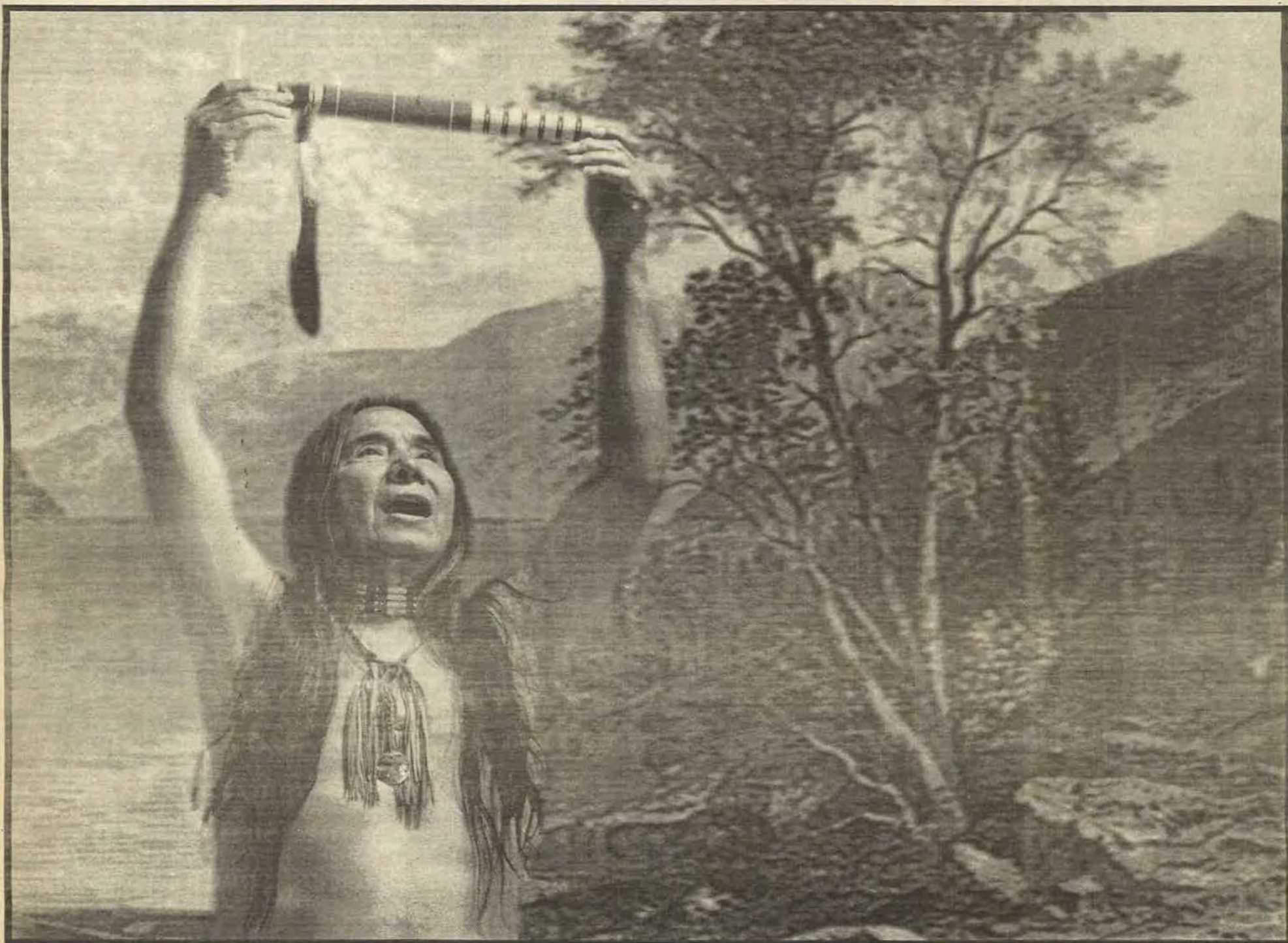


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# WHITE REFLECTS ON REASSIGNMENT

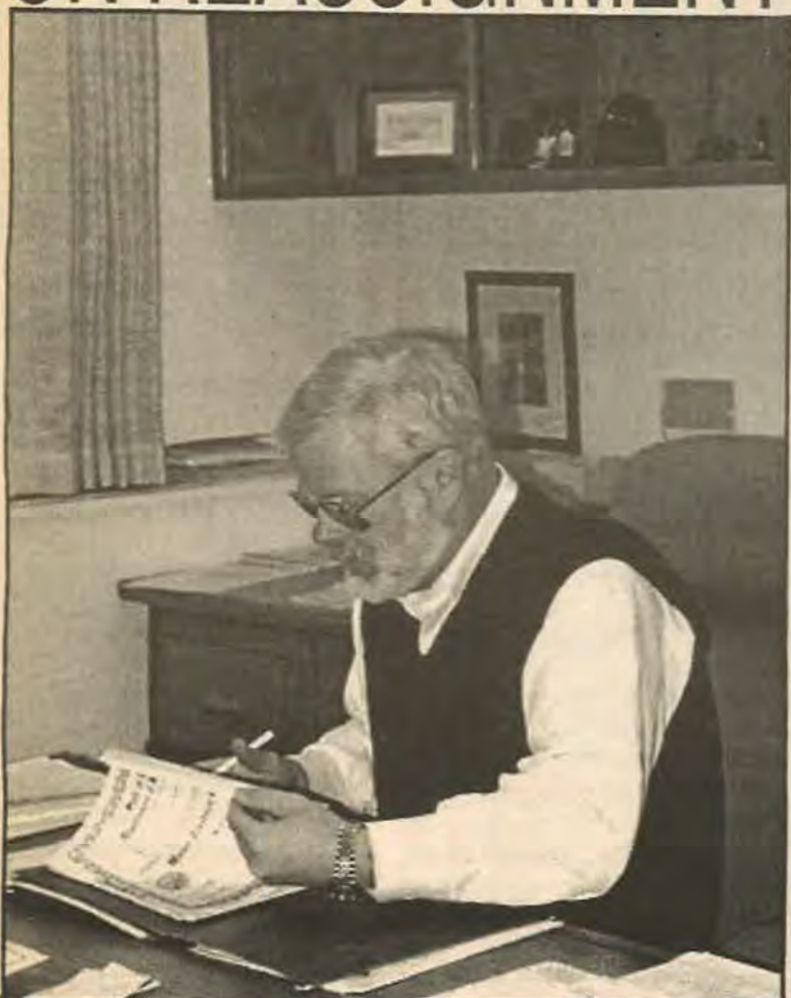


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Ken White taking care of some final details for the college.

