. This week is an expected 8.

**CAPRICORN** ♑ Dec. 22nd - Jan. 19th -Your reserved state of mind is getting old. Just for once try

the soup. Day in and day out has become so mind-numbing. Wear some bright clothes or a crazy hat and spice yourself up. You can still be practical and interesting at the same time, so just do it. Single? Try a double date with your best friend or ask those twins out, yes both of them! Attached? Remember, you aren't in this relationship for the money, love is what it's all about and that doesn't cost a dime. This week is a drastic 7.

**AQUARIUS** ♒ Jan. 20th - Feb 18th -Take a long walk or drive with a friend or coworker around the 5th of the month. This might be the beginning of a new tradition for you. It not only makes you feel better, but your travel buddy as well. Single? Volunteer at an upcoming charity event, you're bound to meet new people there. Attached? Hold hands and be happy in the sunshine. This week is an inventive 6.

**PISCES** ♓ Feb. 19th - March 20th. -Being serious hasn't been your strong point lately. If you want to break free from the monotony you must be determined to set a new and meaningful purpose to what you do. Single? Stop obsessing over that loser, they were only bringing you down. You brought them into your league where they didn't belong. Let them slither back into place and get over it. Attached? Go to bed early and unannounced, this will generate your partners interest. This week is a dodging 7.

**ARIES** ♈ March 21st - April 19th -Fill your schedule with all your favorites this week. Rent your favorite movie, go to your favorite restaurant, etc. Nothing feels as good as familiar comfort. Share these things with close friends and family, relish in the delight of known pleasures. Single? Give free rein to your spontaneous imagination on the full moon of the 24th, you'll be glad you did. Attached? Close the door and enjoy some privacy. Conjure up something naughty. This week is a memorable 8.

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H	O	L	D		R	O	B	E	R	T	S		
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	P	A	Y	A	B	L	E		A	R	C		
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M	A	T	T		L	E	W		S	E	T	H	

## TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. 1934
2. HENRY HUDSON
3. SUMMER SOLSTICE
4. SULTANAS
5. PEA
6. 88 DAYS
7. FORD
8. FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
9. LAWRENCE WELK
10. 4,100



# SPORTS

## The call of the lakes is hard to resist

It's about time. I know I'm not the only one who is tired of cloud cover, rain, snow, and just being friggin' cold.

Summer is upon us and one of the best ways to beat the heat that is coming is to hit the lake right in our own backyard.

So ladies, now you get to pull out your bathing suits and short shorts and put away all those layers of clothing you have been stuck wearing for the past winter.

Guys, same deal but leave the short shorts at home.

Sure, some of us will be stuck in summer school. But sometimes that lake is just calling.

One of the benefits of all of the rain and snow that hit the mother lode is the runoff that will result from the drenching we took. The local lakes are already showing it.

New Melones lake in Angels Camp on Highway 49 is higher than most people have seen it in a long time. Records show that the lake is at 67% capacity and is only 75 feet from being full. This is all before the snow has fully melted. This should ensure tons of water for everybody to play in well into the fall.

Just hanging by the lake and swimming is fun enough, but if you are fortunate enough to know someone with a boat, get behind it.

Wakeboarding is another one of those sports that has just taken off in the last ten years or so. You rarely see people on two skis on the lake



Wade Fickle wakeboards.



MATT CUSHMAN/PANHANDLER PHOTOS

Wade Fickle goes flying over New Melones with his wakeboard.

anymore. Now there are offshoots of wakeboarding that are gaining in popularity as well.

For those of you who are not savvy on wakeboarding, picture strapping an ironing board to your feet and being pulled behind a boat, like snowboarding on water.

Now with mutations of

wakeboarding, like wake skating, you don't even strap on a board anymore. Wake skating is like skateboarding on water.

Like just about every other sport, nothing is cheap. First you have to have a boat. Top of the line boats usually range around 50 thousand. But you can always find deals and a beater boat will pull you just as well as that new MasterCraft X-Star.

