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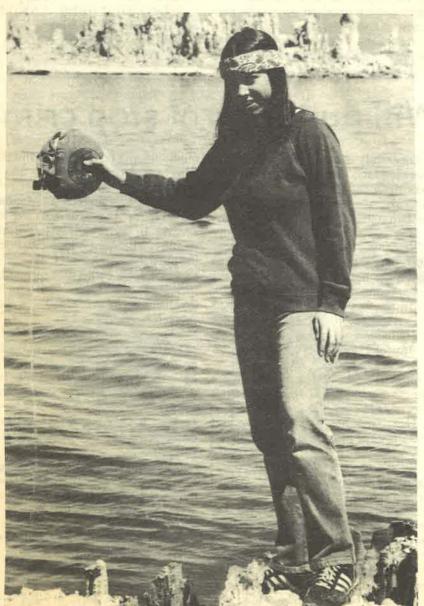
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Columbia classes study Mono



Jami Jamison gives Mono Lake a much needed drink of Tuolumne County water. See other pictures on pages 8 & 9. Photo by Lori Sylvester

By Jami Jamison

June 4 a troop of 36 headed for an educational and enjoyable field trip to Mono Lake. The group was a conglomeration of three classes offered by the college. Tom Holst headed the field geology class, Blaine Rogers directed the terrestrial ecology class, and Ed Doell instructed the field photography class.

The combination of interests and knowledge was an enriching experience. Throughout the three day field trip lectures on geological formations, plant life and photographic techniques were available not only to

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Graduation June 18

By Leslie Schmitz

The graduation committee has selected Mr. John Few, Columbia College Librarian, to deliver the main address, "Responsibilities of Choice" at Columbia College's commencement ceremony to be held lakeside on Friday, June 18, 1982 at 6:30 p.m.

John holds a BS from the University of San Francisco and a MALS from Rosary College in Illinois. His professional experience includes that of instructor at the University of California, Berkeley; Research Librarian at City College of San Francisco; Acting Head of Readers Services and Project Librarian at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business.

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Editorial Have you hugged a friend today?

By Naomi Lowe

Medical investigators and researchers have discovered a link between physical and mental well-being and friendship. People who have friends and other supportive relationships seem to suffer less from physical and mental disorders.

With the rising costs of medical and hospital expenses the State of California is taking a new stand on health. By encouraging people to concentrate on what keeps them well instead of worrying about what makes them sick. the California Department of Mental Health believes that many illnesses could be avoided and overall cost of medical care could be reduced. Besides good nutrition, exercise and stress management, friendship is considered to be a very important factor for good health.

The Department of Mental Health has put together a collection of poems. pictures, quotes, exercises, songs and research in a book named Friends Can Be Good Medicine. This book is designed to help people see the vital role that friendship plays in one's life. (Copies can be obtained by writing the California Department of Mental Health, Sacramento).

In times of trouble, or emotional crisis we all know the value of having someone who cares and who will listen and comfort us. Our stress is reduced. and consequently our emotional and mental attitude becomes more stable enabling us to cope with our problem more easily. However, a recent California study has shown that not only our mental well-being, but our

physical well-being is greatly enhanced. We may be kept from a possible "physical illness" as well as from a possible "nervous breakdown."

There seems to be a strong correlation between friends and social support, and protection against certain diseases like heart disease, cancer and circulatory ailments. This study also indicated that older people who have many social contacts are living longer, possibly because to have friends, a person must first be a friend and this means getting involved physically and emotionally.

Researchers have discovered that this involvement-letting go of oneself for the sake of another-stimulated a

positive chemical reaction in the body and the brain adding to our physical and mental well-being. The addition of touch to this phenomenon exhances the well-being even further. Medical research has established that there are healing qualities in the human touch and medical schools across the country are exploring this concept and some are incorporating it in their teaching. From the 'laying on of hands' to a pat on the back, or a warm hug, touching is a necessary part of our well-being.

STOP RIGHT HERE. . . AND HUG SOMEONE.

Now, wasn't that nice? Don't you feel better?

Will gun control stop crime

Apparently not if we belive the following facts and research of the FBI and cities mentioned in this report. The control of guns by restrictive legislation is not the answer to controlling violent crimes, although many well-meaning people actually believe controlling the ownership of handguns among the honest citizens will control crime among the criminal element. The following facts have been published and verified by the cities of over onehalf million populations.