By Johann Newton  
MTX MANAGING EDITOR

Columbia College President Dr. Ken White, expressed varied feelings on his reassignment to the classroom at Modesto Junior College for the Fall semester.

"My desire was made clear," said White, "if I was reassigned to teaching, it would be at Columbia. I have asked for an explanation of the process used in my reassignment and have received none."

White feels confident he will be treated equitably by the faculty and administration at MJC. Which has not been the case with the district office, he said.

Under the impression that the Yosemite Community College District Board simply wanted him to acquiesce to their decision and imply that his reassignment was due to illness or job related stress or some other reason put White in an ethical dilemma.

"My wife and I discussed whether we should disclose what was really happening, or just follow the party line," said White. "We accepted the idea that even if there were

consequences, which undoubtedly there have been, we would go ahead and speak our conscience."

After White was made aware of the board's decision not to renew his contract, he attempted communication with the board through Nancy Rosasco. White sent two letters: one requesting Rosasco make independent inquiries in the community and at Columbia College relative to his performance as president, and another requesting an executive session before the board. Both requests were ignored, according to White, who had heard indirectly through the chancellor that the board didn't want to receive any more letters.

White, who holds strong support throughout the community and from college faculty and staff, felt it would be inappropriate to make public the issue of his performance as president.

"Anytime you get into a public debate over performance, everyone in that debate ends up losing," he said. "My decision to make public the fact that it wasn't my choice to leave created the backlash."

"No one to whom I have shown

the document to come away believing I should be removed as President," White said.

White feels the reasons for the board not renewing his contract are more closely related to philosophical differences between himself and Fisher than to any issues of substance.

Even though White will no longer be president at Columbia he will still remain active member of the community, staying involved in the United Way, the American Heart Association, Leadership Tuolumne County and retaining his seat on the board of the Economic Development Corporation.

"The college staff is special," White said. "And they genuinely care about the students and the college, and they consistently make sacrifices to help the college and its students. I'll miss that. I'll miss working with them."

## Campus Activities

Any Columbia student or faculty member interested in beginning and/or promoting a campus activity, is strongly encouraged to contact the Associated Student Body.

## District Board Meeting at Columbia

By Johann Newton  
MTX MANAGING EDITOR

The Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees and Chancellor Fisher listened to heated commentary from citizens angry over the reassignment of Columbia College President Ken White. About 100 people attended the YCCD Board of Trustees meeting held on campus at Columbia College May 7th.

Rosasco recall opponents reiterated their concerns of limited dialogue with Rosasco and the district board and the reassignment of White to Modesto Junior College.

One speaker, Christine Taylor, of Sonora led a spirited debate with the board.

"We are feeling ripped-off," Taylor said. "I want to know how each one of you made your decision (to reassign White)." She asked each board member if they had ever come to this community to interview faculty and staff regarding White's performance. Four out of five trustees said they did not, Rosasco stated otherwise.

Rosasco explained later on her answer to Taylor's question, she said: "A process like this is taken extremely seriously by the board. The board spent considerable time



Photo by: Johann Newton

White's supporters give White a standing ovation.

with this whole process. There are specific guidelines for evaluation.... it would be inappropriate for the board to be poking around the campus (asking questions)."

Taylor went on to point out that of the 459 votes the board has cast since 1992, 458 were unanimous.

"That tells me your not acting as individuals," she said.

Another speaker told of not finding Rosasco's name on the ballot for the last three years because without an opponent, the speaker said, an incumbent isn't required to have their name on the ballot; they're re-elected without being voted into office.

Stanley Feingold, a visiting instructor from New York, rated his past year at Columbia as one of the best, yet also the most distressing in his career. Feingold said a college consists of students, faculty and administration - in that order of

importance.

"In my opinion," said Feingold, "you've left Higher Education in California little lower."

Amid all of the criticism aimed at the board, they did, however, have their supporters. Among the three who publicly voiced their continued confidence in the board, Mike Albrecht, of Sonora, spoke of his friendship with Nancy Rosasco and her years of service to the community.

"It's people like Nancy that have helped build this country," he said. When you reach a recall, you have failed, you've missed it." He also wondered how many people had interviewed Rosasco before initiating the recall.

At one point during the meeting, Dr. White received a standing ovation from his supporters.

Responding to questions of why

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# Hagstrom Retires After 34 Years of Teaching

## Senate Elections

By Karen Bladel  
MTX REPORTER

By Johann Newton  
MTX MANAGING EDITOR

At Columbia College, the name Jon Hagstrom is synonymous with the English department. Hagstrom is retiring this semester after 34 years of teaching.

