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New president chosen

BY SHANNON MCPHERSON
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Dr. Joan Smith will be the next president of Columbia College, succeeding Dr. Jim Riggs on January 1, 2007.

After 10 years as president, Riggs is stepping down and will once again be a full time faculty member.

Smith is currently the executive vice president of student learning at Ventura College.

Reached at her office the morning after the announcement was made, Smith said she was "thrilled and honored" to be chosen as the president of Columbia.

"I plan on making the educational resources that are already in place stronger and making the community know what a great campus we have," she said.

Smith said her house in Southern California was already on the market, although her husband and youngest daughter would stay in the Ventura area until June, when her daughter graduates high school. They she will join her mom on campus.

"My daughter will be attending Columbia College in the fall semester," Smith said.

The couple's two other children are already at college in Southern California.

Smith was previously the dean of business, industry, technology and off-campus programs



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See PRESIDENT, page 4 New Columbia President Joan Smith answers questions during her on-campus presentation.

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Construction should end soon

BY DAVID WARD
PANHANDLER STAFF

The construction next to the Manzanita Building should be finished in about two weeks, according to Columbia College Chief Operations Officer Connie Mical.

Crews are building a ramp from the old disabled-parking-only lot, widening the road, installing a sidewalk and improving the Tuolumne Transit bus stop.

"We had hoped to finish before the beginning of the semester, but some difficulties slowed us down," Mical said. The work is now scheduled to be done Oct. 4.

The construction has caused some inconvenience. Disabled parking was relocated to the Oak Pavilion parking lot, and students can't walk on that side of the lake because of the

construction.

"It is a temporary inconvenience," said biology instructor Dorene Bass. "It will be much more convenient for students with disabilities and regular students when it is finished, making education more available for everyone."

The work is part of a series of projects to upgrade, repair, modernize and make the campus safer for students, faculty and staff.

Already complete is a secondary emergency road built just past Symons Field that leads to Parrots Ferry Road. The road provides access for emergency vehicles in case of problems with the main campus entrance on Columbia College Drive or even Sawmill Flat Road.

Also planned at Columbia is

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Marcos Hutado of SJD Construction removes plywood forms from the new ramp.

OPINION

What to do (or not) when meeting a mountain lion

BY SHANNON MCPHERSON
PANHANDLER STAFF

Recently it has come to the attention of Columbia College students that a mountain lion is running wild across the campus. Apparently it got so tired of living out in the forest that it decided to mooch its way into our sheltered lives.

Being that mountain lions are quiet creatures, a person normally does not hear them sneaking up, about to rip out their jugular.

The campus has provided us with rules in which to best avoid a confrontation with a mountain lion, but eventually it is going to happen, so it is best to be prepared.

I feel that the guidelines provided by the campus do not take into account many different aspects. That said I have come up with my own set of rules which will better equip you in case of attack:

1. Bring a child or a small dog with you while you hike. Preferably a slow one. This may assist you in case you run into a lion. You could use them as bait or as a means to distract the animal while you run away, thereby saving your own skin.

2. If you see a mountain lion, try to approach it. Make friends with it, teaching it that humans just want to be its pal. The reaction from the animal will undoubtedly be one of kindness and understanding.

3. Do not try to appear larger. You don't want to scare it away, thinking you're some huge creature. You want to create an environment of friendliness so crouch down and appear small so it will not be afraid to come near and softly nuzzle your neck.

4. Do not fight back. The instinct for most people is if they are attacked, they will automatically fight back. You don't want to do this with a mountain lion. Remember, you want to be comrades and friends don't attack each other. The lion is afraid of you so act submissive if attacked and let them gnaw on your flesh until they understand that you are someone not to be feared.

The most important thing to remember from all of this is even though mountain lions have a bad rep for attacking hikers and ripping the hearts out of small children, they just want to get to know you. They too wander this world in search of a person that will just accept them for who they are.

Language degeneracy decried

BY MICHAEL DUFFETT
SPECIAL TO THE PANHANDLER

A number of my colleagues, not just here, have asked me what I think about the fact there are a number of columnists seemingly obsessed with language, more particularly, contemporary usage.

Names like Newman ("A Civil Tongue" is probably his best-known book; notice I don't say most well-known, a common error into which I have been known to fall myself!) and Safire are most frequently mentioned.

My only answer has to be that the burden of their theme (note the secondary meaning of "burden" in that phrase, by the way; a good dictionary will enlighten you!) is the fact that we are living in times of what I call language impoverishment, rather than language enrichment.

I am sure I have mentioned elsewhere that one cannot stop language change.

Our language has changed from stating "cume an spearwa and hraedlice that hus thurfleo" to "there came a sparrow and quickly flew through the house" and during the 1300 years that that was happening, there was not a single thing that anybody, curmudgeon or progressive alike, could have done to stop the process!

But things are different now.

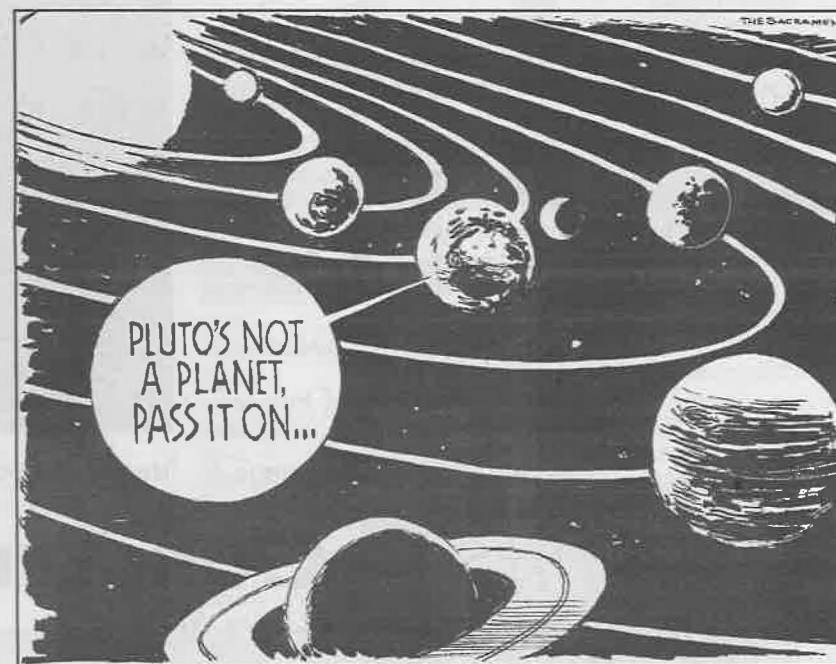
Language change is propelled by far greater and, in my view, far more sinister, forces than, to take the two most forceful examples from English linguistic history, the Norman invasion and the publication of the King James Bible.