Local businessman Noah Goberman of Board Sport is waiting for the weather to turn.

"We've had a couple of weekends now where we rent snowboards and wakeboards," Goberman said "When

Off  
Sides

MATT CUSHMAN



the weather gets into the 70s, people will start going out."

Like I said, no sport is cheap. Brand new wakeboards can go for anywhere between \$300 to \$1,000 for top-of-the-line models. Wakeskates are a bit cheaper, with new boards going between \$90 and \$200.

Recreational boarders can rent a board for \$40 from Board Sport.

Board Sport will also have a demo day with wakeboard manufacturer Hyperlite on June 20. For a \$10 fee, you can come out and test any Hyperlite board you want to and get pulled behind the Hyperlite boat, or you can bring out your own board

and just get pulled behind their boat or the Board Sport boat. This might be a good way to get started if you are interested in seriously riding.

In any event it is time. Time to buy stock in sun screen. Time to stock up the cooler. Time to gas up the boat. Time to get a pair of sunglasses. It's just time. Summer time.



Gabe Wingo get air.



# 2005 graduating class receive degrees on Friday

**ALTAVILLE**  
Bryan M. Ervin  
Raymond E. Mansu  
Fleeta May Mulvey

**ANGELS CAMP**  
David Anthony Betts  
Salina Annette Branson  
Denice Branson  
Anicee M. Calhoun  
Kayla Ann Dragomanovich  
Jacob Daniel Heise  
Chris Patrick Lyons  
Mariah Jane Matthews  
Renée Minard-Menzes  
Deborah Lynn Ogilvie

**ANTIOCH**  
Levi R. Robertson  
Dominick Christopher Stiles

**ARNOLD**  
James Reid Boucke  
Mark Eugene Carlos  
Kathryn Adele Ernst  
Colette Le Scales

**AVERY**  
Jennifer L. Moody

**BRIDGEPORT**  
Ronda Lynn Muniz

**CAPITOLA**  
Angela Nevada Loquiao

**CERES**  
Brandi Melissa Popke

**COLUMBIA**  
Saba Z. Abraham  
Sherifa Idris Alhaddad  
Carly Jayne Battle  
Ian James Edward Boyd  
Eva Renee Cihon  
Steven Jeffery Cook  
Matthew James Cushman  
Christopher Robert Deatsch  
Daren B. Drown  
Cody Allen Edwards  
Sky H. Kaufman  
Darrell G. Knight  
Daniel Evan Malby  
Andrew Joseph Riggs  
Tamara A. Schipper  
Aprilstar Ann Shadden

Season Jessica Zukal

**CONCORD**  
Daniel Marcos Apodaca

**COPPEROPOLIS**  
Amy Lynne Alves  
Tiffany Ann Carbajal  
Jeanne Marie Eriksson  
Sean Eldon Lee Eriksson  
John W. Fredrick  
Jeremy Andrew Rich

**COULTERVILLE**  
Colette Bramlett  
Daniel Edwin Bramlett

**DOUGLAS FLAT**  
Jon S. Gittleman  
Jeanette Irene Wilson

**FREMONT**  
Brian Andrew Querner  
Craig Robert Sullivan

**GEYSERVILLE**  
Amy Rose Harmeson

**GROVELAND**  
Jamie Lee Arias  
Mary L. Cruz

**JACKSON**  
Ryan Bonneau  
Patrick Ousby

**JAMESTOWN**  
John C. Aldabe  
Robin R. Bowden  
Matthew Leon Bramlett  
Carol Cruz  
Constance Mary Degen  
Bonnie A. Hilarides  
Matiel L. Holloway  
Allison V. Johnson  
Emily Laura Kilgore  
Serena Krystal Saylor  
Corrie Lynn Taylor  
Nathan Howard York

**LA GRANGE**  
Elizabeth Marie Blazzard  
Amanda May Winter

**MANTECA**  
James J. Bell

Columbia College will hold its Commencement Friday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. in Oak Pavilion to honor 218 graduates of the class of 2005.