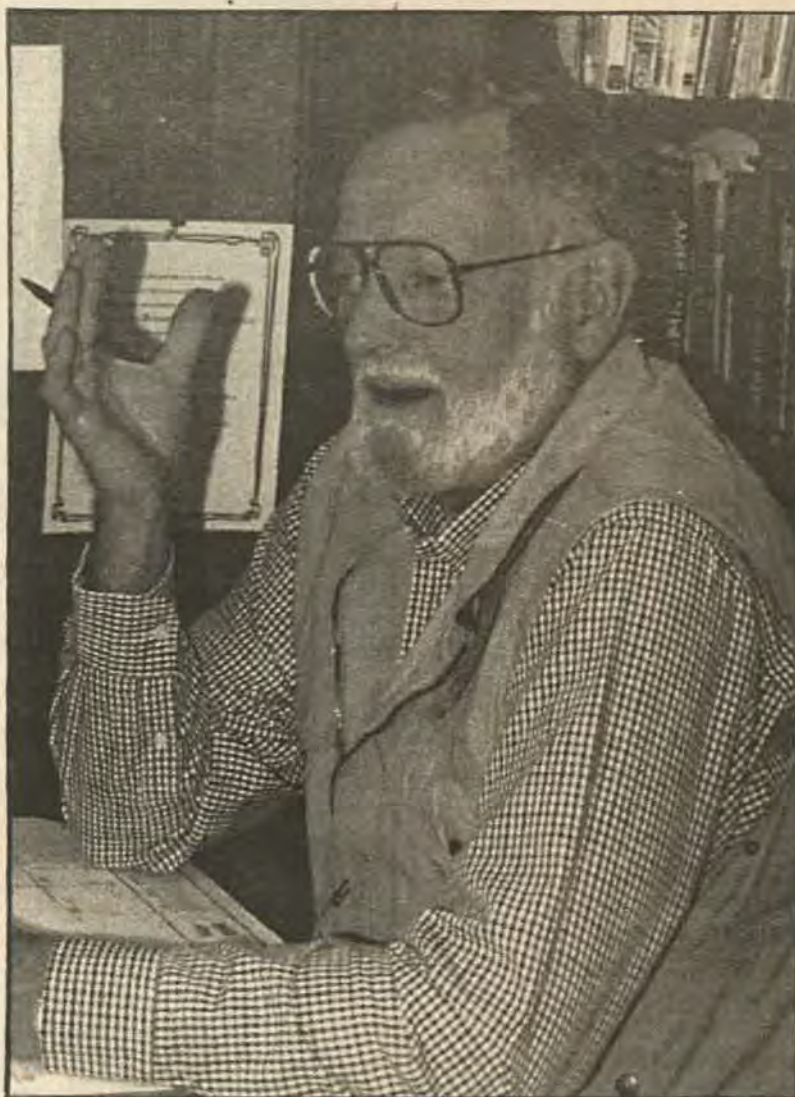
Born in Park Falls, Wisconsin May 5th, 1935, Jon lived what he termed "a boy's life". His earliest memories are of growing-up in the "cold country" around Lake Superior where his dad worked in the iron ore mines. When Hagstrom was about ten, the whole family moved to California. His dad had taken a job with Standard Oil which required them to move frequently.

They lived in Truckee for about two years in the late forties. Hagstrom learned to ski here. He would ski to school and also delivered newspapers on skis. His dad was gone a lot on business, Hagstrom said, and because of that and the fact his mother didn't drive, Jon and his brother got their drivers licenses at age 14 due to the "extenuating" circumstances.

Relocating yet again, this time to Redding, Hagstrom became a young cowboy. He raised hogs for a Future Farmers of America project and worked summers on a cattle ranch. At 16, he made the last actual cattle drive before they started using trucks for transportation. It took three days to make the 60 mile trek from Millville to Burney, California, herding 400 head of cattle. There was a chuck wagon and they set-up line camps, they even got snowed on.

Hagstrom and his brother kept a trap-line on the Sacramento River and Hagstrom discusses long tenure. fur buyer who worked in an old Montgomery Wards store that still had the original oiled wood floors.

Hagstrom got his first sampling of academia at Shasta Junior College. He had signed up for a philosophy course which proved to be the most significant class in his life, he said. It was in that class that he was exposed to "thoughtful cogitation." He met a converted catholic who tried to convert everyone else to Catholicism, and got to know some decorated Korean veterans who couldn't



Hagstrom discusses long tenure.

Photo by: Carol McGuffey

handle the academic philosophy, they held a more realistic view of philosophy; one that was related to money, morality and politics.

By this time, Hagstrom was excited about learning. He became interested in journalism and worked as co-editor on the school paper. He won a scholarship and decided to major in Radio and Television, which he found too regimented for his tastes.

He quit school to serve a stint in the army then returned to continue his education at Chico State, where he met his future wife Ruth. After graduating from Chico, Jon with a B.A. and Ruth with her R.N., they moved to San Francisco and Jon enrolled in a masters program at San Francisco State while Ruth worked in a local hospital. They married in 1960.

Soon, with a family on the way, Hagstrom had to put a hold on his education and find employment. Jobs were plentiful back then and he basically had his pick. He took a

position teaching English at Modesto Junior College in 1962. He attended the University of the Pacific part-time where he obtained a Masters in English. The Yosemite Community College District was creating a new college campus Tuolumne County and in 1967, Hagstrom began teaching for Columbia College. That was before the present campus was finished being built; all the classes then were taught at Eagle Cottage in the state park.

Most memorable for Hagstrom was seeing a junior college develop from scratch. He was assistant dean of instruction from '72 to '76, and during his tenure was chair of the English department, and held positions of Learning Skills and Community Service Director. He helped bring innovative programs to the college and brought in outside talent such as jazz artist, Dave Brubeck, photographer Ansel Adams and ball player Sal Bando, to name a

few.

Things have changed a lot over three decades, especially with the advent of the computer, remarked Hagstrom. There is a distinction between knowledge and information, he says.

"Computers allow access to information to a greater degree not experienced before. My fear is the student will perceive the acquisition of information as an end in itself. A teacher's role is to make certain the information is used in a way to bring about some knowledge or understanding."

Hagstrom acknowledges the students of today are more serious as compared to the students of earlier years.

"I'm finding we're getting more re-entry students," he said, "That brings a sophistication to the classroom - more life experience. They're good models for the younger students. The mix of the age groups here has made teaching fun -- I'm going to miss that."

Hagstrom hopes to be remembered as the teacher who asked all the right questions as opposed to the teacher who had all the right answers.

"A good education teaches us

In the middle of one of the busiest weeks of the year there is an election. Term papers are all due, finals are next week, preparations for graduation are being made, and there is an election. This election will decide the direction of the student representation on this campus for the next year.

This year has been one of high profile political upheaval, perhaps this has had the effect of galvanizing our students into action. The awareness level has certainly risen. There are six candidates running for the five offices this year.

Running for Executive Secretary is, Rob Huntley, who currently holds a job as an accounting clerk.

Paul Van Tuyl is running for the office of Treasurer. Paul is a math major, with plans for an engineering degree. Currently VP of the Rotoract Club, he feels that

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that we have a life to live as well as a living to earn," Hagstrom said. The life to live is more important."

Jon and Ruth are planning to go to Alaska this summer for fishing and sightseeing. Then on to more adventure in New England, Portugal, Spain, Greece, Italy, Australia...