We now have to contend with Hollywood, rap slang, political correctness, to name but a few. These forces do not enrich, as did the influx of Old French words in 1066 or the standardization of spelling in 1611; they impoverish.

There are two major ways this happens, in my view: the

use of one word to mean two things that it manifestly does not (I have written of "hopefully" and "momentarily") and the invention of pompous pseudo-intellectual emptinesses that add nothing to already existing words (I have cited "societal" and "comedic" before now).

These are the kinds of things that concern the Newmans and the Safires of this world who might agree with me that we are living, not just in a world of language impoverishment but language degeneracy.



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NEWS

Columbia students help out kids

BY DEANNA DELEON
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Thanks to Columbia College honor students, more than 125 low-income kids in Tuolumne County went back to school this year with brand new backpacks loaded with all the school supplies they'll need.

Members of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society held fundraisers, accepted donations and worked with local the local Kiwanis Club to make it possible.

"The decision to do this was to boost the children's self esteem and prepare them academically," said student Michelle Vidaurri, vice president of scholarships for the chapter.

Because it was the Phi Theta Kappa students' first community service project, no one knew how successful it would be.

"I was first thinking we would be able to provide about 50 kids with back packs and school supplies," said Vidaurri. "It got much bigger and it was great."

"The experience was great to see how proud the children were. I've never done community service before. It's an awesome thing."

— Leah Martin,
PTK chapter president

Society members knew that there was already one group that provided children with a school-clothes shopping spree at Mervyns and backpacks full of supplies. Leah Martin, the local chapter president, said the students found out it was the Sonora chapter of the Kiwanis and sat down with them.

The Kiwanis gave Phi Theta Kappa a list of 128 names of low-income kids collected from local schools and the local food bank. Then the Columbia students got to work.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PHI THETA KAPPA

These are just a few of the backpacks Phi Theta Kappa gave away.

Phi Theta Kappa open to top students

BY DEANNA DELEON
PANHANDLER STAFF

So just what is a Phi Theta Kappa?

"Phi Theta Kappa is a two-year college honor society, not a sorority or fraternity," said Leah Martin, the local chapter president. "It provides leadership opportunities. It looks great on a resume."

The Phi Theta Kappa chapter on campus started in 2005.

PTK offers membership to students with a GPA of 3.5 or better and who have already completed 12 or more units. Membership entitles students to automatic induction onto a national dean's list and access to some \$36 million worth of scholarships.

"Our members graduate in regalia with honors including

a stole, tassel, and pin with Phi Theta Kappa symbol. It sets them apart for achievement," said Martin.

Those interested in joining PTK can find applications in the business office. The application must be returned with a one-time fee of \$75. The first \$50 is sent to the association's headquarters and the remaining \$25 stays with the chapter for funding member induction ceremonies.

"We haven't used much in our fund and it's adding up," said Martin. "I'd like to see it used to send student members of PTK to the international convention next year for a seminar."

Learn more about Phi Theta Kappa on its web site, www.PTK.org, or call chapter adviser George Meledrez at 588-5218.

They set up donation booths in front of Wal-Mart and in The Junction Shopping Center near the Dollar Store.

"We asked only for supplies, and provided shoppers with a list of needs," said Vidaurri. "Some still gave money and we used it to make up the difference where supplies were lacking, mostly the backpacks themselves."

The students did their best to provide size- and age-appropriate backpacks to the kids. The first 48 backpacks were distributed to the children by the Kiwanis at the end of their shopping spree as they left Mervyns.

"The experience was great to see how proud the children were," Martin said. "I've never done community service before. It's an awesome thing."

Vidaurri agreed.

"To see all their faces, it was cute and sweet," she said. "They were all excited."

Over the next two weeks, Phi Theta Kappa continued accepting donations of supplies from bins placed at local banks and coffee houses, until the next 80 backpack orders were filled with supplies.



Phi Theta Kappa adviser George Melendrez and chapter President Leah Martin pose with two girls who got new backpacks and school supplies.

Although next year's community service project will be chosen by future Phi Theta Kappa members, Vidaurri hopes the chapter does the backpack and school supply project again.

"I hope it becomes a tradition," she said.

President: Chosen from three finalists



Joan Smith

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at Ventura College from 2000-2002. Before that, she held various positions at Oxnard College, where she worked for 20 years.

Smith's hiring was announced Sept. 13 at the Yosemite Community College District meeting in Modesto.

"I am very excited about the challenges and new opportunities presented as a new member of the YCCD and the president of Columbia

College," Smith said.

The selection process started with a nationwide search in April 2006 and produced 59 applicants. That was narrowed down to three finalists, each of who spoke in open forums on campus in early September.

Over the course of two days, the three presidential finalists were invited to discuss their backgrounds and preparation and answer questions set forth by the selection committee. The types of questions they were asked focused on the arts, athletics, how they feel the college fits into the community, and other similar topics.

Smith began the open forums on September 6.

"The arts are a part of our mission," she said in response to a question. "Arts bring the community into the college and get them interested."

She also believes that athletics is another way "for students to express themselves. Students can find an outlet in school sports."

Smith said the most important role of president of the college is to listen to the community.

