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Students elect Henson, LeGrand-Davis

by John Schmid

The team of Mike Henson and Anite LeGrand-Davis has been elected as president and vice-president of the Columbia College Student Body Association for the 1978-79 school year.

Other officers elected were Michael Putnam, secretary, and Ray Cardwell, treasurer.

The total number of votes cast was 369 ballots, one of the largest totals ever, and certainly the largest in recent years.

The total vote count:

President / vice - president teams: Henson and LeGrand-Davis, 187; Paul Scheuble, Sandra Camirand and Jim Hebert, 86; Ben Renwick and Michelle Lillie, 86.

Secretary: Putnam, 207; Lisa Johnson and Matt Womack, 107.

Cardwell was the only candidate for treasurer.

Henson and LeGrand-Davis ran on a platform based on a "Help us help you" concept. Plans to poll campus ideas, obtain unity in campus policy, and use the student government as a communication bridge between the administration and student body were also included in their campaign pledges.

Putnam has spent four years in the field of administration, primarily in the Navy. He cited his ability to deal with both the administration as well as his enjoyment of working with people as his strong points.

Caldwell pledged to do his best to raise funds, help organize and generally "put it all together."

This years elections saw the heaviest campaigning ever done at CJC. The enthusiasm, energy and time was reflected in the high turnout of voters.

Students and faculty questioned regarding the enthusiasm unanimously thought it to be a good thing. Feelings are the apathy so prevalent lately has passed.

Many of the candidates stated their wish to remain active with the new officers if they did not win.

As is wont to happen when enthusiasm prevails, rumblings were heard toward the end of the campaign suggesting less than ethical tactics were being used in the campaigning efforts of various candidates.

In discussion with the candidates it was found that any problems had been handled among

themselves, or with the advice of the administration. None of the candidates is going to file charges at this time.

mention---"Curry Parking" by Weitzel.

Textiles and Stitchery (12 entries)---1. Rust blanket by Britt-Marie Lamb of Sonora; 2. basket by Willa Barber of Twain Harte; Big Hill wildflower embroidery designed and done by Pam Mur-

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Anite LeGrand-Davis

Mike Henson

Student art show draws 159 entries

A porcelain clay sculpture by Richard Close of Columbia was judged the best of show entry in the annual Columbia College Student Art Show.

The sculpture, titled "Ode to Georgia O'Keefe," was chosen from 159 entries by 75 exhibitors. Judging the show was Joyce Quyle, potter and watercolorist, of Murphys.

No jewelry entries were submitted for the show which was

open to any person who had been a student during the 1977-78 school year. The show will continue through June 2.

The results of judging in individual categories and the number of entries:

Photography (12 entries)---1. Preston Birdwell of Columbia; 2. "She's in the Hospital" by James Weitzel of Twain Harte; 3. "Aspen Leaves" by Kathleen Merzario of Twain Harte; honorable

Doell on leave next year

by Michael Harami

After six years of teaching at CJC, English instructor Edward Doell will be on a leave of absence next year. He will return in the Fall of 1979.

The main plans for Doell's leave will be his return to studies at UC Santa Cruz, where emphasis will be placed on cinema — film making, history and critique. It is also his intention to research sources of finance that would make it possible to bring the field of cinema to small institutes such as CJC.

Noting that this unpaid leave of absence is not a sabbatical, Doell is aware that it is a privilege and of the difficulty imposed on the district. He is sincere in

expressing his gratitude toward those involved.

A leave of this nature must be approved by the board of trustees, and the task of replacing the instructor during his absence is left to the administration and faculty.

As to the constant inquiries of why he wishes to leave the mountains to return to a large metro environment, Ed stresses his desire to experience a broader area of study and to better compass today's culture, particularly as a student.

Ed also plans to intently pursue his personal writing and photography as well.

River supporters to gather at Vallecito ranch

by Melinda Wright

Want to meet some interesting people? Want to win the Stanislaus back from the dam builders?