A. Boston, New York, Washington D.C. and Cleveland

It must also be pointed out that these cities have the most restrictive gun ownership laws in the United States.

B. New York has had restrictive gun laws since the passage of the "Sullivan Act," but since 1977 when a more restrictive law was added to bar ownership of all pistols and revolvers, crimes with guns rose 17%.

C. Miami requires a police permit, proficiency test, waiting period and has banned the sale of all "Saturday Night Specials"; it now rates number one (1) in overall crime at 3.4 crimes per 100 population.

D. 75% to 80% of U.S. crimes are committed by career criminals.

Facts

A. Safest cities are those with

minimum gun restrictions: Milwaukee, San Antonio, San Jose and Indianapolis.

B. Virginia adopted a Mandatory Penalty for the criminal use of a firearm in 1975—crime has declined steadily. Between 1979-1980 crime dropped 9%.

C. Per Capita ownership of handguns increased 24% since 1974—but their involvement in crime fell 7% during this same period.

D. The New York Times stated that only (1) one out of 108 felony crimes go to prison, and more than 80% are not prosecuted as felons. (From records of the New York City Police Depart-

E. Why is Chicago, long a hot-bed of crime, left out of the highest crime rates cities?

In 1977 Judge Fitzgerald conceived the idea of a "Repeat Offender Court," (R.O.C.) Three felony courts were set up for repeat offenders, each with three prosecutors, to reduce the load on the regular courts of the city. Case dispositon dropped from 18 mon-

ths to 6 months; bail was seldom smaall, and plea bargaining was eliminated. Crime dropped from 236,00 felonies in 1975 to 200,000 in

1980 and 180,000 in 1981.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

According to Robert McDonald (Measure A editorial, June 1), Tuolumne county should roll over and just play dead, allowing San Francisco and other outside agencies to return to the Tuolumne river canyon with their dynamite, earthmovers and concrete with no opposition whatsoever. It has been well documented and even freely conceded by the outsiders, that this county will get no benefits from their projects.

McDonald claims that since Measure A is only a local ordinance, it will have no effect on the future of these projects. The facts and history show, however, that what the locals have to say will weigh heavily with the various state and federal agencies that will eventually approve or disapprove these projects.

McDonald's and other opponents allegations that the wording of Measure A is ambigous and poorly written have no foundation in fact, whatsoever. These statements are just last minute smokescreens designed to confuse the voters. The entire text of Measure A appears on the sample ballot mailed to every voter; if they read it, then they'll know it's good law.

Another important aspect to remember, is that none of these proposed

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projects will develop one more drop of water-Hetch Hetchy and Don Pedro have already utilized to the maximum the river's yield. The new projects are soley for the purpose of marginal peaking power and large doses of money for San Francisco.

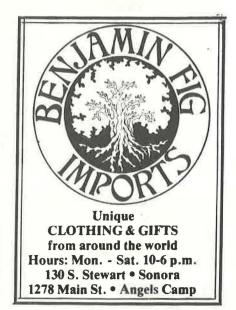
Granted, Measure A by itself will not stop the outsiders in their tracks, but it is a major first step. Local communities on the New river in W. Virginia and the Flint river in Georgia have recently stopped the mighty Corps of Engineers from destroying their localities. Tuolumne county can surely do the same, if it stands up and fights. Our current mis-managers have sat on their hands way too long already, and it is crucial that the people act now. Please vote "Yes" on Measure A on June 8.

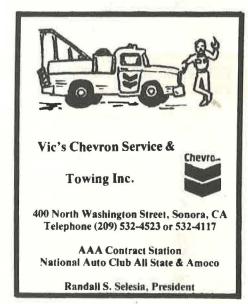
Michael Harami Sonora Judge Fitzgerald stated "These defendants commit ten crimes on the average for every one for which they are caught. Put away 10,000 pathological criminals and you prevent 100,000 crimes". He also stated "When we send a repeat offender to the penitentiary, we are locking up the man and his potential crimes". (Readers' Digest, April 1982)

Conclusions

It seems that criminals move into areas with the most restrictive gun laws to preserve their edge over their victims. In cities with large gun-owning citizenry there seems to be a reduction in crime rates as mentioned in (A) above.