"You have to stay on task and be hands-on in a small college," she said. "You want to listen to the community."



ROYAL H. GARRISON/PANHANDLER PHOTO

Dr. Debra Daniels was one of the three finalists for president.

The next day Dr. Debra Daniels continued the open forums. She holds the position of vice president for

academics and student services for Polk Community College in Winter Haven, Florida.

When asked to describe what her first day would look like if she got the job, Daniels she said that she would "get around to as many people I could and listen, listen, listen."

"A good president needs to understand the voice and heartbeat of their school," she said.

Dr. Kim Myers, the only male finalist, finished up the forums. He is currently the vice president of human resources and employee relations at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton.

Myers was the only candidate to come equipped with a Power Point presentation which covered many of the questions that were asked by audience members in the previous forums.

The YCCD Board of Trustees weighed the candidates' responses in the forums and written comments from the audience about each in making its decision.

"After interviewing many outstanding applicants, Dr. Joan Smith clearly stood out from the rest," said Area 1 Trustee Pat Dean.

"She has worked in a multi-college system, both large and small, has been active on many fronts up to and including vice president and acting president," Dean said.



ROYAL H. GARRISON/PANHANDLER PHOTO

Dr. Kim Myers was the last of the presidential candidates to speak on campus.



The Spot

Good section!

Arts & Entertainment

Love Triumphs in 'School for Wives'

BY SHANNON MCPHERSON
PANHANDLER STAFF

Controlling old goat? Check.
Ignorant young maiden? Check.
Humorous French costumes? Check.

Sierra Repertory Theatre brings to life the French comedy "School for Wives" by playwright Moliere. The theater brings 17th Century Paris to East Sonora as the audience follow the comedic plans of Arnolphe.

Arnolphe's one greatest fear is to have a wife that cheats on him, or as it is called in the play, being made a cuckold. He comes up with an

apparently "fool-proof" plan to avoid such humiliation: He spots a young girl named Agnes, buys her from her mother, and has her raised in a convent with only the knowledge to sew, pray, and love him.

Arnolphe hopes to mold this girl to be so unaware of anything else that it will not even occur to her to cheat. He believes by making her so naïve, no other man could ever find her attractive. But Arnolphe's plan goes awry when Agnes encounters the young, dashing Horace.

The play only has seven characters, but each of them makes a long lasting impression on the audience.

Ty Smith brings Arnolphe to life. His hilarious antics and facial expressions convey the delight and horror his character feels throughout the play. He is so convincing that the audience almost agrees with his plan to have the perfect wife.

John C. Brown plays the young suitor Horace, appearing suave in his curly wig and lip liner. Brown is never boring in any production and he maintains that here as a stereotypical Frenchman.

The innocent Agnes is played by a newcomer to SRT, Caitlin Prennace. She does an excellent job of playing her juvenile character, but also shows that no matter how dumb men think women are, women definitely know how to work them.

Arnolphe's friend Chrysalde is performed by Paul Buxton, also making his debut in Sonora. Every time he appeared, even if he was just giving his friend advice or mediating



Caitlin Prennace as Agnes fends off Ty Smith's Arnolphe.

an argument, he was always eating a piece of fruit. He deserved a round of applause just for not choking on anything.

Additional performances are by Marisol Miller-Wave and Kevin Kaddi, playing Arnolphe's servants Georgette and Alain. They kept the audience laughing with their clowning around and sexual innuendos.

Greg Parker played Horace's father, Oronte. He only appears in the last few minutes of the play, but

any man who can pull off a teal skirt deserves high praise.

School of Wives is not to be missed. Director Dennis Jones brings to life this age-old farce and the beautiful set designs put us right into 1660s Paris.

This production will be playing until October 1 in the East Sonora Theatre.

For more information visit www.sierrarep.org or call the box office at 532-3120.



Marisol Miller-Wave and Kevin Kaddi play Arnolphe's servants.

Fine dining awaits at th



Charles Luke sets a place setting.

Fine dinning is back at the Cellar Bistro.

Four-course dinners will be served at the Columbia College eatery through December 7 on Wednesdays and Thursday nights from 5 to 7 p.m.

All menus include a selection of soups and appetizers to entrees and dessert. Reservation are accepted, appreciated, and highly recommend for this intimate dinning room setting.

"This is an opportunity for the students to learn the finer points of service, technique, dress and formality," said Tom Bender, the instructor for the for advanced dinning room class. "It is different from their daytime casual dinning jobs."

The students will also be trained in management and hiring techniques Bender said.

Serving fine meals to paying customers provides an opportunity for students in the kitchen to experience what happens in the dining room, to see the importance of having good staff, to appreciate what happens to their nicely designed plate when it leaves the kitchen, and to receive customer feedback, he added.

The students operating the Cellar Bistro are third- and fourth-semester advanced culinary students and many are already employed as chefs at well-know restaurants in the Mother Lode such as The

Peppery and The Willow. The Cellar Bistro atmosphere allows them to experience the importance of good preparation and organization when cooking food for a full house.

