

CLAIM JUMPER

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Fee Reduction Proposed

There is a bill that will be in front of the Governor soon, that, if passed would increase the number of credits needed for the \$50 tuition fee from 6 to 7.

This bill was introduced by Assemblyman Gary A. Condit, the Assistant Majority leader and an alumnus of the California junior college system. His proposed bill, AB979, has passed the assembly

and is expected to pass the senate this month. It should be on the Governor's desk soon. This bill is in part an attempt to increase the part-time student population which has been steadily declining since the \$50 fee went into effect.

Part-time students are currently penalized for taking two courses since most college classes are three credits and the \$50 dollar fee is

imposed for six credits and up. If this bill was passed, the person taking six credits or less would only pay \$5 per credit.

According to Assemblyman Condit, the senate should pass the bill but the Governor might be unwilling to sign it into law. If you have an opinion on this issue, you are encouraged to write to the Governor's office the address of which is given here:

Governor George Deukmejian
California State Capital
Sacramento, California
95814

Attn: Maureen Higgins

A Message from the Student Senate President

by Bill Taylor

Welcome back to all continuing students and a special welcome to you new students. Your student body officers, senators, and myself, your president, are looking forward to a new beginning in this school year 85-86.

We are faced with many new challenges and opportunities to make this year a success. With state funding levels failing to meet the needs of community colleges, and a negative reputation amongst the public towards our cause; it will take a joint effort of all of us students to unite and push our programs through to success.

We can lend and cajole, but without your input, help, suggestions, participation and financial support our programs will end up going nowhere. Your willingness to serve and support your student government will be the ultimate criteria as to it's success or failure. There

There is no free lunch today. We will have to pay with our work and time to make our ideas become reality. I know that pulling together as a team, we can and will make this year an outstanding one.

We need students to help and serve in our administration. There

are many positions open for eager and enthusiastic students. If you happen to have expertise in any given field, or if you wish to get experience in your subject or major with a project in student government, I will do all I can to help out this unique learning experience through a coordination between the administration, institution and student government.

No matter what we study academically or what we end up doing vocationally, we are

always affected by government regulations and action. Serving in student government and participation in student clubs will give student clubs and activities will give us a hands on learning experience in how local grass-roots democracy works. But most important, is how we can make it work for us. This is an extremely valuable asset that we can use in our future. So let's join hands and unite to realize our goals.

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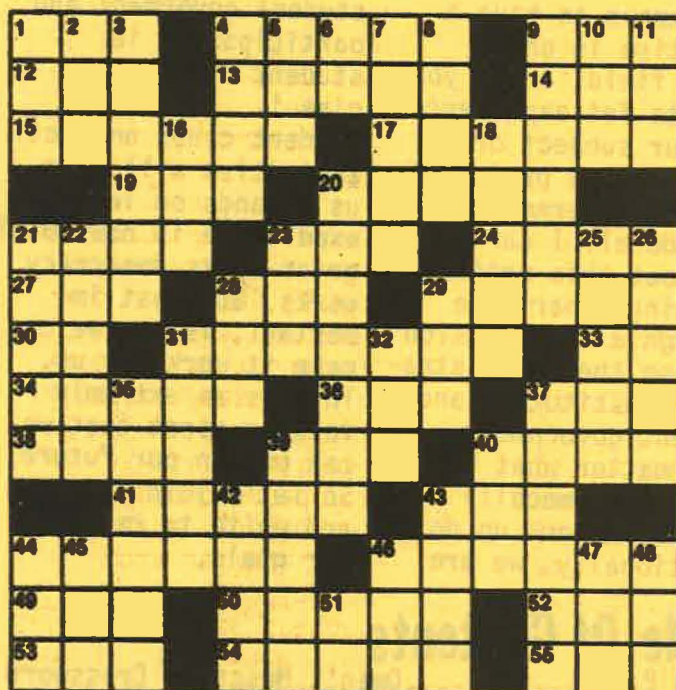
Dean of Students

Prior to Fall Quarter, 1978, there were virtually no fees charged to students attending Columbia College. The only exception to this were fees charged for out-of-state tuition, \$3.00 health fee, and material fees for welding and industrial arts classes. During that year, the Jarvis-Gann Initiative, Proposition 13, was passed which resulted in a major reduction in the College's budget. For example, the state legislation withdrew all state financial support from virtually all non-credit courses. This, in turn forced the college to cover the entire cost of instruction for these classes.