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## Mountain Guru's Message

By Johann Newton  
MTX MANAGING EDITOR

World class mountaineer and adventurer, Royal Robbins, showed slides and gave a talk at Columbia College April 30th. He has been giving these presentations for about three years; the purpose of which is to encourage people to look inside themselves; to open people up to their potential.

He talked about his adventures rock climbing and river running and his many first ascents.

He talked of the difficulty of these adventures and the many times he thought of giving-up; how seductive giving-up is and how easy it is to just pack-up and go home.

He talked of how a person somehow has to reach way down into their souls and pull out what strength they have to complete their task, and how that effort is what makes us stronger as human beings; we don't get better by giving-up, but by giving our all.

He talked about purpose, and how when a person has purpose their lives have a sense of direction and how important that is. Does your life have direction?

He talked about the four virtues: Integrity, be true to yourself. Perseverance, hang on to the vision. Courage, do the right thing, even if your afraid. Prudence, watch your step and be careful.

He told of how he left a job at a bank, which he liked, to do what he loved - mountain climbing. And how that led to his growth as an individual and provided him with his greatest success and satisfaction. That would be a scary transition for someone to make; going from secure mediocrity into the unknown, where your potential is only limited to your reluctance to achieve.

He told of his love for his wife and family, and how that love helped pull him through his toughest trials.

It was a great talk. I got a lot out of it.

Thanks again Royal and Columbia College.



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Holst checking out tidal pools with students on a field trip to Point Reyes.

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## Holst to Sleep In

By Johann Newton  
MTX MANAGING EDITOR

Tom Holst is looking forward to sleeping-in Mondays when he begins his retirement from teaching this Spring.

Holst, who holds a Doctorate of Education from the University of Northern Colorado, has taught Columbia College's Earth Sciences since 1975.

I interviewed Holst in his office while he intermittently worked on his computer. He reflected on his years at Columbia and talked about his plans for the future.

trips for course work in field geology.

"We used to take the Earth Science students on trips to the Grand Canyon, Death Valley, Lava Beds National Monument, Mt. Lassen... Each student would select a topic, some would do tide pools or micro fossils, we had lots of different topics," Holst said. "We all learned together. We went to Point Reyes where huge sections of cliff had slumped down onto the sea shore. We called them "slump blocks". It was interesting to see how the sea coast was eroding."

Holst was also instrumental in



Photo by: Carol McGuffey

A well rested Holst.

"My entire life has been the college," he said, "from my first waking hour until I go to bed at night, my whole existence has been the college. I'm looking forward to changing that."

Holst has been a very busy man these last few years. He's spent considerable time and energy developing the Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and through a "Title 3" grant, wrote 20 computer programs for astronomy class. The most rewarding time here for Holst was when he was taking his students out on field

getting the observatory for Columbia. Modesto Junior College was adding a second floor to their science building and their observatory/dome was in the way. Holst encouraged the district to bring the dome up here where the sky is clearer. The 14 inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope purchased through the Earth Sciences budget was installed and fine-tuned by Holst. It's a draw for the college within the community, Holst said, and MJC brings



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he can help motivate the senate.

The office of Vice President of Clubs is being sought by Jeremy Mills, a history major. Mills is a member of the policies and procedures and the pow wow committees.

Running for Vice President of Activities, is the current V. P. of Clubs, Daniel Fitzsimmons.

Crittenden (Crit) Leonard is running for Vice President of Policies and Procedures. Leonard has recently returned to the Sonora area after spending 2 1/2 years in the army, and is majoring in Psychology. He feels that he will bring the leadership skills that he acquired in the 'service' to the job.

The office of Senate President is being sought by two candidates, Mona Barody, and Kristoff Cortez. Mona is currently a member of the senate.

Cortez is a member of multiple committees, and is currently serving as treasurer. He would like to see more involvement from the community and business in Columbia College.

While only the office of president is being competed for, it is important for all of the candidates to be voted in. This school is often referred to as one that is totally apathetic, letting things just drift along, without

really taking any notice. There has been a big outcry about the Dr. White situation for the last five months. The leadership of this student body elects will have something to say in selecting who will replace the president of this college. Elections are scheduled for May 16th. Have your say-vote.



## NOTE

### BOARD

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Dr. White was reassigned to MJC, board spokesperson, Richard Peralta, explained it was due to economic reasons. At Columbia, we would have had to create a new position for him, but at MJC we were able to fill existing openings he said.

Retired Columbia president, Dean Cunningham has been approved to serve as interim president when White steps down July 1.

Also approved for the district were computer up-grades and a new phone system for Columbia.

### HOLST

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students up to view the heavens.

Technology was much more primitive when Holst started teaching here than it is today. In the 1970s, to make multiple illustrations for his students, Holst had to do elaborate gel-film transparencies; today he can download high-resolution images from the Hubble Space Telescope which students can browse at will on the College Network.

Holst, when not sleeping in, plans to visit his children and grandchildren and wants to check out the fall colors back East. He also wants to work in his garden and will probably do some rewarding part-time work in his fields of expertise. And of course the memories of his college years will remain a source of enjoyment for Holst.

"I'll miss working in the computer lab," Holst said. "I'll miss Fred Petersen, Karen Rasmussen, Ted Denmark. I'll miss the students. I love to teach the students. I love to talk to them, be around them. I learn a lot from my students, they keep me young."

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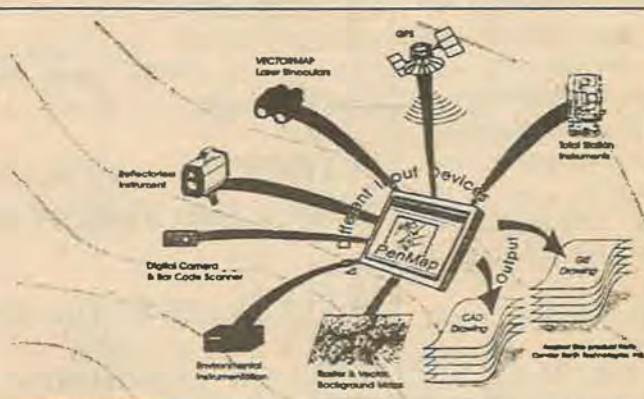
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# Black Elk: Hope For Humanity

By Rye Lee  
MTX STAFF

Meta Tunkasila ye yelo. The power of life is yours. The vision of Black Elk comes to life in the Columbia Actor's Repertory production of "Black Elk Speaks," opening Friday, May 17th at the Fallon House Theater in Columbia. Black Elk's vision led to the writing of an American classic by poet and historian, John G. Niehardt. This third production of the screenplay written in the 1970's by Christopher Sergel is one more step toward fulfilling his vision.