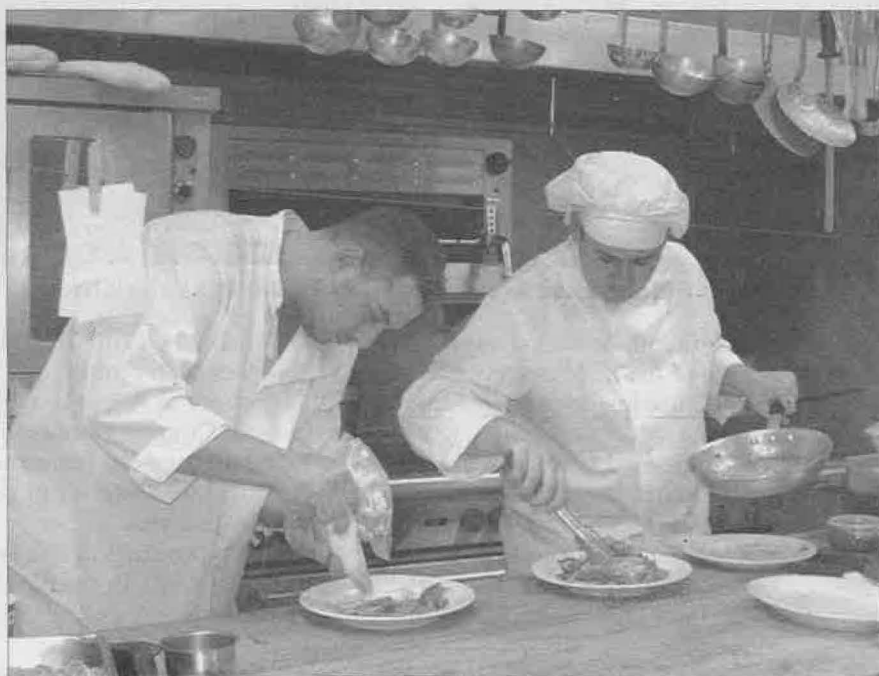
All of the students rotate from being a server, host or hostess and working on the grill, which teaches them to understand the needs of the customers and the chefs to create a fluid motion from grill to table.

"I have learned a lot about what I thought I already knew," said Julia Ingalls, a third-semester student.

Columbia College graduate, Chef Raymond Mansu, 22, was cooking at Jackson Rancheria when he received a phone call from his former instructor, Executive Chef Jean Womble. Together, they decided that Mansu should return to Columbia College as an instructor for the advanced culinary class.

"I wondered what I had done to receive a call after three years," Mansu said. "I was absolutely excited with the opportunity to share my knowledge with others."

The menu for opening night consisted of a chilled carrot-ginger



Scotty Fels and Mike Johnson prepare plates.



Patti and Doug Lau celebrate their 37th wed

e Cellar Bistro

soup, a choice appetizer of proscutto, leek and red pepper crustini or a salad of summer greens with dried cranberries and figs. Entree choices were grilled Mahi-Mahi with fresh mango salsa or pan-seared pork tenderloin with port wine demi glace and fresh pears. Dessert was a chocolate mousse.

Doug and Patti Lau celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary at the Cellar.

"It was wonderful; first-class like a San Francisco restaurant," said Patti Lau.

Her husband agreed.

"We are already planning two return visits with friends," said Doug Lau, "It is such a great deal with this kind of service and ambiance."

On evening events to come, the Cellar Bistro is planning to offer some entree specials and even themed dinners.

"Perhaps a winemakers' dinner featuring some local foothill wines," Bender said.

For reservations call 588-5300.

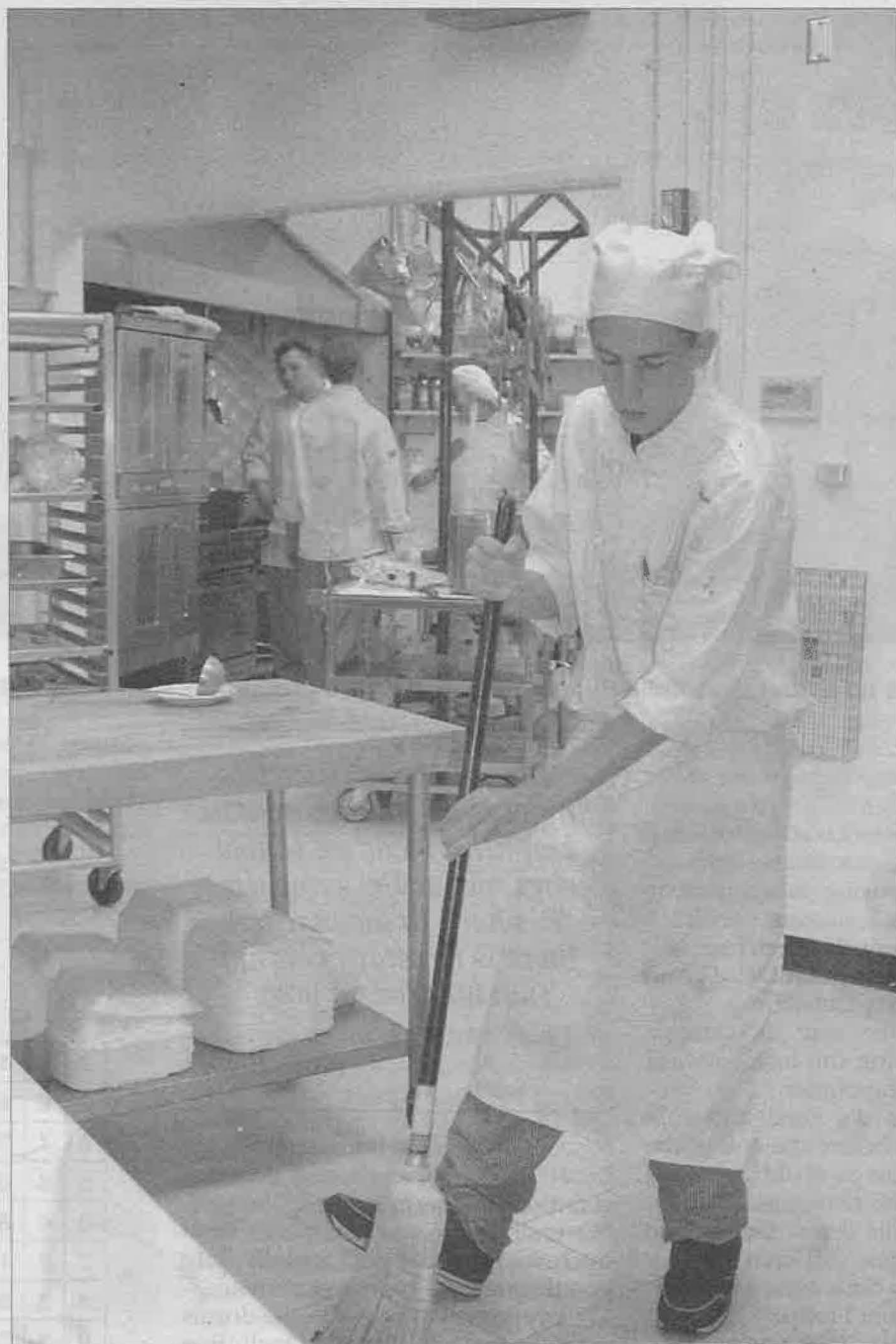
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Jacob Brautigam and Mikaele Ambagis serve dessert.