Here's your chance! All local people (and all non-local people, for that matter) are invited to the Confluence Ranch in Vallecito for a "What next for the Stanislaus" gathering on Friday, May 26. A pot-luck picnic lunch will begin at 11 a.m., and the day will end with a square dance until dark.

The reason for the gathering is to let people know what is happening with the river, and to gather ideas and energy for summer efforts to stop the filling of the dam. Friends of the River will have displays and slide shows of the long history of the Stanislaus campaign. There will be a discussion with many of the people who have fought longest and hardest to save the river. Everyone who comes to the gathering will be invited to participate in planning what to do next.

A main action for the future will certainly be the writing campaign to Secretary of Interior Cecil Andrus, Washington D.C. 20240. Pending a historical Supreme Court decision, Secretary Andrus can decide to prevent the dam from being filled above Parrotts Ferry. He is now getting several letters each day asking him to prevent the complete filling, and as the summer goes on, he should be getting many more. Ideas are needed to reach more people about letter writing.

Other possibilities are a booth for the river at Mountain Aire, a local Stanislaus group in Tuolumne county, and, of course, actions to be taken should the letter-writing campaign fail.

This summer will determine the fate of the river. Surprisingly enough, chances look fairly good for saving the Stanislaus above Parrotts Ferry in spite of New Melones Dam. Whether the river will be saved depends on how

continue on an appointment basis.

Registration will be held in September.

A rough draft of the fall schedule is currently available. Printed schedules will be distributed next month.

many people care, and whether these people are willing to put in time and effort this summer. Start by coming to the Confluence this Friday. See you there!

Historical sites walk re-set

The historical sites walk along the Stanislaus River is now set for Saturday, June 3.

The walk was originally scheduled for May 21, but was postponed on account of the Frog Jump.

Dr. Roger Newman will lead the walk from the Melones Recreation area on old Highway 49. Those who wish to participate should meet at 2 p.m. in the parking area.

Day in wheelchairs enlightens deans

by Judy Craddock

In an effort to gain better insight into the problems of handicapped students at CJC, four campus administrators recently spent one day confined to a wheelchair.

Those who participated were Dr. Harvey Rhodes, college president; Paul Becker, dean of students; Dale Bratten, dean of instruction; and Bill Wilson, program director for the disabled.

Starting in the parking lot as they arrived on campus, the participants remained confined to their chairs until the end of the day. Mobility aides assisted them throughout the day.

The experience helped them to recognize, from a more personal point of view, the changes which must be made for campus facilities and programs to be accessible to handicapped students.

These changes must be made in order to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act which applies to institutions receiving federal funds. The regulations must be met by June 3, 1980.

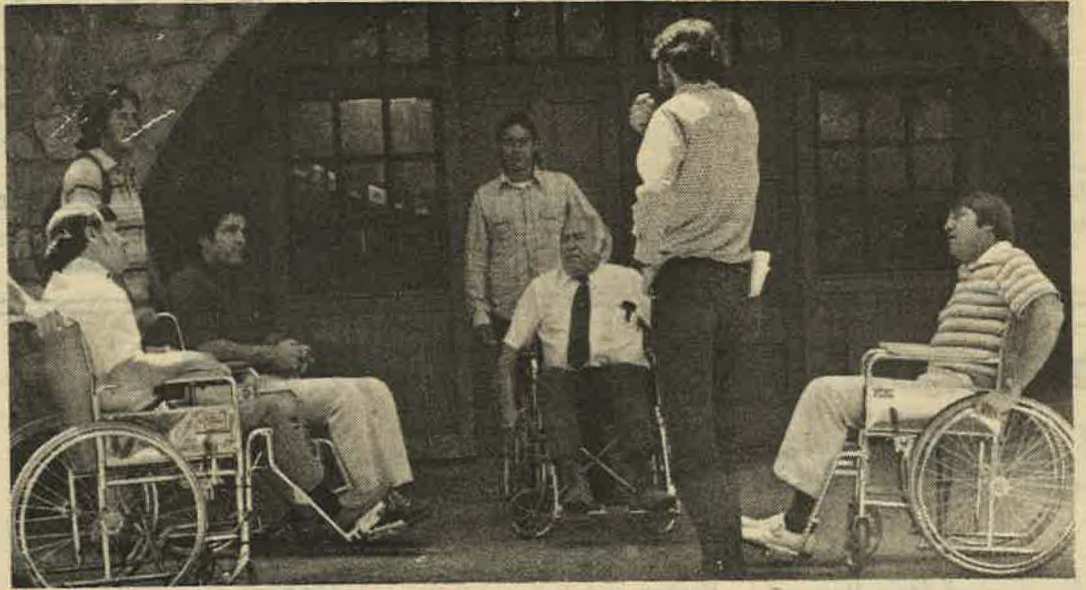
The personal reactions of each participant were varied but all felt that this experience enabled them to better understand the plight of the handicapped.