Sergel retraced Niehardt's steps to the Pine Ridge Reservation in the Black Hills of South Dakota where Black Elk spoke of the history and spiritual world of his people, the Ogala Sioux. He spoke of his beginnings; as a small child he began a life of temporary habitation and flight. It started with his father being wounded at the Fetterman Battle and then at thirteen seeing the approach of Reno's detachment (riding in advance of Custer's main force) while swimming in the Little Big Horn and later fighting in that battle. Black Elk was second cousin to Crazy Horse and was present at Fort Robinson when Crazy Horse was killed. He was also involved with the "ghost dance," a prayer dance in reaction to the unjust genocide of his people and their highly sophisticated spiritual society. Finally, Black Elk was in the massacre at Wounded Knee where he was badly wounded.

The screen play, like the book, is the story of this history as told by Black Elk to the young boy, Hoksila. Originally set outside around a fire, director David Purdy, with the help of set designer Ross Aldridge, has ingeniously created a set on the head of a large drum. Black Elk's stories beat out their message as the characters, who are all Native American actors, come to life as seen through the eyes of this visionary and holy man in the well known American historical events such as Custard's Last Stand and The Battle Of Wounded Knee.

Black Elk is played by J. Reuben Silverbird, traveling here from New York after recently performing in the stage version of "Pocahontas". Brian Westcott is

on loan to CAR from the LA Actors' Guild and plays the young boy, Hoksila. Other members of the cast include Audrey Murry as Yellow Woman, Mose Weavel as Little Crow, Star Romero as Manuelito, Mark Leyva as Black Kettle, John Zukal as Crazy Horse, to name just a few. Many actors play multiple roles throughout the play.

The music and dances of many different tribes will be featured in the production, with local Me-Wuk songs and dances being added into the original screenplay. Me-Wuk Hoop Dancer, Cecil Kester, will add his talent to the performance as well as local artist and musician, Lorenzo Baca. The cast is further represented by members of the following tribal nations: Cherokee, Chippewa, Northern Cheyenne, Me-Wuk, Mescalero Apache, Lakota Sioux, Yakama, Salinan, Pueblo, Pomo, Achomaw, Yaqui, Jemez, Acoma, Cree, Chactaw and Navajo. The entire cast will add to the musical score with traditional instruments such as drums, rattles and clapper sticks. Costumes promise to add beauty and authenticity to the play, going to exaggerated extremes when representing the white oppressors such as Custer and General Sherman.

"Black Elk Speaks" gives us a chance to be a part of the healing. Though the history lesson of this

play is very important, it cannot compare with the tremendous courage of these native people in the face of such devastating events.

The MTX hopes that Black Elk's Rainbow Vision with its hope for humanity, will embrace all people, mending the sacred hoop and allow the blooming of the Sacred Tree of Life.

## Largest Grad Class

By Karen Shelley  
MTX STAFF WRITER

This spring, 165 students will be graduating from Columbia College and another 50 will have earned special Certificates of Achievement. This will be the largest class ever to graduate from Columbia.

The graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Oak Pavilion with a reception to be held in Carkeet Park immediately following the ceremony.

Faculty, in caps, gowns and the hoods of their alma mater, will participate in the ceremony. Mary Landess will offer the faculty welcome. Jon Hagstrom and Dr. Tom Holst, both retiring instructors, will read brief testimonies from the graduates.

There will be three student speakers, Alyssa McCrea will give the welcome, Karen Hayes is the keynote speaker, and John Pradenas will give the farewell.

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# Talking Heads

What romantic event have you planned for summer?



**Margo Elliott**  
Psychology

I'm going on a cruise with Pamila Fisher.



**Molly Forkash**

I'm going to go to Santa Cruz with my boyfriend.



**Nicolle Osmundson**

After my ankle gets better, I'm going to bike over the Sonora pass with my boyfriend.



**Jeff Harrison**

Artist / "Builderman"  
I'm taking my wife to the spot!



**Tarina Lucas**  
Environmental Biology

Mainly, I just plan to organize my life.



**Francis Lynch**  
Culinary Arts

I plan to get together with my wife.

# Letters to the editor



To The Editor:

## AN OPEN LETTER TO DR. KENNETH B. WHITE

Three and one-half years ago you came to us as the new president of Columbia College. You were the unanimous choice of the presidential selection committee based on your excellent qualifications and recommendations. We looked forward to your tenure with great expectations and high hopes.

Your administration has been set apart from all others by the value you place on classified staff. The open, approachable management style you display fosters cooperation and personal growth. Your telephone calls and visits during times of joy and sorrow demonstrate your compassion and generosity. This commitment we all feel reflects your genuine interest in Columbia College's autonomy. These same personal characteristics strengthen the bond between our community and our college. You are always open to positive change and new ideas to move the college forward in our ever-changing world.

Your "reassignment to the classroom," a so-called "economically feasible" decision, will soon necessitate your commuting to Modesto Junior College. Did the YCCD Board of Trustees consider economic feasibility when offering the Chancellor a 13% raise? In your ease, this decision by Yosemite Community College appears mean-spirited. Our loss is certainly MJC's gain.

Thank you for all you have done. We will miss you!

Columbia College Classified Staff Members:

Doryene Rapini  
Wendy Link  
Linn Greeley  
Nancy Myers  
Doris Golson

## Just Say No!

We are seeing a very dangerous trend in society these days; and that trend is the incorporation of religious beliefs into law and order issues. The two have absolutely no business being co-mingled. Throughout history the end result of this mixture has always involved persecution, or prosecution.