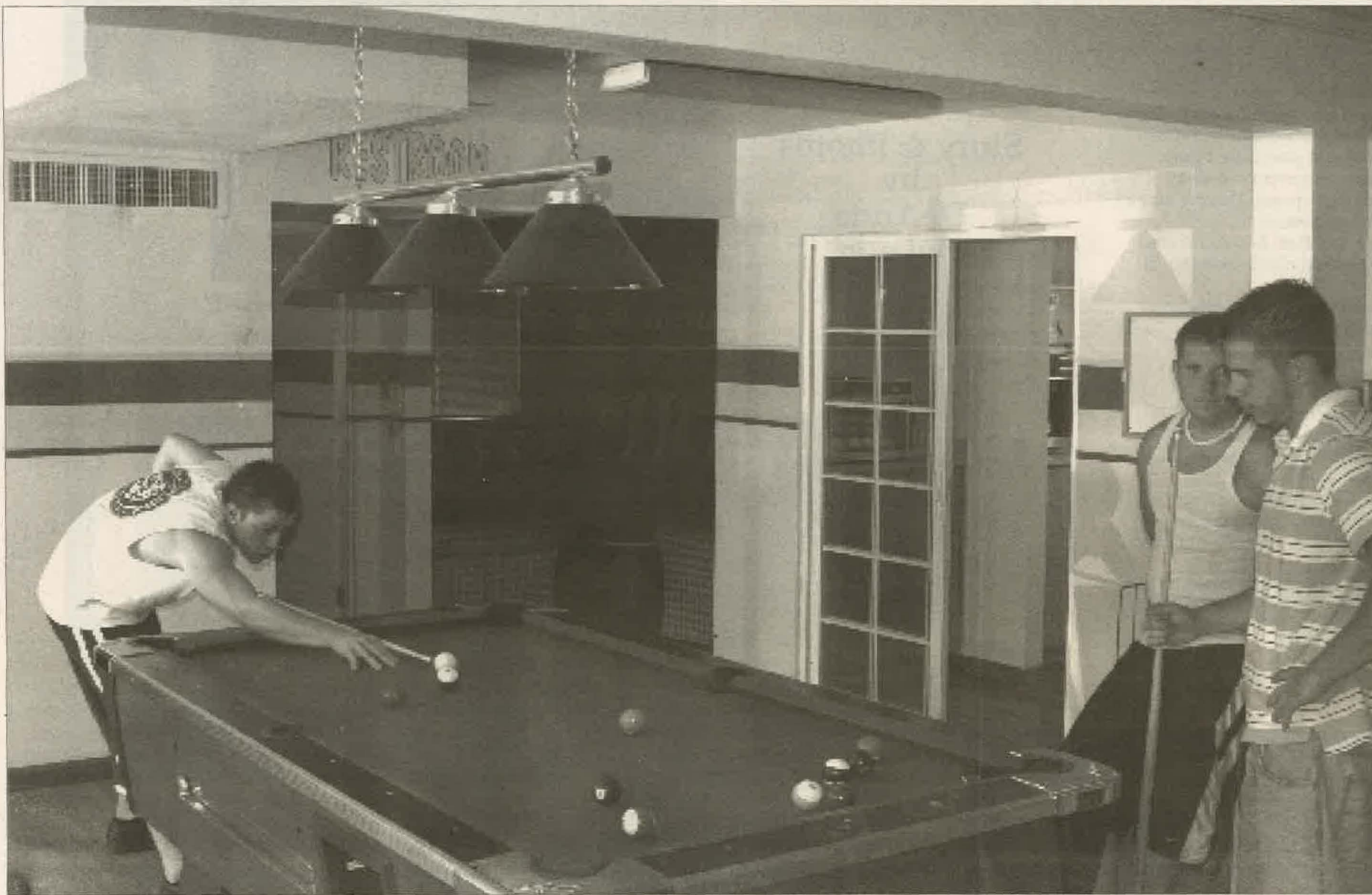


ing anniversary with fine food and sparkling cider.



Jacob Brautigam sweeps the floor after a long night.

Karaoke, pool and togas — oh my!



ELIA LUCA/PANHANDLER PHOTO

Kyle Beck lines up a pool shot while Ryan Hadley and Kyle's brother Preston Beck watch.

BY ELIA LUCA
PANHANDLER STAFF

The fall semester is going to be full of fun stuff for Columbia students.

Student Housing is sponsoring several events, starting with a karaoke night Sept. 24. Then here will be a pool tournament on Oct. 11 and a Halloween party Oct. 29.

Students who stay on campus over Thanksgiving can look forward to a Thanksgiving dinner.

Then, when it's good and cold on Dec. 10, just before the end of the semester, there's a good old fashioned toga party. If you're interested about any of the events listed, feel free to join in on the fun. All activities are put together by Samantha Huebner, director of Student Housing.

Kyle Beck lives in the dorms.

"It's somewhat nice living on this campus so you can fully focus on

"It's somewhat nice living on this campus so you can fully focus on school work, yet at the same time it's hard to focus when there is constant commotion all around you."

-- Kyle Beck

school work, yet at the same time it's hard to focus when there is constant commotion all around you," he said. "Overall it's fun and you meet a lot of interesting people that actually help you through the college experience."

Everyone who lives in the dorms gets free access to all games, including volleyball and basketball.