Reaction to confinement

Dr. Rhodes specifically mentioned he discovered many inconveniences that non-handicapped people don't experience, such as door ways being too narrow, drinking fountains too high and restrooms difficult to use.

He stated that out of this experience he gained a great respect for the amount of courage and desire the handicapped person displays daily in his quest for a college education.

Dean Becker found that one's hands become soiled from pushing the wheels. "You feel like you want to wipe your hands on your pants, but of course you can't," he said. He also found that the offices were much too small to avoid bumping into furniture. The hardest thing for him was a feeling of being restricted.



Wheelchair administrators (from left) Paul Becker, dean of student services; Bill Wilson, handicapped program director; Dr. Harvey B. Rhodes, college president; and Dale Bratten, dean of instruction, plot their course with student mobility aides and Frank Russell (front) who also served as a mobility aide.

---Ron Roach photo

Dean Bratten found that being in a wheelchair did not keep him from doing his job, except when it was necessary to get somewhere in a hurry.

He said he found even the simplest task terribly difficult, but he recognized a great deal of this was due to his lack of experience in manipulating a wheelchair.

Also, he said "interminable meetings" were good in-service training for being confined to a wheelchair. He found that this immobility could be a real problem if one is used to being active. He also suggested that architects should spend time in a wheelchair before designing a public institution in order to create buildings which would accommodate the handicapped person.

Helplessness and frustration

Aside from similar experi-

ences such as finding going downhill in a wheelchair extremely hazardous, Wilson experienced a great sense of urgency to help make conditions more acceptable for the handicapped. He said his feeling of helplessness and frustration while being confined to his wheelchair helped him put himself in the other person's place.

Wilson said there are now 35 handicapped students at the college. These people include those in wheelchairs, those who are deaf or blind, those with heart ailments, those missing limbs, and those who have severe arthritis.

Several changes have taken place on behalf of these people. Cups have been placed next to the drinking fountains, doors have been replaced by shower curtains in several restrooms and the

entrance to the teacher's lounge (the only wheelchair access at this time) has been modified.

This is, of course, a minute part of the changes which must be implemented before the 1980 date. While nothing definite has been offered, administrators are hoping that federal and state funds will be provided to help make the projected \$500,000 modifications of the campus. Some of these changes may include an elevator to the lower level of the administration building, lower telephones, lighted fire alarms and easier access to the buildings across the lake.

According to Wilson, plans are now being made to obtain a cart which will aid in the transport of wheelchairs from one place on the campus to the other. This will be provided with the help of the Vocational Rehabilitation Agency.



Dean of Students Paul Becker is pushed up a steep path near the Forum by a mobility aide. ---Ron Roach photo



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'...Inconvenienced, not handicapped' Handicapped students aided in special program

by Carol Poston

Columbia Junior College is providing services for 34 students with a wide range of physical disabilities.

Students with mobility problems such as amputees, heart patients or persons who use wheelchairs or braces are aided in getting around the campus by other students called mobility aides.

Transportation to and from campus is available for some and others have access to a parking lot adjacent to the Learning Resources Center.

Learning assistance for blind and deaf persons or students with other afflictions that restrict learning ability also is provided. Many of these students receive special assistance in the campus Learning Skills Center.