It became necessary for the College to expand the number of courses for which the material fee would be charged. Art classes, science classes, some vocational education classes, and many physical education classes were hit the hardest with what were called material fees. Since that fall quarter, there have been many additional changes in fees charged to students. Although students are no longer charged health fees or material fees for classes, they are now charged with an enrollment fee, a drop fee, and a parking fee. This was all brought about to offset the burden of the tax-payers paying the total cost for students attending California community colleges.

As provided in Proposition 13, the burden for the cost of instructional programs must be borne more heavily by the user, in this case the student. This is not to say it is right or wrong, but merely to point out in brief history the changes in the payment for the cost of instruction being borne more heavily by the user- the student- than was the case just a few years ago.

Unless California legislation sees fit to provide sufficient funding to maintain the quality education in California community colleges, the students are very likely to be assessed even higher costs to meet the need of operating a community college.



ACROSS

1. Epoch
4. Sire
9. Tennis shot
12. Pave
13. Odor
14. Mock
15. Adore
17. Scan
19. Aged
20. Cent
21. Chore
23. Ban
24. Morn (pl.)
27. Some
28. Mister
29. Pointed missile
30. Verb (form of be)
31. Plan (pl.)
33. Plural of I
34. Poison
36. Eat (p.t.)
37. Jelly
38. Coat
39. Squeeze
40. Twist
41. Desk
43. Drunk
44. Tune in (p.t.)
46. Aired
49. Mistake
50. Scary
52. Yale
53. Course
54. Oddity
55. Fish eggs

DOWN

1. 7th Letter, Greek Alphabet
2. Frightened (Early Eng.)
3. Military Depot
4. Post
5. Before
6. Depart
7. Ash
8. Lake
9. Attorney
10. Ceres mother (Gr.)
11. Drone
16. Type, Sort
18. Burden
20. Indulge
21. Code
22. Origin
23. Lighter
25. Cut back
26. Bloat
28. _____ Spade
29. High card
31. Relation between tones on scale
32. Inhabitant (suf.)
35. Cardifier
37. Ditch
39. Senior
40. Trick
42. Squabble
43. Hunt
44. Morning Moisture
45. Ireland Military Organization (abbr.)
46. By way of
47. Rock Group
48. Decrease
51. Concerning

Answer on p. 3

The uproar over the musical preferences of the alledged "Night Stalker" has spawned a legion of concerned parents groups who seem to want only one thing: the removal of rock and roll from the radio. This makes about as much sense as banning dogs as pets because "Son of Sam" David Berkowitz thought his dog was telling him to kill people.

Rock and roll music, like it or not, is a part of our culture and the world will probably survive AC-DC just as it survived the 'lewd' pelvic gyrations of Elvis Presley

and the 'emasculating' mop-top hairdos of the Beatles. Even rag time music was once considered 'devil's music' and a corrupter of youth.

Their drive to label certain albums as having language and situations too explicit and unsuitable for children is a good idea, but one that will probably make no difference. Despite the fact that many comedy albums are labeled that way, most intelligent 8-10 year olds probably know at least one Robin Williams or Eddie Murphy sketch, four letter

words and all. This move would also open up the door to all kinds of censorship which not only seems to strike down objectionable material, but art and serious work as well.

We will always have homicidal crazies among us whether they listen to rock and roll, country western, gospel or whatever. In the meantime, we will just have to tolerate each other's preferences. As the saying goes, "I don't agree with what you're saying, but I will defend your right to say it." That is what our democracy is all about.

We Want You!