But you don't have to live on

campus to enjoy the campus. There are other ways you can have fun. There are several clubs on campus students can join, and if there is no club that sparks your interest, you are more than encouraged to start one.

To start a new club, call Doralyn Foletti at 588-5111 or stop by the Student Outreach and Development office in the Manzanita Building. Tell her the club you want to form and she'll help you take it from there.

Puzzle Answers

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SPORTS

Volleyball squad off to a hot start

BY ROYAL H. GARRISON IV
PANHANDLER STAFF

The Lady Claim Jumpers volleyball team has a strong defense and hometown feel.

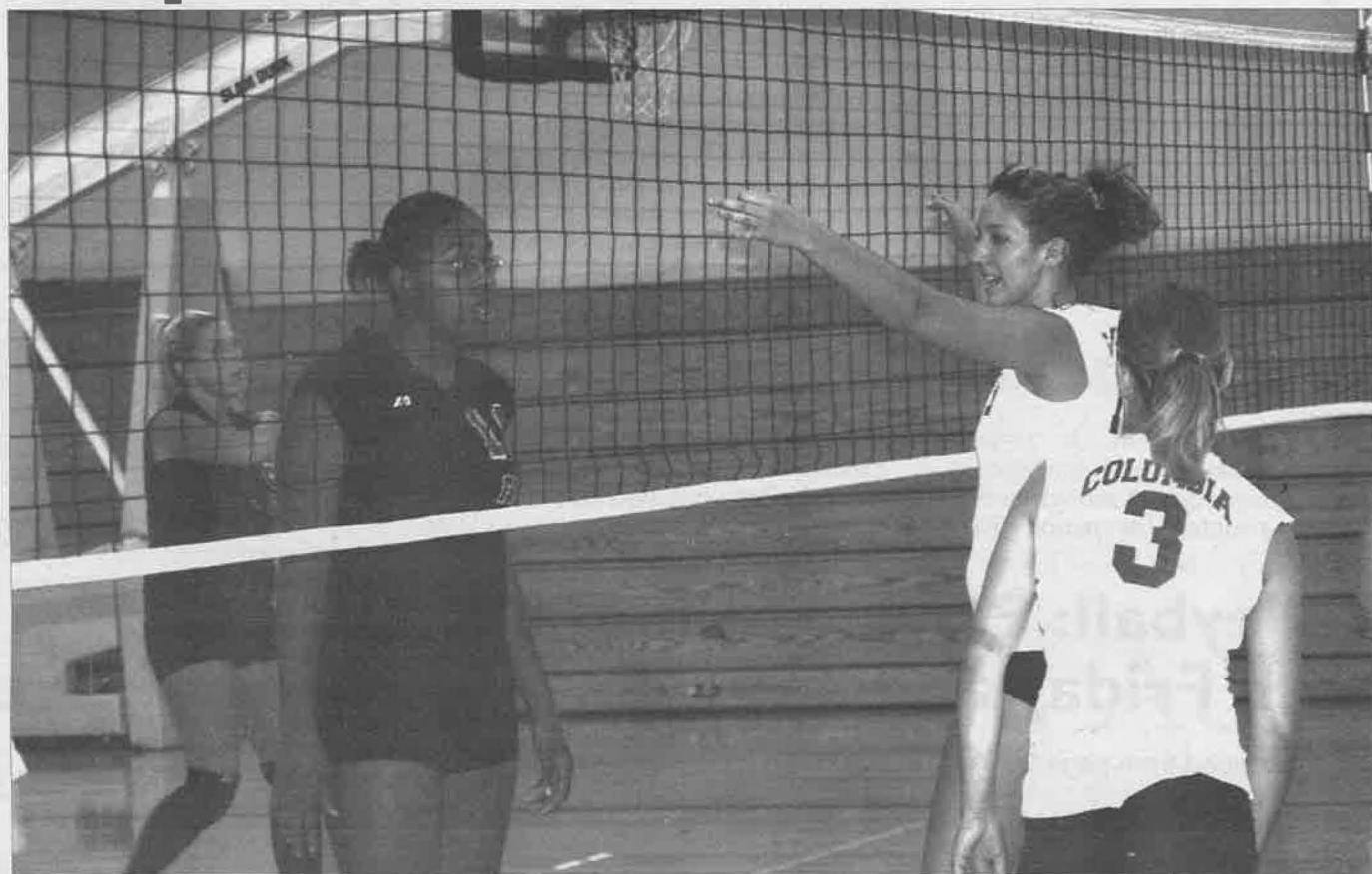
Six players are from Sonora High, one from Bret Harte High and two from Modesto's Big Valley Christian.

"The 2006 team is led by two sophomores - Kassie Minners and Kayla Rodgers," said Coach Raelene Juarez. "On and off the court, they bring leadership as well as a tremendous work ethic and drive to excel. Their character also exemplifies the qualities of a true 'team' player."

Rodgers is a setter and Minners a defensive specialist. They're both Sonora High graduates, and are joined by other former Wildcats Caitlin Deatsch, Kendra Vasquez, Breann Craig, and Jennifer Hendy.

The Big Valley Christian High players are Brittany Ingram and Sharolitt Champoux, and the former Bret Harte player is Angie Croshaw."

"Lady Jumpers are ready to compete thanks to a very dedicated and hard working coaching staff



ROYAL H. GARRISON/PANHANDLER PHOTO

See VOLLYBALL, page 10 Kendra Vasquez and Kayla Rogers (3) face off against Feather River College.

Cross county team shooting for state meet

BY ROYAL H. GARRISON IV
PANHANDLER STAFF

Coach Tony O'Geen has a busy

life. He coaches the Bret Harte cross county team and the Columbia College cross country team, along with being a day-time biology teacher

at Bret Harte High School.

"This season I hope to qualify individuals from the conferences meets to the section meet," he said.

This season's women's team consists of strong athletes: Ellie Mc Cracken, 20, a sophomore from Bret Harte High School, with a 3.2 mile personal best of 30.01;

Jessica Self, 22, a sophomore, and a first-year runner with a personal best time at 3.2 mile of 20.30.