In the skills center students develop their skills in reading, math, spelling and vocabulary or prepare for a General Educational Development (GED) test which qualifies a student for a high school diploma.

The college also provides personal and vocational counseling, tutoring, registration assistance and interpreting through sign language for deaf students.

Equal Access

A small number of handicapped students have attended Columbia over the years. However, since the passage of a federal law last June, a major emphasis has been placed on making educational opportunities equally accessible to handicapped students at Columbia. Bill Wilson, college counselor, is campus director for the disabled.

Three students who are aided by the special college services are Bill Sumunaci, Teresa Thors and Dick Treu.

Simunaci, 33, suffers from a nerve disorder that effects his mobility and his hearing. He uses crutches to walk and is deaf.

He receives assistance in the Learning Skills Center, including tutoring and interpreting and parks his car in the parking lot for disabled students.

Enrolled at Columbia since the spring of 1975, Simunaci is taking general education classes and plans to transfer to a four-year college.

Barrier Removal

Simunaci is a member of the California Association of the

Physically Handicapped (CAPH), a group seeking the removal of architectural and attitudinal barriers to the handicapped.

Treu has been a student at Columbia since 1971. His disability is a back injury which requires him to wear a back brace. He has used Learning Skills services to brush up on math and also receives tutoring. He is 50 years old and lives in Greeley Hill with his wife and three children.

Treu's goal is to work in the area of prosthetics, the engineering of artificial body parts such as legs and arms, or orthotics, the designing of braces for the body.

A busy wife and mother of three children, Mrs. Thors has added the responsibilities of a college student to her life since she became a student at Columbia in the fall of 1976. She was a pioneer at Columbia, being the first student in a wheelchair.

Mobility Aide

Mrs. Thors has been confined to a wheelchair since she contracted polio in 1958. She receives the assistance of a student to navigate the hilly Columbia campus and commutes to school in a van with a special hydraulic lift for wheelchairs.

She also receives tutoring in the Learning Skills Center. She is majoring in psychology and plans to transfer to Stanislaus State



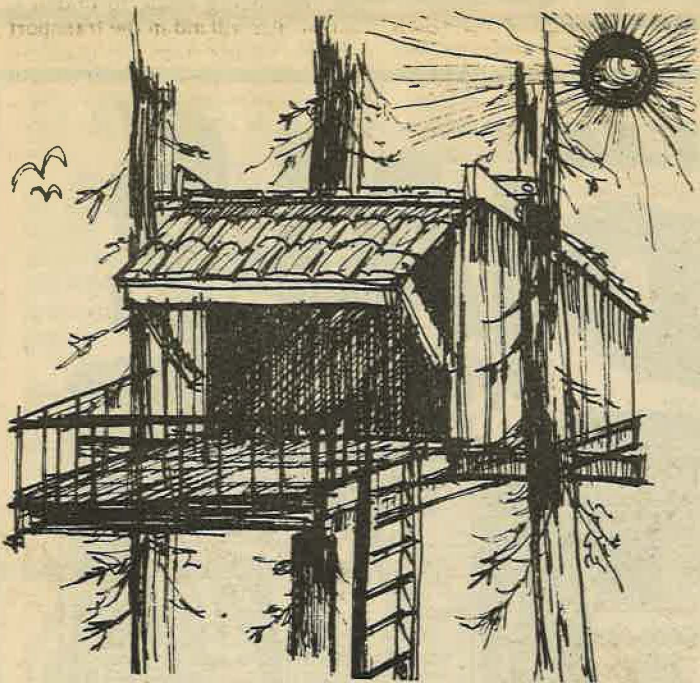
Carol Poston, author of this story, is one of the 35 students aided by Columbia's program for handicapped students. ---Ron Roach photo

College with the ultimate goal of a career in counseling or social welfare for the disabled.

She is a member of CAPH.

When asked her feelings

about being confined to a wheelchair, Mrs. Thors replied, "I don't consider myself handicapped, only inconvenienced by the fact that I use a wheelchair to get around."