The coddling of felons and the restrictions of firearms' ownership is transmitted throughout the criminals society, giving them a notice to "Come and Get it! We are unarmed!" or "The courts are lenient here!"





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Who was your favorite instructor this year and why?

—Campus

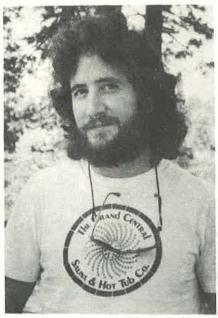
By Jami Jamison



Jacqueline Fritz: Walter Leineke, speech instructor. He has a habit of including underlying sexual connotations in his teaching methods.



Rick Stevens: Matild Kamber, philosophy instructor. She has a hunger for knowledge and is so into her subject that you're drawn into it also. Her teaching methods are different and sometimes controversial, but you can't help but be awake in her class. Her inspiration will me missed next year.



Matthew Moore: John Minor, English instructor, and Joel Barber, art instructor. It's a toss-up. I can't really pinpoint what I like about John, but I like him. He's been a great help to my writing. In the course of Joel's class I learned to appreciate his enthusiasm for his subject. He provided a better understanding of art for me.



Duane Lutes: Bob McDonald, math instructor. He presents his subject with clarity and makes the topic easy to absorb.



Peggy Blomquist: Ross Carkeet, natural resources instructor, and Blaine Rogers, biology instructor. It's a tie between them. Not only do we have the Carkeet and Rogers comedy hour, we are also encouraged to use our minds.



Doris Curmi: Ed Doell, photography instructor. He takes special interest in people as adults and shows concern for them and their work. If someone shows career interest in photography, Ed is very supportive. He gets excited about good work.

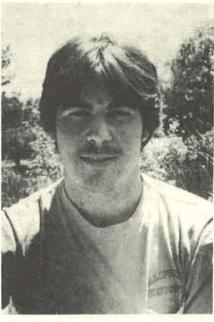
Comments-



Julie Mendelsohn: Ed Doell, photography instructor. For sure! He's always supportive no matter what tangent you're on. Even when you can't find anything decent about your photography work, Ed always responds with a good stroke.



Paul Scheuble: Bob Hamilton, world religions and political science instructor. I like him because of his open-minded understanding of many aspects of diverse human cultures and because he gave me an A.



Todd Peterson: Terry Smith, firefighter-one instructor and station chief. I believe Terry has brought a lot of advanced academic skills to the fire science program which cannot be found anywhere else in the state.



Heidi Wienert: Mel Simmons, math instructor. Mel has the ability to inspire students to understand and appreciate his subject. He is straightforward, honest and practical.



John Few; intellectual, snappy dresser and nice guy.



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Mono Lake trip studies L.A. rape

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persons enrolled in specific classes, but to anyone interested in taking advantage of those rare opportunities. Numerous walks were hosted by each of the three instructors and it was not uncommon to have people outside of the class tagging along.

The atmosphere was casual and people were generally very sharing and friendly. Stories, philosophies, and in many cases, friendships were exchanged around the warm glow of campfires in the evenings. Most people turned in fairly early, but there was a group of die-hard night owls (consisting primarly of photographers), that continued their antics late into the night. No sleeping-in around the camp though, eight was too late. It was up and off to an early start. The mornings were fabulous, so clear and fresh. It was characteristic for intense, chilling winds to come up later in the day, giving rise to the famed alkalai dust storms around Mono Lake.

While many Northern Californians are very concered about water conservation and those wasteful Southern Californians, blatant exploitation of water was evident in the town of Lee Vining, next to Mono Lake. A gas station had a drinking fountain (minus a handle) that spouted away. It wasn't a total waste. A passing dog jumped up for a brief refreshment before trotting off. In the grocery store, streams of water poured perpetually over and lettuce and carrots to keep nice and crisp. At yet another station the faucet in the restroom streamed water carelessly down the drain, again no handle to turn it off. They did make some compensation for water waste though, the toilet didn't work. Surpising lack of concern for an area of such great concern to so many outsiders.

The trip was a great success and the drive through Yosemite to and from Mono Lake was breathtaking. Sunlit, snow-capped peaks framed with Lake Tenaya and lacy clouds were an inspiring sight to behold.