A reception for the graduates, their families, friends and guests will be held immediately following the ceremonies in Carkeet Park next to the pavilion.

Associate in arts degrees will be conferred upon

140 graduates; 58 will be presented with associate in science degrees, and 58 will be awarded certificates of achievement.

Dr. Jim Riggs, Columbia College's president, will introduce the graduating class and present the degrees and certificates.

Music will be provided by the Symphony of the Sierra under the direction of Jeff Johnson.

**PINE GROVE**  
Alison Ruth McElwee

**PLEASANTON**  
Sean Christopher Brierley

**POLLOCK PINES**  
Noah Rucker-Triplett  
**RIVERBANK**  
Lana Jo Scott

**SACRAMENTO**  
Robery Henry Scholer

**SALINAS**  
Stephen Scott Bradshaw, Jr.

**SAN ANDREAS**  
Ariana Victoria Bridgeman  
Terry L. Hawkins  
Deborah Marie Jessop  
Erica Marie Kenmir  
Deborah Louise Kenmir  
Melissa Danielle Langford  
Mark Anthony O'Neil

**SAN DIEGO**  
Denisa Shkrela Atkins

**SAN JOSE**  
Chris Martinez

**SONORA**  
Jeromy M. Albrecht  
Lisa Marie Aldabe  
Keith Brian Anderson  
Kelly A. Antonini  
Cassandra Marie Applegate  
Heather Breese Ashton  
Jon Michael Atkins  
Aimee Lorain Baker  
Heather Andrea Bartelson  
Matthew Daniel Bartok  
Edward Breith Battaglia  
Jessica Christina Bender  
Julie Elizabeth Bennett  
Bridgette Noelle Berry  
Rachelle Marie Bogue  
Megan Pamela Brooke  
Beth Ann Burbey  
Jessica Corina Cambra  
Karen Anne Cardwell  
Michelle E. Carlson  
Amanda Lynn Clark  
Jana Gale Connell  
Amanda Jean Damm  
Anna M. Davies  
Jarod Vincent Fahle

Shelley Marie Franklin  
Bill Gentry II  
Candace Lynn Gordon  
Susanna Lynn Gray  
Daniel John Haas  
William Loren Hale  
Michael Chad Harris  
Joe J. Harris  
Shannon Rachelle Heisler  
Teri Lyn Hickey  
Patricia Lorraine Horsthus  
Travis Jordan Howell  
Robert Colfax Hoyt IV  
Christopher Kendall Johnson  
Daniel Anaiah Kirk  
Fumito Kotani  
Danielle Monique Kuykendall  
Matthew B. Lane  
Biskin Coral Lee  
Nicole Marie Linsday  
Miranda Kaye Long  
Helena K. Lundgren  
Matthew James Martin  
John Christian Maurer  
Mary Bernice Miles  
Shaunna Rozette Mulderrig  
Katie Jane Nemec  
Robert S. Norman  
Serena Marie Orman  
Amanda Loris Overstreet  
Jasper Lee Ozbim  
Steven William Pappas  
Andrew J. Perez  
Kaycee Noel Phillips  
Christopher David Reber  
Rachel Elizabeth Redden  
Dustin David Rice  
Nicole Rae Rivera  
Candice Lee Rudlin  
Marc Joseph Rudlin  
Michelle Lee Rumery  
Gina Marie Salter  
Brandon Alan Scull  
Sabrina Lenore Shea  
Michelle Elise Shelton  
Pamela Christine Slakey  
Judith L. Smith  
Lainey Marelle Southard  
Serena D. Sullivan  
Devin Nicole Taylor  
Jennifer K. Tolman  
Kimberly Ann Van Gorder  
Chana M. VanOrden  
Shawn Wales-Anderson  
Alexandrea M. Walton  
Elizabeth Ann Watson  
Richard D. Woolley