"I plan to have a good season and to qualify for the state meet," she said.

Amie Chick, 19, a freshman from Bret Harte, completes the women's team. Amie says, "The goal of my first year running is to get into shape," Chick said.

On the men's team is Clark Parkan, a freshman from Sonora High with a personal best in the 3-mile run of 18.21. This will be the first year he'll run the 4-mile event. He's not worried.

"Four miles is no real sweat literally," he said.

Also on the team is freshman John Castaneda, 19, from Bret Harte, who played also soccer there.

"I made the switch from soccer to cross country to help out my ex-high school teacher and the college cross country team makes the state meet," he said. "Plus it's a great way to stay in shape while in college."

Returning sophomore Bain Forbes, 31, is a student in the nursing program at Columbia College. Bain been running for more than five years.

"It was time to join the college team to improve my running and my health," Forbes said.

The last team member is sophomore Arthur Crist, 19, of Summerville High, who has a personal best time of 26.31.

"I ran for the coach last year and I'm really excited about this season," he said.



ROYAL H. GARRISON/PANHANDLER PHOTO

Jessica Self, John Castaneda and other members of the team train.

Two former CIA members to speak

Men have vastly different views on Iraq war

Two ex-members of the CIA.

Two opposing viewpoints – one critical and one supportive – about the War on Terrorism.

Two conflicting insights and perspectives on a timely topic that touches the lives of all Americans.

That's what the Columbia College Civic Engagement Project organizers will offer the community in their two upcoming presentations titled "War on Terror: Opposing Views from Inside the CIA."

There will be no charge for admission or parking for either program.

Ray McGovern, a 27-year veteran of the Central Intelligence Agency, was a Soviet foreign policy analyst, spanning the period from

the Kennedy, to George H.W. Bush administrations. He will speak on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 2 p.m. in the college's Dogwood Forum.

McGovern worked on the policies that brought Osama bin Laden aboard as an American ally during the Soviet Union-Afghanistan conflict. As part of his administrative duties, he gave daily briefings to the Vice Presidents and Secretaries of State and Defense. He also prepared the President's daily brief.

In January 2003, McGovern joined others in the intelligence community in speaking out against the rationale for the Iraq War.

He continues to be an outspoken critic of the way intelligence is now gathered, manipulation of the news

media, the Iraq War, and the current administration's policies in the Middle East.

McGovern gained national attention at a press conference in May when he confronted Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

"Why did you lie to get us into a war that was not necessary and that has caused these kinds of casualties?" he asked the secretary of defense. "Why?"

The second speaker is Thomas Carroll, who will appear Friday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dogwood Forum.

Carroll spent ten years as an officer in the CIA's Clandestine Service, seven of which were in covert duty in the Middle East. The agency lifted his cover in 1999.

Carroll is a speaker, author and expert on espionage, national security, terrorism, counterintelligence, and the Middle East. He currently teaches courses at California State University, Sacramento in intelligence and espionage.

In 2004, he founded Carroll Associates, a consulting firm offering educational and consulting solutions

for intelligence, terrorism and security threats.

In addition, Carroll is a columnist for Front Page Magazine, a member of the editorial board of the Middle East Intelligence Bulletin, contributor to the Jamestown Foundation's Terrorism Monitor, and author of several opinion articles in national dailies and periodicals, including the International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence.

He has appeared numerous times on radio and television throughout the country. Carroll believes that weapons of mass destruction do exist in Iraq and that the ACLU is the "enemy of democracy."

In support of our role in Iraq, he has stated, "The Iraq campaign was, and continues to be, part of a global strategy to kill the threat from militant Islam..."

"This is no time to panic, appease, or cut-and-run," he said. "It is time to exert power and authority on a scale we have thus far avoided."

For more information on Civic Engagement Project presentations, contact Jim Toner at 588-5226.

Volleyball: Playing at home both Friday and Saturday

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which includes Assistant Coach Melissa Kellogg and Strength Coach Kathy Juarez," said Juarez.

Hendy feels the team is strong.

"I think this is going to be a great season with a lot more strong games to come," she said.

Champoux agrees

"I am excited about the season because everyone this year has individual skills to contribute to the team," she said.

The team got off to a quick start against Feather River College, coached by former Sonora High athlete Sarah Ritchie. Columbia won the best three-out-of-five contest, overcoming a strong Feather River defense.

The next Lady Jumpers home contest is Friday, September 22 when Columbia will host Porterville.

The next day, Lady Claim Jumpers will also be hosting the Columbia Classic tournament in the Oak Pavilion gym.

"This year's team is the strongest yet and it will be exciting to watch them on the court," said Juarez.



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Coach Raelene Juarez

Construction

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a new Child Development Center and a Sciences & Natural Resources Building, a new public safety center for security and fire services and eventual modernization of the Madrone and Manzanita buildings. Planned off-campus projects include education centers in Oakdale and Angels Camp.

The work is being paid for by Measure E, a \$326 million bond approved by voters in 2004. Other bond-funded projects are taking place at Modesto Junior College.

Students surveyed about CSU Stanislaus classes

BY DAVID WARD
PANHANDLER STAFF

Would Columbia College students stay on campus to earn a bachelor's degree if they could? If so, in what programs? And how should the classes be taught?

These were the questions asked in a recent survey on campus conducted by Columbia College and California State University, Stanislaus.

The survey was the idea of CSU Stanislaus President Ham Shirvani and his staff after visiting Columbia College to find a way to make transferring easier. Students were given the survey in the first few weeks of fall classes.

"People responded immediately, filling in the survey online, printing it out and paying the 39 cents to have it mailed," said Doug Lau, director of marketing and public relations for Columbia.

The survey asked students if they would be willing to take classes from CSU Stanislaus to earn a bachelor's

degree, and what areas of study they are interested in.

The survey gave them the choices of liberal studies, education and teaching, business, applies studies or other.