The crowd was worn and exhausted, looking forward to much needed showers and rest. Although tired, everyone was glad to have participated in the trip. Hopefuly more of the same type of field trips will be available next year; a wonderful way to get an in Yosemite. education.



Blaine Rogers joins class at a discovered natural hot spring on the shoreline at Mono

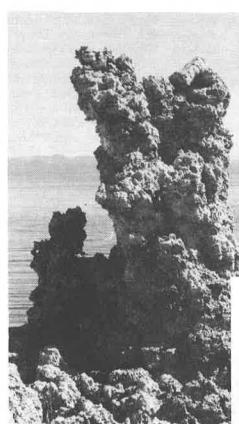


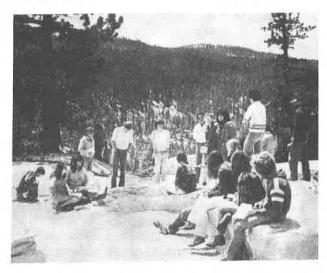
Ed Doell, photography instructor, gives instructions in the use of filters at a stop in Yosemite.

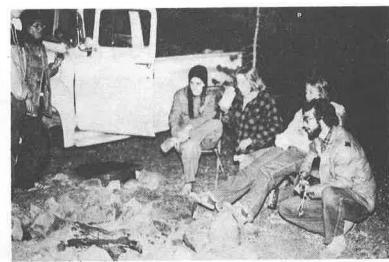
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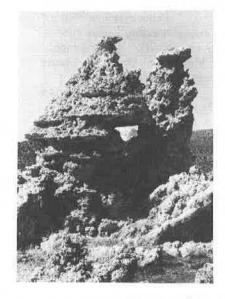


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Scholarship Committee announces awards

By Edward Pheugh

After long debates, pangs of conscience, and the gnashing of teeth, the Scholarship Committee made its last decision Wednesday night, June 2, on the award winners for 1982. Elsie Bruno, Chairperson of the committee, stated that the competition was tough, and that many of the candidates were qualified. The committee members spent many hours acquainting themselves with the students through application forms. Bruno also mentioned that they were pleased with the caliber of applicants. Often when several students were qualified for a particular prize, it was difficult to make final decisions. Efforts were made by the committee to award as many candidates as possible. Elsie, who is also a counselor here at Columbia, has

headed the Scholarship Committee for two years. She wishes to express her thanks for the patience, understanding and groundbreaking work the committee demonstrated during the past year. Members of the 1981-82 Scholarship Committee are Margaret Sciaroni, Career Guidance; Sally Dietschak, Financial Aids Officer; Matild Kamber, Instructor in Philosophy; Dick Dyer, Instructor in History; John Few, Librarian, and Steve Kourey and Glen White, students.

Leading the list of winners is Linda G. Berchtold who won a total of three scholarships; the AAUW Book Scholarship, the Cal State Stanislaus Matriculation Award and the San Joaquin Chapter California Society of Certified Public Accountants, while Steve Kourey won a full tuition

scholarship to Golden Gate University in Business and the Sonora Rotary Club Scholarship. Another winner in the two column category is Brenda Chapman who walked away with the Bank of America Community College Award in Humanities and Social Sciences and the Omega Nu Scholarship. Brenda has also won a partial scholarship to the University of the Pacific. The other award winners are as follows:

Donor Recipient Aronos Research Club.... Jeffrey L.

Young Bank of America Community College Award

Science-Engineering.... Janika A. Demele

Donald S. Brady Memorial Thomas E. Revnolds

California School Employees Association, Local 420

Terrence R. Sciaroni California Retired Teacher's Association, Stanislaus County District Amy L. Augustine

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T.A.P. Award Patricia A. Van Valkenbert

Tuolumne County Garden Club Heidi E. Wienert

Venture Club of Sonora

Kathleen V. Hull Bruce M. Davis

The writer of this article has learned from the Scholarship Committee that it is indebted to Ms. Bruno for the time, effort, and leadership she brought to this important post here at Columbia. Thanks, Elsie.

Advisory Committee Meets



Five new members have been appointed to the Columbia College President's Advisory Committee. The new members were welcomed to the 25-member committee at the spring meeting. Shown are (from left) Shary Morris, local businesswoman; Pat Dean, director of nursing at Tuolumne General Hospital; the Rev. James McCluskey, pastor of Church of the 49'ers in Columbia; and Marilyn Hamilton, assistant manager of Security Pacific Bank branch in Sonora. Not Pictured in Bob Bach of Angles Camp, superintendent of Bret Harte High School District.