The Claim Jumper would like to feature a page of original student writing in every edition. If you have an original story, poem, recipe, or anything else you would like to submit, please come by our office in the student lounge, next to Floyd Hopper's office. We will also accept letters to the editor and encourage response by the student body. If you are interested in joining our staff, drop by the office and leave your name and where you can be reached.

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Answers

- A: Wine
- A: 804 feet
- A: Alan Sheppard
- A: "Jesus wept."
- A: David Bowie. His original name was David Jones.

Masthead

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'Fire-Busters'

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Experience is a key element in any profession, and experience is what Bob Nelson has plenty of. As one pupil, Rich, states, "The Chief has a lot of helpful experiences from his past to relay to us." Nelson, who at 15 joined a volunteer fire department, has been actively involved with fire fighting for 35 years. As an employee of the Department of Forestry, Nelson was promoted to the rank of captain, and was also an instructor at the State Academy of Fire Fighting for

three years. In 1965, he went to work for the city of San Diego, where he was in charge of weed abatement, fire prevention, and all major brush fires.

During this time, Nelson was also the assistant chief and training officer for the Alpine Fire Department, and he helped write the curriculum for the Miramar Fire Academy. Due to his lack of formal education, he was constantly being passed up for promotion, so in 1978, he left fire fighting. He began work working in the general

contracting business by day; by night, however, he attended college full time for three semesters. He was placed on the Dean's list, earned a B.A. in public administration, a minor in occupational safety and health, and graduated Cum Laude in 1980. Nelson then enrolled in fire instruction class, earning himself state certification.

His job here on campus began as a temporary one, when the previous instructor quit last August. Last January,

he competed for the same job on a permanent basis and won. Says fire tech student Steve, "The chief seems to me to be the best one for the job, and his experience shows it."

Nelson is currently Fire Chief, instructor, and head of the fire technology program. Truly a man of knowledge and dedication, he advises all students to be aware of the current fire safety laws, and to try to read the fire safety handouts found at the campus fire station. When asked for further tips on fire safety, Nelson simply smiled and said, "When Smokey the Bear is on T.V., listen."

Corrine Ashby

CAREER CORNER

Pam Conners has a very interesting job in a field most consider boring. She is a historian, and it is fun! Conners works for the Department of Forestry, Stanislaus. She surveys buildings, sites, etc., to deem their historical value. It is a job that is both interesting and challenging. "Public history is like a Monet painting", she says, "Each little dot doesn't mean much, but all together they form a painting." Conners attended college for 5 years, obtaining a degree in history and a teaching certificate,

intending to teach. She, too, was under the popular misconception that when one has a history degree, one either enters teaching or academia. There are many interesting careers within the field of history and public history. Many law firms and companies now use public historians in advertising and other facets of their business; for instance, Well's Fargo uses public historians for their history center in San Francisco. Currently there are only two forrest that employ public historians, so there will be a demand for people in that area

for students graduating within the next 3-5 years. Conners has some very helpful tips for those considering the field of history. "Go in to it with your eyes open," she advises, "Do volunteer work with county or federal organizations including land planning." Conners also suggests that students obtain a masters in history. "I love my job," she says earnestly, "And in this field there's a whole lot of new options!"

Corrine Ashby

"Parts Is Parts"

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by C. Veerly Meddycated

TYPO DEPT. - Did anyone happen to notice (or maybe it's just me) that in the September 9th edition of the Weekly Bulletin, Thursday's adventure into "nouvelle cuisine" in the cafeteria was the infamous Italian Sausage "HOGGIE" sandwich? I don't know about you, but personally, I prefer not to name my lunch after wherever it came from...

READER SURVEY #1 - As a public survey, not to mention a way to push this turkey over 200 words, I took it upon myself to do a survey of student's opinions on varied and sundry issues of our time. Unfortunately, I couldn't for the life of me think of anything suitable, so I wound up having to refer to my sure-fire Burning Issues list to get some ideas. The only two that I came up with (for whatever strange reasons)

were "animals" and "grooming". Terrific... now I had a survey on animal's grooming. I stumbled about for awhile trying to put it into question form, until my Significant Other asked me why I kept walking in into walls in the living room. I explained my problem to her and she just looked at me with those big green eyes and spake the immortal words; "Did you know that elephants can't grow moustaches?" Bless you, my child.