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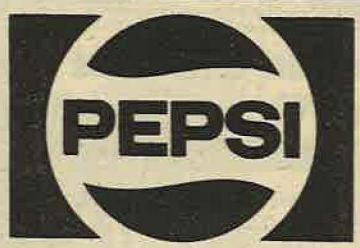


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Using basic weather measuring devices, coupled with information from a national teletype service, Perea and Armstrong

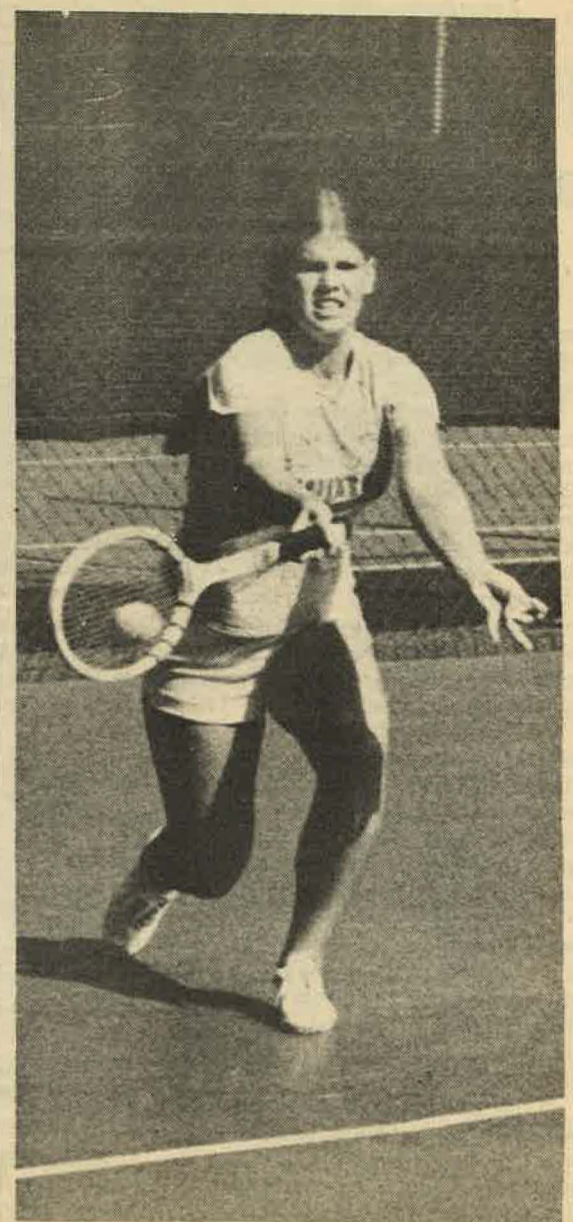
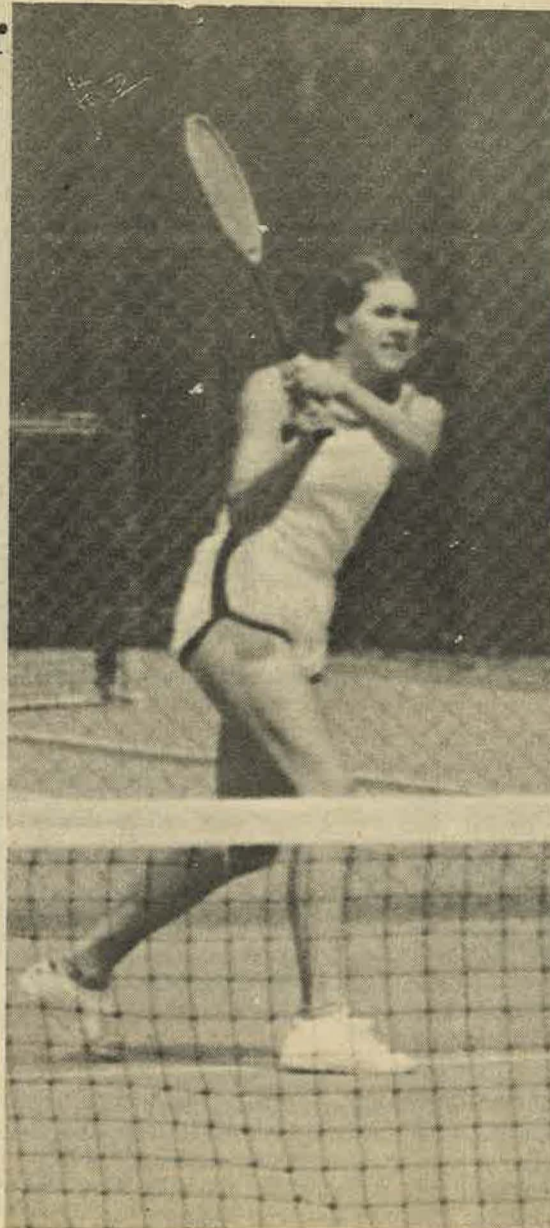
note patterns, plot maps, and consider the variables to project forecasts for thirty day, weekly, or daily time spans.