Graduation on Friday, June 18

Graduates who plan to attend the ceremony but did not attend the meeting for graduates on Thursday, June 3, should contact the Student Services office or the Admissions office for details of the graduation procedures. Caps and gowns are available in the Manzanita Bookstore through June 17 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at a cost of \$10.50. Graduates who cannot meet his cost are encouraged to see Elsie Bruno in Student Services to make arrangments to borrow a cap and gown (donated by previous Columbia College graduates).

Family and friends of the graduate are cordially invited to attend the commencement ceremony. A reception will be held in the cafeteria following the ceremony.

Vocational Nursing Graduates

Alma J. Austin, Sheila K. Box, Tina M. Dutra, Kathleen T. Gagnon, Linda S. Gunderson, Bonnie Hart, Sherry L. Hert, Eloise Huneke, Katherine D. Johnson.

Maureen S. Kennedy, Paul W. Kimmel, Terry L. Koekzow, Vivian C. Koelzow, Lynn I. Mayes.

Carol L. Mooneyham, Kathy Oliver, Darlene Pugh, Rosemary Rhodes, Jane E. Richardson, Dione Scobee.

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Steven Camacho, Yolanda Camargo, Paul Cardoza, Brenda Chapman, Beatrice Coffer, Janet Copus, Erin Corpening, Robert Councilman, Douglas Danz, Paul Del Secco, Janice Demele, Christine DeMott, Susan Denneen, Kati Dyer, John Ferris

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Fourteen Graduation Exercise Friday, June 18, 1982 - 6:30 p.m. **PROCESSIONAL** "Pomp and Circumstance" Edward Elgar Columbia College Community Orchestra Franklin Young, Director THE NATIONAL ANTHEM "The Star Spangled Banner" Francis Scott Key INVOCATION WELCOME Mr. Donald Andrews Faculty Senate President PRESENTATIONS BY INDIVIDUAL GRADUATES SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS Ms. Elsie M. Bruno Counselor, Columbia College INTRODUCTION Dr. Tom Van Groningen Superintendent, Yosemite Community College District **GRADUATION ADDRESS** "Responsibility of Choice" Mr. John E. Few Acting Director, Library Services Columbia College AWARDING OF LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSING CERTIFICATES Thelma A. Jensen Coordinator, Health Occupations Frances V. Hegwein and Gloria L. Jacobson Instructors, Health Occupations Columbia College PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING CLASS Dr. W. Dean Cunningham President, Columbia College CONFERRING OF DEGREES Mr. Raymond D. Liedlich Dean of Instruction, Columbia College Mmes. Carmen Jackson and Nancy Rosasco Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees RECESSIONAL "March of the Meistersingers" R. Wagner RECEPTION IN STUDENT LOUNGE FOLLOWING CEREMONIES

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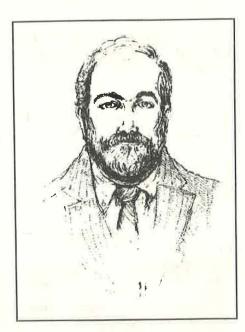
We have come to the end of another academic year, and yes, you all made it. Congratulations! For the past year I have been talking to you through this column about libraries. How they function, what they can offer you, how you can use them, and in particular how the Library here at Columbia is organized. As to whether I made you feel more comfortable when approaching the Library can only be determined by you. Libraries can be, and are exciting places. At the present time, they are one of the few remaining forms of free entertainment left in the country. This will not be the case ten years down the road when fiscal responsibilities become more stringent. stringent.

Often I hear people state that we exist because of you. While that might have some validity, we prefer to think that we exist for you. Libraries are no longer books and magazines; they are computers, video cassettes, tutorial centers, language labs and instant news. Some provide day care while others provide meeting places for everything from the NAACP to the Gray Panthers. But basically, all libraries provide one thing, and we pride ourselves on doing our thing well; "We do good service." We are in the information business and no matter what library you enter into in this country, someone will be their trying their damnedest to help you.