The survey also asked how students wanted to take the courses – on-line, in person, or through a live video linkup to the CSU Stanislaus classroom in Turlock.

Students were questioned about their preferred times for taking courses, whether they would be willing to commute and how soon they'd be willing to start.

Columbia student David Young liked the idea of the classes taught live on this campus.

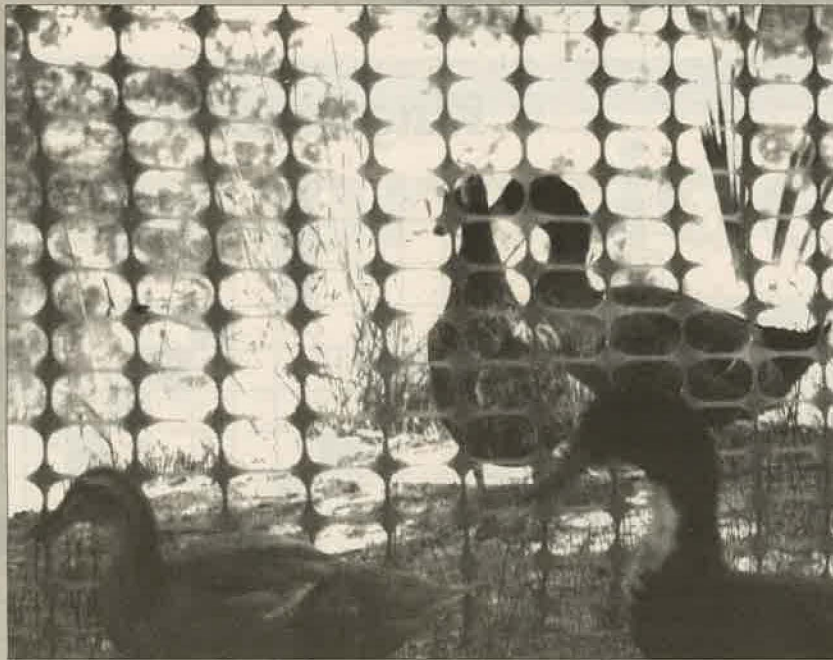
"You don't have to travel and you get to learn more personally," he said.

The deadline for the mailing of the surveys was on September 12, and the responses are being evaluated.

"Nothing is firm yet," Lau said. "We are still testing the water and waiting for the results."



Fenced in?



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The green fencing around San Diego Reservoir was placed to contain the waddling ducks and geese from gaining easy access to the food service areas due to health concerns. The green fencing is the latest measure to keep the ducks under control.



Campus and Community

Golf tournament planned

The Columbia College men's basketball team of is hosting its first golf tournament on Sunday, October 29, at the Greenhorn Creek Resort in Angels Camp. It starts with an 11:30 a.m. luncheon buffet at the Camp's Restaurant, then a 12:30 p.m. registration, and ending with a 1 p.m. tee off. Prizes will be giving to the first place team, for the longest drive, closest to the pin, and for anyone who hits a hole in one. The tournament will involve 124 players or 31 teams. The price for a team of four is \$500.

For more information or to sign up, call 996-2225 or 588-5195, or e-mail rienn@yosemite.cc.ca.us.

Discover the Lost and Found

Missing a cell phone? Lost your biology book?

Don't despair. It's probably in the lost and found in the Columbia College Security Office. Security is located in a small building down by the tennis courts, but if no one is there students can reach an officer using the red telephones around campus. Stuff is only stored for a while, so check soon!

Classified Ads

BIKES FOR SALES: We have eight great mountain bikes for sale that were used in our bicycling touring company. They are barely used and well-maintained Trek and Diamondback 24-speed bikes. (We're closing the business.) Small, medium and large frames available. These bikes sell for \$350+ new. We're selling these for **\$100 each**. Call Steve or Diane, 795-7485. Can deliver to campus!

OFFICE HELP NEEDED: We are looking for a team player that likes to take initiative, is organized and detail oriented. Flexible hours, competitive wages. Call Susan at 532-5573. This job is located on Mono Way by Greenley Road in Sonora.

Good and Quick and Open Late!!

The Snack Cart

The perfect stop for a break during class or between classes.

The Snack Cart

has sandwiches, candy, chips and snacks, along with cold soda and hot coffee.



Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Hours: Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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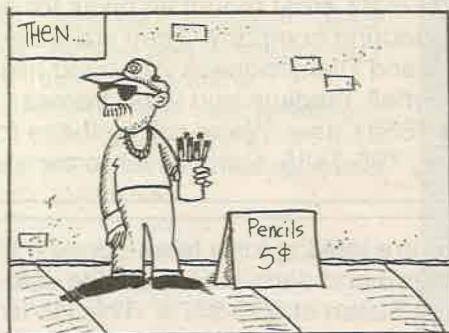
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Weekly Sudoku

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Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



King Crossword

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- 15 Exam format
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- 18 Approach the curb
- 20 Undergoes catharsis
- 21 Vicinity
- 23 Skillet
- 24 Mama Bear's recipe
- 28 South American city
- 31 Rushmore face
- 32 Litigants
- 34 Promptly
- 35 Platter
- 37 Portion of Iberia
- 39 "Alley -"
- 41 Actress Wray and author Weldon
- 42 Fresh
- 45 Pronoun category
- 49 The Mona Lisa, e.g.
- 51 Discourteous
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10 Relaxation

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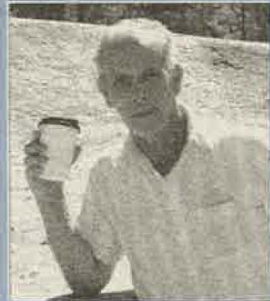
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On the Street: What would you like to see from Columbia College's new president?



Allie Litton

I would like to see more diversity added to the college staff, starting with the president.



Dave Oberwager

I would like to see a president who pushes for more disabled and vocational classes to be offered here.



Clarissa Powell

I would like to see a president who offers more classes at more times a day.



Nathan Foss

I would like to see a president who has more relations in college actives.