Lonna Justine Workman  
Kathline Yvonne Wright  
Brenda Marie Wyatt

**SOULSBYVILLE**  
Joni Kay Balcarcel  
Ralph G. Busick  
Patricia Frances Gogas  
Sarah Rebecca Warnock

**TUOLUMNE**  
Daniel Thomas Andrasko  
Jason Jeffrey Daniel  
Armitage  
Jennifer Lynn Cappuccini  
Melinda A. Crouch  
Donna Diane Domingues  
Klara Michael Handrock  
Tiphanny Marie Hendricks  
Blythe Jeanne Marie Lee  
Jeremy Gordon Munroe

**TURLOCK**  
Kathryn A. Accornero  
Daniel Villanueva

**TWAIN HARTE**  
Lacey Nicole Book  
Ryan Michael Bradshaw  
Gary Jay Burgin  
Jennifer Louise Camp  
Edith Irene Leslie  
Linda Marie Maria  
Travis Ariel Rivera  
Alexander Jerome Vierra  
Shane Alan Wallace

**UNION CITY**  
Daniel Ryan LaRock

**VALLEY SPRINGS**  
Michelle Marie Howard  
Shelly A. Ledesma

**VOLCANO**  
Keith Forrest  
Kirsten Annamaria Hexberg

**WEST POINT**  
Yuki Wood

**CHILOQUIN, OR**  
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Susumu Ebihara  
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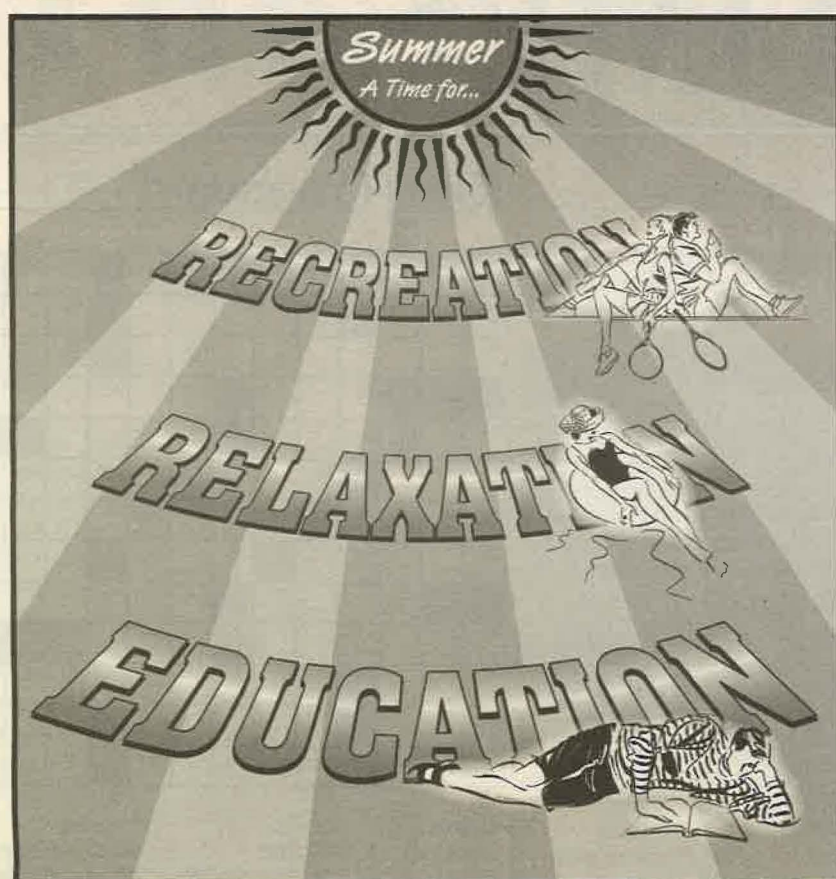
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**CMPSC 10** Video Conferencing