Who the blazes are the "Christian Coalition" any-way? They look to me like a group of power hungry, self righteous, anal retentive stuffed-shirts who want to run this country under the guise of religion. One, it may sound nice and harmless to most, and two, they can get away with it with a name like the "Christian Coalition." The most disgusting thing about this is that more and more people are buying into this garbage, while riding the coattails of their appointed leaders onto political glory. Herd mentality at its finest!

The historical record shows us that the continual warring over religious turf in the mid-east, the slaughter of the Indians and temples held sacred to them, the destruction of entire races of people and countless other acts or molesting someone else's sheep, has all been done in the name of "religious politics" - more people have been murdered in the name of "God" than Hitler and Stalen put together! And it usually is because of the differences in the way they interpret "divinity," religious freedom or the "religious right."

Our nation would do far better if it were to instill a zero tolerance police regarding the incorporation of religious beliefs into political / law and order issues. Religious politics haven't worked in the past, an they will not work in the future.

By Chris Luhdorff

To the Editor:

Please take a few moments to consider supporting Nancy Rosasco rather than recalling her. Maybe you feel it's impossible to support Ken White and Nancy Rosasco in the same breath. Well, take a deep breath (remembering to exhale), and read on.

Nancy and Ken do have some things in common. They are both leaders. They both care very much about their community, the college, and you, the students. They are both called upon to make tough decisions. In the end, they are both held accountable for those decisions.

Recently, Nancy, along with the rest of the board, made one of the toughest decisions a board member has to make. It involved confidential information. It lead to the reassignment of Ken White. It was unpopular, but you expected her to deal with it. She did. Your disagreement with the results of the board's decision should not be the basis for a recall.

Spoiled children pick-up their marbles and leave if the game doesn't go their way. Adults learn that if you don't win, you can have a rematch. If you are really that upset with Nancy Rosasco, have a rematch next election. Put up a strong challenger that can win the seat through reasoned debate, not an emotional recall. Get involved in the democratic process at its best --- an election.

Nancy is the one who has run for and won a public office. Did you know she was also our county's Citizen of the Year in 1987? Did you know she's been president of the National Association of Community College Trustees? Nancy is recognized as the "cream of the crop".

Support her by getting to know her. She is wonderful to visit with, full of good ideas, enthusiasm, and fun. If you still find her unworthy of her duties, run a good challenger against her. And expect that person to also make tough decisions.

Mike Albrecht  
Sonora

**The Mountain Times Needs:**  
- Letters to the Editor  
- Guest Editorials  
- Classified Ads  
- Story Ideas



Looking back on the semester, I can only chuckle. I was in Utah skiing, mainly learning to maintain a consistent speed through the moguls, when I got the call from the Instruction Office asking me if I wanted to instruct Journalism and be the newspaper adviser. I remember my first thought: "What kind of news will the staff of a student newspaper have to write about at Columbia?" A week later, class started and the first person I met was Karen Shelley, a 100 wpm typist. Then, Johann Newton submitted a letter of intent for the editor position, and I found out about the prevailing issue on campus. Thus, the MTX started an adventure. Amazingly, the pieces started to fall into position. First, Connie Close joined the team and when Rye Lee came on board, reluctantly dragging Mark Joachim with her, all of a sudden the MTX was in business.

This semester's adventure included printing 48 pages of copy in three issues, all cut and pasted. Being a statistic fan, I found that this broke the semester record by 20 pages. In this accomplishment I'm very proud of the staff.

All-in-all, the MTX is essentially alive and well. There has been some money allocated by the College Council, under the guidance of Dr. White, which, barring any unforeseen obstacles, should make the paper self-sufficient and enable the campus to continue having a student newspaper.

I'd like to thank IMC for their considerable time and for their donation of a Macintosh with 32 megs of ram. This new computer will replace the old MTX stone chisel! In addition, I want to thank the MTX staff for working so diligently this semester; I imagine I will remember them forever. The reason I chuckle when I look back upon this semester is that being the student newspaper adviser is just like skiing - you've got to maintain a consistent speed through the bumps!

-Ross Alford-



*I discovered I always have choices  
and sometimes it's only a choice of attitude.*

JUDITH M. KNOWLTON

## WE SPEND MORE ON PRISONS THAN ON EDUCATION GUEST EDITORIAL

It is a pervasive belief in our society that we are suffering the effects of a "drug problem" - one which looms its evil face over our otherwise benign and compassionate culture. Rising crime rates, violence, corruption, overcrowded prisons and the AIDS epidemic would all suggest this to be true. In the face of these wicked "drug-related" vices, it is understandable that many have been quick to point a blaming finger in the direction of the seemingly offensive culprit - drugs. But it is not the drugs themselves that are the problem, it is drug prohibition. Prohibition of drugs, much like alcohol prohibition decades ago, is not only useless, ineffective legislation, it is in fact, the very CAUSE of many of the so-called "evils" of our society. Besides the obvious and blatant disregard for our civil liberties, prohibition and the subsequent war on drugs have wreaked havoc on our society in astounding ways.

Our prison population, according to the recent Drug Policy Letter, is now 1.4 million. We have the highest incarceration rate in the world! Half of prison inmates are serving mandatory drug sentences, so violent criminals are eligible for early release while someone serving time for possession of 6 grams of crack cocaine (less than the weight of one marble!), must serve his or her full sentence of five years in prison. Sound illogical? The tougher and tougher sentencing seems to be an attempt to frighten people into not using drugs, rather than educating them so that they may make their own intelligent choices. And certainly, the times I've come into contact with drugs, I've been afraid of getting caught. But how many of us can say that the fear of getting caught has caused us to permanently give up all drug use? In fact, 30 million

Americans have used an illicit drug within the past year, according to Ethan Nadelmann, Co-Chair of the Drug Policy Foundation. Besides that, drugs are even easier to obtain once in prison - "an important lesson for those who would turn this country into a prison to stop drug use", says James Ostrowski, Vice Chairman of the New York County Lawyer Association Committee On Law Reform.

The fact is that people will always want to do drugs. "From the dawn of time humans have nearly universally shown a desire to alter their states of consciousness with psychoactive substances, and it is this fact that gives the lie to the declared objective of creating a drug free society", says Nadelmann. Even Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders has supported the repeal of prohibition by stating that we need to "stop trying to legislate morals" and instead focus on education at an early age.