While I am finding it difficult to face leaving Columbia College and Tuolumne County, I must practice what I preach to so many of you---that one must seize an opportunity and run with it. Do your level best, and when it is over, move on. One thing I take with me is the joy and love all of you have given to me.

I can honestly say that I have never in my life worked with a more interested and dedicated staff as we have here at Columbia. It is rewarding to see faculty report to work at eight o'clock in the morning when they do not have to teach a class before ten o'clock and to see that same faculty tutoring students on their own time, putting in hours for the pure satisfaction of helping others. In the past you have heard me speak of the library being the life blood of the campus; the classified staff fills that position when it comes

to personnel. How refreshing it is to walk into an admissions office and see a smiling face not only willing, but eager to help. To hear a voice at the other end of a phone that sounds like



they mean "hello." It is apparent that the majority of the folk here like their jobs. How lucky you are to have these people around you. They have been extremely generous to me and provided an unequaled work space! And finally the administration. You know them. The ones with the big salaries who also have to receive all of the flack, who have to fight for the money to keep the school running; who put in more time than they get paid for: who spend countless hours in boring meeting and have self-propelled cars that know their own way to MODESTO. They don't come any better. While I thank you all for making this a special year for me there are a few people that I must thank publicly. First, Harvey Link, for giving me the opportunity to write this column and his students for putting up with my tardiness all of the time. The IMC Department under Jack Ross, with a special nod to Dave Richmond who helped make the taping of Columbia College Forum radio show less painful. (Thanks Ellen, you owe me one.) Elsi Bruno, and the Scholarship Committee for putting up with my harangues; Jim Kindle, who has to be one of the nicest people in the world

for enriching both my work and personal life; LaRue (Classical Connection?), Patsy and Kathy who have had to listen to me for ten months; Matild, who has the unique ability to reduce things to a logical base. (Do you suppose that is why she is a philosopher?) For those of you who have not had Matild Kamber for a course, I grieve. She is retiring at the end of this quarter. A special debt of gratitude to Jim and Jerry who happened to be at the right place at the right time. (I owe you both one.) And to all those students who worked in the Library this past year from Kathly Blair who has been with us since Day One to Billie and Erin that joined us this last quarter. Keep that dream you guys, it's worth it. Two great ladies who welcomed me with good food, bright spirits and open hearts, Molly and Joan. And finally, I want to thank the man in the driver's seat. I only wish that the whole world had a chance to work for Dean Cunningham. Thanks for the support, the kind words, the decision, and the ability to show me where I was wrong in a professional and gentle manner. And to Doris, Linn, Roy, Lorraine and Wendy a big fat raspberry.



Retirement ends legacy-

Goodbye Matild

By Shari Lopeman & Kelly Ogle

Since Matild Kamber began her teaching stint at Columbia College, students have been racing to her room, so as not to incur her wrath. Tardies are little accepted in Matild's class, and attention is always drawn to the tardy party. Not a word is said as the tardy person slinks off to a seat at the back of the class, knowing full well that Matild is preparing to make an example of him. He knows that whatever his excuse, it will not suffice for Matild. He now knows the first rule of the game: do not be late for Logic. He swears, "I will never be late again," for his sake, truer words were never spoken.

The Turkish-born lady, who began teaching at Columbia just ten years ago, was raised in Turkey and Bulgaria, and educated in Turkey and England. Her early education was nearly all in American schools in Turkey, and her higher education was at the University of Istanbul. At the University, Matild worked towards numerous Masters degrees.

knows he will be rewarded with a facial gesture showing her pleasure; if the student answers in a logical, well thought-out manner; he may receive the coveted pat on the head. For the student answering incorrectly, well, it has proven to be hazardous to one's health. The incorrect answer will only be corrected, but the illogical, irrational, blurted-out answer is likely to sollicit the dreaded tug on the ear.

While it is true that no one has ever died from Matild's Logic class, it is likely that several people wished they had. Philosophy 110, for some reason, has gained infamy as "another strange General Studies class" and the abstract range of thinking may boggle some peoples' mind.

In class, Matild explains the laws of deduction and has her students work the problems to her satisfaction. When answering questions posed by Matild, the student knows he is taking certain risks. If the student answers well, he

No single person is allowed to slack off in Matild's class. Following a heart-wrenching cringe by the perpetrator of an in-class blooper, Matild's face is torn between pity and capital punishment. It would then be time for one of Matild's most famous lines: "Why did you miss it? It's baby food!"