**CMPSC 11** Powerpoint

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**EMS 4** EMT Training

**ENGL 1A** Reading & Composition

**ENGL 10** Creative Writing

**ENGL 151** Prep for College Composition

**ENGL 198** Shakespeare Live

**ESC 35** Field Geology-Placer Mining

**GEOGR 12** Cultural Geography  
**GUIDE 107** Orientation to College

**HHP 18A** Yoga 1

**HHP 32** Basketball: Men's Rules

**HHP 38A** Golf I

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**HHP 98** Cardiac Rehab

**HHP 301** First Step to Fitness

**HIST 17** US 1877 to Present

**HUMAN 2** Modern Culture

**MUSIC 2** Intro to Music

**MUSIC 31A/B** Elementary Piano

**MUSIC 41 A/B** Intermediate Piano

**POLSC 10** Const Government

**SKLDV 300** GED Preparation

**SKLDV 392** Applied Skills

**SPCOM 1** Fund of Speech

## Academy

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The hardest part wasn't even the fire fighting.

"The hardest part of the Fire 1 course was getting use to being in school away from home, and living at the dorms," he said.

After finishing at Columbia, Scott plans to attend Sacramento State University to get a Bachelor of Science in fire prevention. He would also like to obtain his paramedics certifications while at the University.

"I would like to eventually in up working for some big city here in California," he said.

Scott has advice for new cadets entering the academy.

"I don't recommend taking any other class while you're attending the academy," he said. "You will have a full load handling the 15 units by itself. But if you must take other classes, try to make it for the weekend, or you will find it too hard to get through the academy with top honors."

He also wants new cadets to know that the academy requires a lot of studying. There is a test or exam every class section.

"You don't have a lot of party time," he said. "You really need to be on top of your studies, to be the top in your field."

## Williams

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College and Columbia College, he feels it's like a long-distance marriage and wants to do more together.

His leadership philosophy is expressed in a document he wrote, "Management Manifesto: Moving in Harmony Toward the Twenty-first Century," (which can be read on the YCCD website), that talks in depth about his six central themes: integrity, interconnectedness, teamwork, flexibility, passion and compassion.

"When I look back on what I've accomplished," said Williams, "I want to say to myself, 'Well done you good and faithful servant.'"

## Senate elected

The results of the Student Senate Fall 2006 elections are in. Elections were held April 11 to 13. The President will be Ibrahim "E.B." Kamara with Vice President David Young. V.P. of Clubs will be Geoffrey Sharrard, V.P. of Activities Jeff Craft, Secretary Tina Otto, and Senators Adam Ringel and Nathan Hofland. V.P. of Publicity and V.P. of Finance are vacant.