They don't just cater to businesses and agencies, however. Services are available to individuals as well. "We find that what pleases our clients is the personal attention," said Perea. "And our honesty," added Armstrong. "If we can't give them an answer we tell them so."

Perea and Armstrong both attended CJC in 1970-71. Perea received training in the Navy as an aerologist, and both attended Utah State University taking courses in Meteorology.

"Meteorology is the study of how the weather works," said Armstrong. "We put all of our data together, and predict on that and the basis of what happens historically."

It must work, as they estimate their accuracy rate in the range of eighty percent, high for their field. Fees are based on the amount of work involved.



Crystal Wheeland (right) and Connie LaNier-Flavin represented Columbia College last weekend in the state small college women's tennis tournament in Salinas. ---Ron Roach photos



Columbia's resident nurse, Ruth Hagstrom

Tom Nicosia Photo

Health Services

Ruth Hagstrom, school nurse, is on the CJC campus Monday through Friday to assist students with medical problems.

On Monday through Wednesday her hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Her office is in the Health Occupations Building.

An added service is an on-

campus clinic each Thursday conducted by a local physician. If a doctor is urgently needed at another time, Hagstrom will refer the student to the doctor's office.

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"Where's the starting line?" was the question pondered by these members of Columbia College's Bay to Breakers class who competed in the San Francisco run.



Terry Hoff pampers her feet after completing the Bay to Breakers run in San Francisco.

Survival is part of backpack experience

by Kennedy Rosenberg

This spring P.E. instructor Charlie Penwill will be leading his Backpacking II class on two separate expeditions into the high country.

The first excursion will start at Cherry Lake and end at Kibby Lake, a distance of eight miles.

The group will leave CJC on the morning of Saturday, May 27, and will return late on Memorial Day.

Students will be instructed in proper backpacking techniques. They will learn first-aid techniques and how to survive in the wilds, including how to catch and prepare wild animals for eating.

The class will leave for the second trip on Saturday, June 3 at 7 a.m. When the backpackers arrive at Bourland Meadows, they will hike cross-country for three days and eventually end up where they started.

On this trip students will learn how to effectively use a compass and maps. They will constantly be plotting their position and hopefully will keep from getting lost.

It is expected the group may encounter some spring snow on this trip. If so, Penwill plans to lecture on igloos, snow-caves, avalanches and how to survive under snow conditions.

When asked what the objective of these trips are, Penwill replied, "We will be handling situations as they arise. In essence we will be learning by doing."

Penwill, a former officer in the British Army, predicts that the trips will be "full of informative fun," and hopes they will be "bloody successful and, all in all, superior throughout."

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A student checks out the oil painting entries in the student art show.



"Curry Parking" earned honorable mention in photography for James Weitzel of Twain Harte.

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tion---gold pillow by Jeanne Macho of Sonora.