If we, the authors, have painted a picture of an overbearing Logic teacher using scare tactics to force class enrollment, then we have erred. Perhaps we can remedy this by telling you that Matild Kamber is a marshmellow - one big, soft, warm, tender marshmellow. Her "scare tactics" are very effective ways of teaching, and are not known to have any bad side ef-

Matild Kamber will long be remembered in the hearts of her many students. She is respected by all who know her, and equally loved. It is a sad rememberance that this article should be written at Matild's retirement from Columbia college, for she will be sorely missed. We all wish Matild the best in her travels. If there is one thing we can say to Matild as she leaves, it is surely this: "Whatever your future brings, Matild, it will be baby food!"

Dick Rogers retires after 14 yrs.

By Alex Danner

After 14 years of service at Columbia College, business teacher Dick Rogers is making this year his last. Although not formally retired until the end of the school year, Dick has been on leave for the last quarter. At age 55 Dick has no formal plans other than a summer park ranger job at Yosemite which he has held since 1948 and has things.' no intentions of stopping now.

teaching for Columbia College in a hope to see more of Dick Rogers.

make-shift classroom in Sonora, then moved as the first phase of the Columbia campus was completed.

"I've enjoyed the time teaching at Columbia," he said. "And still enjoyed it when I left, or I would have quit a long time ago. I wanted to leave while I still enjoyed teaching and the time had come to move on to other

Dick has no plans of leaving the Having moved from Fresno where Columbia area, but adds, "I never he taught high school, Dick started planned to leave Fresno either." We



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Bicycle races this summer

By Leslie Schmitz

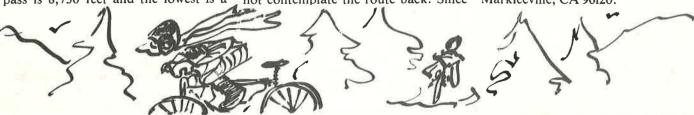
Sierra Nevada counties offer a multitude of recreational events during the summer months. For the cyclist, Alpine County will offer a unique and unforgetable experience. The hardchargers willing to push their physical endurance to the limit will enjoy the upcoming Markleevelle "Death Ride" and "Pain in the Passes". The second annual ride will be held in and around Markleeville on July 18.

The "Death Ride" starts at Turtle Rock Park, just out of Markleeville. Cyclists deciding to meet this challenge will systematically ride to the top of the five Sierra Nevada passes. The highest pass is 8,730 feet and the lowest is a

mere 7,334 feet. The absolute lowest point of the day is 4,700 feet. Cyclists enduring the passes will have ridden 150 miles and climbed close to 15,000 feet. The course is flat about 10 percent of the distance, the other 90 percent is either up or down in varying degrees of intensity. The average ascent or decent is about 6 percent. But within this average is the 15 percent gradient of the Daggett and Ebbetts passes. Despite the terrain this ride can be quite enjoyable. Temperatures in the summer months, at the higher altitudes, can be very pleasant. Cyclists that meet their limitations before they cover the entire 150 mile distance need not contemplate the route back. Since all the passes are in a crude circle around Markleeville cyclists need just stop peddling, turn their bike around and coast back.

For the cyclist whose idea of a challenging experience is not quite up to the "Death Ride" there is the "Pain in the Passes." This 110 mile alternative course offers a 7,500 foot climb in which cyclists only climb two passes, Daggett and Ebbetts. The characteristics of this ride are similar to the longer one...you can always coast back to Markleeville.

Further information can be obtained from the Alpine County Chamber of P.O. Commerce, Box Markleeville, CA 96120.







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Home schools

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children are motivated to learn by their natural curiosity. As teachers, they try to provide a large variety of experience, moral support, books and personal contacts. They contend that we should not separate learning from living and in public schools learning gets blocked into a time period; after that period, children quit learning. They associate learning with hard work and rebel against it.

Joe and Pat are not against public schools, but for their own value system public schools do not satisfy their needs. The Tennants believe the public schools to be very competitive and their life style calls for cooperation not competition. They do not believe in organized or competitive sports, but their children love swimming, bike riding, high jumping, back yard basketball, sand lot baseball and frisbee football.