# PASTTIMES

## Truly Trivial

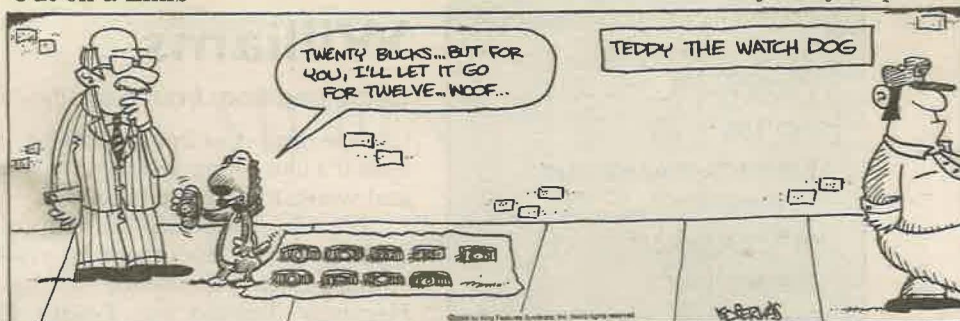
By FIFI RODRIGUEZ

1. **ANIMATION:** WHEN DID DONALD DUCK MAKE HIS DEBUT?
2. **EXPLORERS:** WHO WAS THE FIRST EUROPEAN TO SAIL INTO WHAT BECAME NEW YORK HARBOR?
3. **NATURAL WORLD:** WHAT IS ANOTHER NAME FOR THE LONGEST DAY OF THE YEAR?
4. **LANGUAGE:** WHAT IS THE COMMON BRITISH TERM FOR WHAT AMERICANS CALL RAISINS?
5. **FOOD:** WHAT IS THE OLDEST KNOWN VEGETABLE?
6. **ASTRONOMY:** HOW MANY EARTH DAYS DOES IT TAKE MERCURY TO ORBIT THE SUN?
7. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** WHICH CAR COMPANY MADE THE EDSSEL?
8. **ENTERTAINERS:** WHERE DID ACTOR BURT REYNOLDS PLAY COLLEGE FOOTBALL?
9. **MUSIC:** WHICH BANDLEADER INTRODUCED THE LENNON SISTERS TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC?
10. **GEOGRAPHY:** ABOUT HOW MANY MILES LONG IS THE NILE RIVER?

Answers are on page 8

Out on a Limb

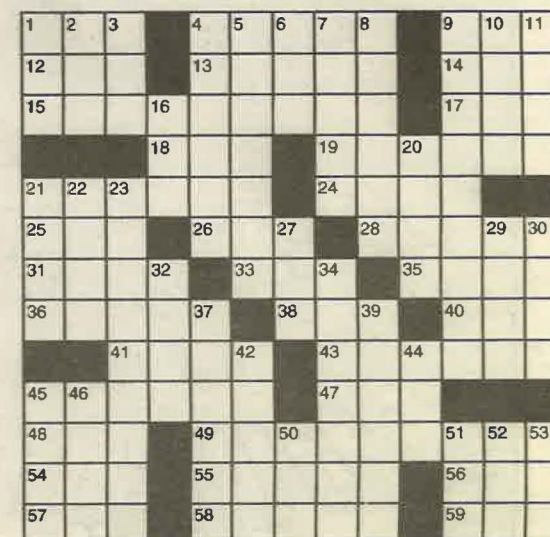
by Gary Kopervas



## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Actress Hagen
- 4 Sudden gleam
- 9 Navigation hindrance
- 12 "Wham!"
- 13 U.S.A. emblem
- 14 Bobby of hockey fame
- 15 Time between vernal equinoxes
- 17 "Norma -"
- 18 Rage
- 19 To a great extent
- 21 Toolbox item
- 24 Verve
- 25 Inventor Whitney
- 26 X rating?
- 28 Tendency
- 31 Pinochle ploy
- 33 Flop
- 35 Culture medium
- 36 Speck of land
- 38 Rocky peak
- 40 Waste not a moment
- 41 Eastern potentate
- 43 With care
- 45 Dog
- 47 "No seats" sign
- 48 Attila, e.g.
- 49 Tenths of 23-
- 54 Blackbird



- 55 Chinese, for instance
- 56 Caustic substance
- 57 Sch. org.
- 58 Approaches
- 59 Suburb of Melbourne, Australia
- 7 Serf
- 8 Boston newspaper
- 9 Vacation duration, maybe
- 10 Exam format
- 11 Swayze's "Dirty Dancing" co-star
- 16 Intention
- 20 Poet Teasdale
- 21 Half (Pref.)
- 22 Happy-hour drinks
- 23 Really long stretches
- 27 Enthusiast
- 29 Become insol-
- 30 Deuce topper
- 32 Ms. Moore
- 34 Sirius
- 37 Soup holder
- 39 Summer TV fare, often
- 42 "Touched by an Angel" actress Della
- 44 Neither mate
- 45 Bloke
- 46 Family member
- 50 Peeples or Vardalos
- 51 Sort
- 52 Storm center
- 53 Wield a needle

Answers are on page 8

## On the Street: If you could add any one class at Columbia, what would it be?



Danille Clark

A Community Education class on how to manage your money in the real world.



Josh Jagoda

A class on sports medicine.



Jenna Greenberg

A class on glass-blowing art.



Katie Palmer

A class in Italian language.