Oils and acrylics (45 entries)
 ---1. "Above the Land Bridge," acrylic by Irene Clark of Groveland; "Bodie," oil by Loren A. Allen of Sonora; "Inspiration Point," oil by Mary (Irene) Wheat of Tuolumne; honorable mention ---"California Coast," oil by Fred Schlaman of Sutter Creek and "Quiet Harbor," oil by Rose Haessly of Sonora.

Watercolors (34 entries)---1.

"Fallen Tree" by Linda Blair of Sonora; "Barn Front" by Virginia Tonetti of Murphys; "Bird Rock, Ore." by Haessly; honorable mention---"Misty Day at Vallecito" by Elvia Torres of Sonora.

Sculpture (six entries)---1. "Three Gnomes" by Irene Deaver of Angels Camp; 2. "Spooky Stump in the Woods" by Gaylon Burns of Jamestown; 3. "Howling Hound" by Laren Salisbury of Sonora.

Ceramics (43 entries)---1. Stoneware planter by Diane Scharer of Tuolumne; 2. "La Lune" sawdust fired clay by Scharer; 3. jar by Theresa Rutawski of Sonora; honorable men-

tion---ceramic jar by Kevin Harper of Twain Harte.

Graphics and Mixed Media (7 entries)---1. "Dialogue," colored paper entry by David C. Lockhart of Sonora; "Ron Meyer," pastels by Marylee Redmond of Sonora; "Cattails," batik by Merzario; honorable mention---"St. Anne's, Columbia," ink and ink wash by Torres.

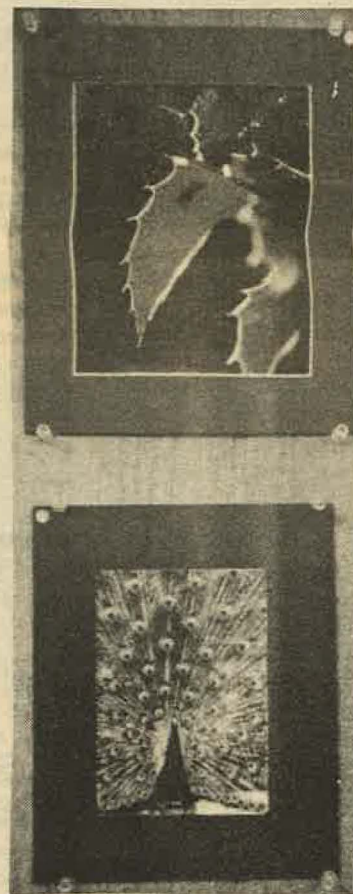
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"Springtime Dusk," was a watercolor entry by Sally Tawse.



"Howling Hound" won a third in sculpture for Laren Salisbury of Sonora.



More students take less units

Student enrollment trends at Columbia Junior College have changed dramatically in the past five years.

The present body count of the college is the highest ever, but full-time students are less numerous. Though enrollment in graded classes increased 11.68 per cent from fall, 1976 to fall, 1977, the average number of units taken by each student decreased.

A college master plan presented to the trustees showed occupational studies are becoming more popular while enrollment in academic classes such as English and history is declining. Enrollment in business courses in the past five years has increased from 439 to 646 students. English enrollment has declined from 419 to 234.

Physical education students have increased dramatically in the past five years. As of fall, 1972, there were 593 students enrolled in physical education classes. In Spring, 1977, there were 1,226.



Vera Yerian played the part of the mother in the fall production of "Equus." She is shown with Cliff Williams who played Dr. Martin Dysart. ---David Ward photo

Vera Yerian seeks her life's dream

by Lolly Donner

Many people start life with very definite ideas of what they would like to be.

They pursue their dreams avidly, but as fate would have it, somewhere along the road they come to a detour. Then the dream is put away and forgotten for a time.

The detour may be a bit rocky, but it is an experience and has its rewards. For many the detour never ends.

For some the detour makes its way back to the main road. There it is, the chance to unpack the old dream and head down the road again, hopefully, to its destination.

Such is the case of Vera Yerian who came to Columbia College through the Women's Re-Entry program last fall.

Her ambition was to be on the stage, and she sought every opportunity for acting and dancing as a child and as a young woman.