All evidence suggests that the rate of drug abuse has not increased as many have been fooled into believing. There is a very small percentage of hard-core drug abusers, yet the vast non-drug-abusing public is forced to pay the price for a drug war rooted in hysteria and the idea that we can protect people from themselves. Ten billion dollars of our tax money go directly to drug enforcement efforts, but there are other costs: a rise in organized crime and violence due to the illegal drug trade; an AIDS epidemic largely caused by the sharing of illegal needles; degeneration of our inner cities due to organized crime; grossly overcrowded prisons costing taxpayers millions; political instability, both domestically and internationally; and vast civil freedoms lost.

The need to create scapegoats

in our society is based purely on fear - fear of facing any real problems head on, perhaps. Yesterdays scapegoats included the "witches" in Salem, alcohol, and communists. Today, they include immigrants, welfare mothers, and drugs. Where do our priorities lie? Must we continue to accept legislation which takes the responsibility out of the hands of the people and oppresses them with stricter laws? Contrary to popular belief, if left with the responsibility of making their own decisions, most people will not choose to destroy themselves by abusing drugs. One public opinion poll after another has confirmed this fact.

The naiveté of many prohibition supporters goes hand in hand with our continued support of paternalistic government policies. Outlawing drugs just because they can be bad for you seems ridiculous if you apply the same practice, consistently, to the use of drugs such as nicotine, alcohol, caffeine, and sugar. Sugar is also bad for you; it is just as addicting as many of the illegal drugs; and it causes more harm to the body than many illegal substances - a surprising medical fact found by simply questioning the status quo. Instead of simply accepting the prevailing views on drug prohibition, I hope more people start to question the validity of legislation based on the morals of the few. Philosophical arguments aside, this practice is absolutely NOT PRACTICAL. One more fact: after 80 years of drug prohibition efforts, drugs are just as widely used as ever. Prohibition has failed. It is time to stop scapegoating things that are irrelevant to our real problems. Let's focus our efforts where they are needed - our education system, perhaps.

Crispin Shelley,  
Columbia College student

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By Michelle Baron  
MTX STAFF WRITER

Raise your hand if you think Uma Thurman is beautiful. While I let you ponder that I'll move on to my review of the movie **THE TRUTH ABOUT DOGS AND CATS**. This film is about a guy that falls in love with the voice and mind of one woman and the body of another. In the film Thurman portrays the beautiful girl and Janeane Garofalo plays the smart one. The underlying premise is that "not so pretty women" get overlooked by men and that beautiful women are only liked for one thing. Garofalo plays a veterinarian who hosts a radio talk show. She is supposed to meet a caller for a blind date. In a moment of panic, Garofalo asks Thurman to pretend that she is the vet and meet the guy, Ben Chaplin. The story is touching and funny in spite of its often lame dialogue and trite premise. Fortunately, the film was cast well, although I feel that Uma Thurman's facial beauty is an "eye of the beholder" phenomena. Director, Michael Lehmann, did a good job capturing the message in this story. This is one of those films that could have been better, but leaves the audience with a nice message and a good feeling. On a scale of one to five, I give this one a three and a half.

**SURF**



By Michelle Baron  
MTX STAFF WRITER

Andrew Fleming's **THE CRAFT** is a story about three catholic school girls who toy with the occult and become witches. Fairuza Balk plays the bad one, and Robin Tunney plays the good one. Neve Campbell (Party of Five), and Rachel True play the other two witches. This film seemed to do a good job of representing the occult. The look of the sets and props were realistic. The whole feel of this movie fit

the story-line and was fairly believable. In fact, the movie was more interesting and intriguing then it was scary. I'm not sure if that's what was intended, in either case, it was entertaining. The ideas expressed in this movie were a refreshing change from the standard good vs. evil, and while the film still has those elements, they play out differently. Overall, I enjoyed seeing this movie purely for its entertainment value. I can honestly say there wasn't any derogatory post film discussion on this one. On a scale of one to five - it gets a three.

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## The Search For The Succulent Decapod Crustacean Continues

By Amber Brooks  
MTX STAFF

While attending the restaurant Sullivan Creek off of Hwy 108 going towards Sonora I had the pleasure of eating shrimp scampi.

Shrimp scampi, of all the possible ways to prepare shrimp, is my favorite. I've become an expert on shrimp scampi.

The people at Sullivan Creek were very nice but they served the food too fast. I felt very rushed. In fact, when I checked my watch, I was in and out of the restaurant within half an hour.

A few weeks later I had the pleasure of dining at the Willow Steak House in downtown

Jamestown. While the shrimp scampi was excellent and the service was more to my liking, it was way too noisy, I couldn't even hear what my waitress was asking my shrimp.

Although I had a good time at the Willow Steak House in downtown Jamestown, I could have done without all of the noise. And maybe if I didn't feel so rushed at Sullivan Creek I might have enjoyed the food for a while longer.

My next restaurant will be Michelangelos in Jamestown I hear they make shrimp scampi. It's even fun just to say shrimp scampi: shrimp scampi, shrimp scampi...

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## "Laid Back" or "Laid Out"? The Easy Side of Sports (An Allegory)

By Tim Mann  
MTX ROVING REPORTER

Tag Team Discus had its season today. Many close friendships were formed as male, brain damaged, sports fans were carted off to the infirmary. Male bonding was wide-spread as blood and beer makes for a wonderfully tacky adhesive.

It was a sad sight to see so many fine athletes leaving the field uninjured. As one, one-eyed observer exclaimed, "If their going to be such weanies about this

sport, why don't they just play darts?"

Another attendee, John Smily D.D.S., noted that he particularly enjoyed yelling "fore" prior to impact causing players to look towards the incoming projectiles.

There was a winner! Once again the Greeks were masterful, even abiding by the "no-slave" clause.

In the end, there was talk of doubling the season to dilute the talent and leave less time for healing.

From all the folks at the Discus Daze - Have A Great Break!



**Golf:** The golf team had a solid team effort at the Modesto J.C. hosted tournament. Jeff Gerow, Tighe Hammam, Mike O'Neill, and Jeff Petersen all shot 78s to finish at 394, one more then the winner. They wrapped up the season with a second place tournament finish.

- Ian More won individual honors with a spot in the NorCals, being played May 6th at Butte Creek. He had the low score for the whole season.