The Tennant family has no television, but listen regularly to the radio and news broadcasts. They read newspapers, magazines, books and have open discussions on local, state, national and world news and events. Sometimes, these discussions last for hours. Three years ago the family was checking out 50 books a week from the library. Now they check out about 15 a week, as the children's outside activities and interests have expanded.

The Tennant children are very aware of the world around them and of the social problems we are facing today. Their parents feel that the children are learning to control their own lives.

Joe Tennant received his Bachlor of Arts degree in behavorial science from San Jose State College. He applies his knowledge and philosophy to his personal life in teaching his children. "Home schooling is not for everyone," says Joe Tennant. "It takes a lot of dedication, self-discipline, and hard work but it can be fun and very gratifying." The family is close and secure. The children are out-going, self disciplined, busy and happy.

The Tennants have been interviewed many times for their innovative ideas on schooling. Recently, they were interviewed for the Phil Donahue show. Donahue was to host John Holt, educator and author, and two home schooling families, but unfortunately, the Tennants were not among those selected. Joe and Pat enjoy living in this area and are thankful for the facilities available to them and they also enjoy the freedom of raising and schooling their children as they choose.

In the State of California, home schools are in the same category as private schools, and starting your own home school in Tuolumne County, is a fairly simple procedure. First, you

must file a "private school affidavit" with the County Superintendent's office. The office, in turn, files it with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. An attendance supervisor of the local school district must verify that your affidavit has been filed and your child will then be exempted from attendance in the public school system. Once or twice a year an official from the school district's office will visit you to verify your child's attendance.

At this time there are no county or state laws restricting parents from teaching their children, their grandchildren, or the neighbors' children as long as the number of children is kept below 50. If there are more, state and county fire and health codes must be satisfied. A parent does not need teaching credentials and the child is not given an equivalency test at any time. Parents can do "their own thing" in teaching their children. The parents must, however, supply their own instructional materials and books, but the Tuolumne County School's office has a supply of obsolete text books that are available. These obsolete books are still relevant, pertinent and usable.

If anyone needs more information on starting his or her own home school, he or she can write to "Holt Associates," 729 Boylston St., Boston, Ma. 02116 or feel free to contact the Tennants at their Lothlorien School on Mormon Creek Rd., Sonora.

Other home schools in the area are:

Little Horse School

Centercamp Rd., Twain Hart (P.O. Box 357)

Sierra Country Home School Phoenix Lake Rd., Sonora

Lee Christian Academy Willow Ave., Tuolumne

Lighthouse Learning Center Tuolumne Rd., Sonora

Islandia Wards Ferry Rd., Sonora

New Life School Sunshine Hill Rd., Sonora

d'l'aigle Racetrack Rd., Sonora

Fountain Hills Christian Academy Pleasant Veiw Dr., Groveland

Conan from ink to celluliod By Jami Jamison Snake People portraved by James

If you liked "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Excalibur", this movie is a must. Packed with action and adventure, "Conan, the Barbarian" takes the primal emotions of lust, love. hate, fear and revenge to unanticipated extremes. A well-maintained balance between the passion of war and the passion of love is superbly executed. Arnold Schwarzenegger made an excellent Conan and displayed surprising grace and mastery with the sword. His massive body and fiery eyes combined with ruthless strength and a clever mind gave me the feeling that my longtime comic book hero was alive and well. Supporting actress, Sanahl Bergman, was equally well cast. No damsel in distress at all, but a powerfully beautiful and passionate woman. A very capable warrior, her swordplay and strength were impressive and her

role believable. The evil ruler of the

Snake People, portrayed by James Earl Jones, is the life-long enemy of Conan. Their many battles are exciting and unpredictable. Jones' cruel and blood-thirsty expressions and deeds will have you clutching your seat. While there is a degree of bloodshed, the emphasis in battle scenes is focused on the warriors and their mastery of weapons, not on the gore of their victims. Well spiced with magic and special effects, the music was equally inspiring and exciting. Produced by Buzz Feitshans and Raffaella De Laurentiis and directed by John Milius, the movie was filmed on location in Spain. This film of two hours and ten minutes doesn't contain a moment of lag time so don't forget your popcorn. For great entertainment in the tradition of fantasy adventure, see "Conan, the Barbarian"-when men were men and women were glad.



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