I then took to the streets (well, alright.. the paths) to discover Studentdom's collective reaction to this world-shaking idea. Out of 100 + people surveyed, 69% knew that elephants couldn't grow moustaches; 14% didn't; 2% thought they should settle for beards, and a whopping 100% wanted to know where they could get some of whatever it was they thought I was on. In other words, "who cares?"

Strike one.

Now, I was forced to rely on my native intelligence and wit (don't say it!!!) and it suddenly struck me... there's a certain slang word that I've heard all the time since seventh grade, but nobody who uses it seems able to come up with a good definition for it. "How strange," says I. So once again, Yours Truly hit the road with my trusty clipboard to discover for once and for all "What is your definition of a geek?"

Now, freinds and neighbors, I can take a good deal of abuse from all sorts of people, although I refuse to engage in a battle of wits with unarmed opponents. This time was too much, though, as 10 of the first 10 people I approached told me that I was their definition of a geek.

Strike two.

It's time, gentle readers, for us to pause and take a deep breath or or three. When I next picked up my list of

sure-fire Burning Issues, the next topic to hit my eye was.....sex.

Perfect, I thought. Everyone has an interest in that. Ergo, I sallied forth to ask everyone how they feel about collegiate sex.

Well, there have been reports of slipping SAT scores for years now, but it didn't quite prepare me for what I came across that time. 97% of the respondents thought it felt just fine, and the remainder said that they thought that the Human Sexuality class should have more homework assignments. What really got me though, was one gentleman's reply, "I think it needs more sex." I went home and burned my list that night.

Coming Attractions

Yosemite College Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, October 1st. at Forum-5:30 p.m.

Tempered Steel and Johnny and the Potato Chips, Live Music and Dancing at Sonora Grange Hall, Sat. Oct. 5 9 PM (doors open at 8:30) \$3.50 admission at door.

College and University Day- October 7 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the rotunda. Reps from the U.C. system, California State system and other colleges will be in attendance.

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Vincent Spano is the young graduate who is assigned to O'Toole as an assistant and is involved with the girl of his dreams. Spano handles his difficult role well. The combin-

ation of O'Toole and Spano seems to work and we may be seeing more of them in future films.

Mariel Hemingway plays a 19 year old nymphomaniac who falls in love with O'Toole. Hemingway is growing as an actress and does what she can with the role although there isn't much there to work with. However, Hemingway does an admirable job with what she has.

This movie is enjoyable to watch, not Academy Award material, but not a complete bust either. I would say on a slow evening go ahead and see "Creator" for a pleasant two hours.

"REAL GENIUS"

A pleasant, charming movie that deals with high-caliber minds; fun-loving college pranks and secret weapons. With creditable performances

Please call theater for times

By Jean Sheehan and Skip Spaan

by Val Kilner and Gabe Jarret, the movie rolls along at a pleasant rate with an outrageous "Ghostbusters" ending. The story is about a 15 year old boy genius (Gabe Jarret) who is accepted into the top "minds" college in the country. There he meets his new roommate, Chris Knight (Val Kilner) who is even more of a genius. At the college, they both work on a new laser concept that will eventually be used, unbeknownst to the two, as a high-tech weapon - and the story goes on. I'm sorry that I have not had the pleasure of seeing Kilner and Jarret in other productions, but I look forward to seeing them in future films.

All in all, Real Genius is a wonderful, funny film that helps you to relax and unwind after a long day at work.

Trivia

All trivia questions courtesy of the gaming club.

Q: What was the first thing Pasteur pasteurized?

Q: How many feet long was the Hindenberg?

Q: Who was the first American in space?

Q: What is the shortest verse in the bible?

Q: Which famous rock star changed his name so as not to be confused with a member of The Monkees?

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