**Soccer:** The Columbia Soccer Club captured third place in the regular season and advanced into the playoffs.

**Volleyball:** Club play continued with a win over Fresno. A good match-up with Merced was suspended when Columbia player Kim Miller fractured an ankle.



## Sports Poll

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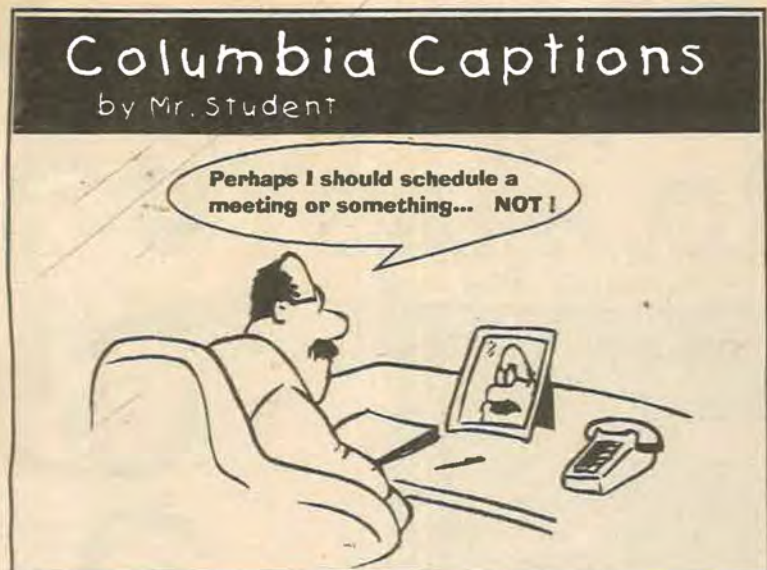
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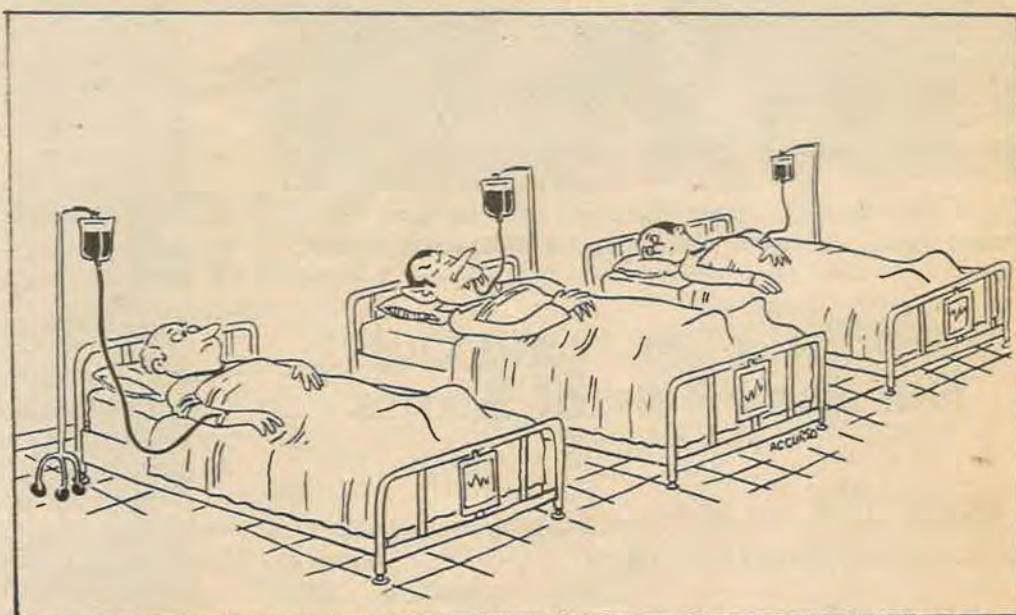


# Columbia Captions

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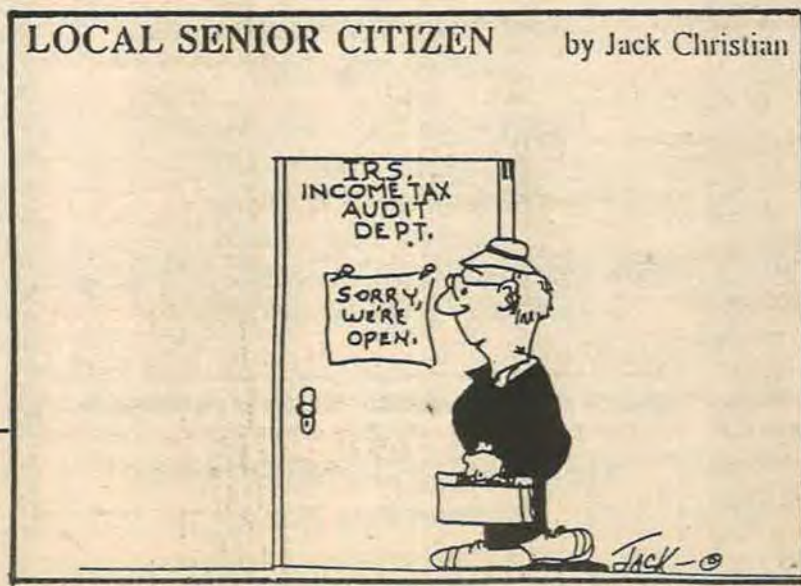


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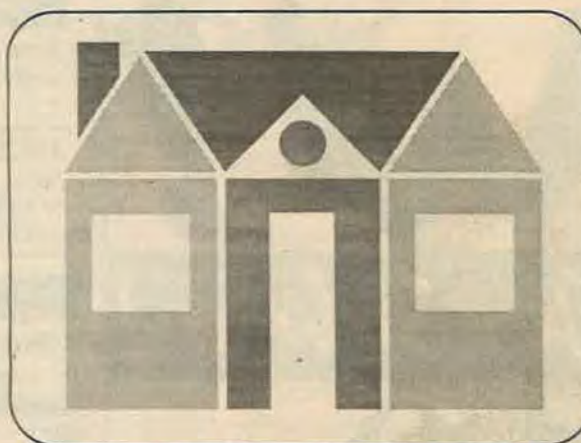
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