Vera joined the Marines during World War II and became part of an entertainment troupe. The group produced and toured with a very successful show titled "Snafu." The cast included ballet dancers and opera singers who had left their professions to entertain the troops.

Following the war Vera joined the Theatre Arts Colony in San Francisco and later headed for the mecca of all aspiring actresses, Hollywood.

In Los Angeles she took part in the Miniature Theatre and auditioned for Columbia Studios, winning approval for character parts.

It was here Vera encountered the detour that made her set aside her ambitions. She married and became a housewife and mother. Raising her children occupied her life for many years.

Dreams do not die easily and when Vera found herself in the vicinity of Columbia College and its drama department, her dream began to take shape again. She was back on the main road.

She registered at the college and was cast in the role of the mother in the fall production of "Equus." She said she found it "a truly rewarding experience" to be in front of an audience again. She also has a roll in this quarter's drama production of "The Mad Woman of Chaillot."

Her current ambition is to continue at the college and work toward a humanities degree. Following her studies at Columbia she would like to pursue her career on the stage as a character actress.

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'The Madwoman of Chaillot' Spring production nears

by Judy Craddock

The CJC Drama class, directed by Bob Francesconi, is presenting its spring play, "The Madwoman of Chaillot" May 31 through June 4 in the Forum.

Performances are scheduled Wednesday through Saturday with a 2:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday, June 4. Admission to all performances is free.

The play, written by Jean Giraudoux, is an ironic and whimsical satire about the struggle between a group of oil-hungry Paris businessmen and their formidable opponent, the poor

and humble Aurelia, the madwoman of Chaillot.

Aurelia entices all of the greedy businessmen into her cellar and down a stairway from which there is no return. Beauty and love return to the earth.

Aurelia, the madwoman, is played by Gayle Davenport. The other players are Kristen Fulton, Rachel Mueller, Christina Miller, Shirlee Champion, Betsy Herst, Edyie Solis, Brita Era, Cliff Williams, Gordon Iki, Steve Logar, Kathy Watson, Juan Conales, Peter Griggs, Maura Hennessy,

Lee Bravakos, Fritz Andenberg, Vera Yerian, Charlie Russo, Van Gordon, Neil Mill, and John Stevens.

The production staff includes Ross Aldrich, Diana Newington, Gaylon Burns, David Joens, Peter Griggs and Andrew Maurer.



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Section 8 of Article XVI (Public School Finance) of the California State Constitution reads "From all State revenue there shall first be set apart the monies to be applied by the State for the support of the public school system and public institutions of higher education."

Proposition 13 is not going to close the schools unless the legislature neglects its constitutional duties. Education is our top priority legally, morally and politically.

We certainly hope that this revelation will not come as too great a shock to those legislators who had assumed that their own pay and benefits were the number one priority!

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Math lab success leads to English lab

by Katie Monnich

The success of Columbia College's Math Lab was honored at last Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting.

This new lab has a three-fold purpose:

(1) To provide a physical location where students can work on problems while help is readily available to them.

(2) To provide a place where testing and review can be done so classroom time can be more effectively utilized.

(3) To allow flexibility in the mathematics instructional program to accommodate students' individual needs; whether for accelerated study or for remedia-

tion.

A preliminary analysis was made of winter quarter students using the Math Lab. Of 87 math students 19 said they would have dropped if the Math Lab had not been available. Of this same group of students 69 said their performance had improved because of the lab.

Based on the success of the Math Lab, plans are being made to set up an English Lab. It will be set up basically the same as the existing Math Lab with three hours of lab required in place of one hour of lecture. The English Lab will be available for students in Composition 101ab to aid in writing skills.

clude instructors and administrators. Classified personnel include the support staff such as secretaries and janitors.

The reduction procedure is called "bumping" and involves four levels of employees. Seniority and length of service is the prime consideration with the first certificated employees to be let go being temporary employees by program or service. The next levels are first, second-year contract employees and regular certificated employees, based on seniority ranking by program or service.

This procedure will be used if any staff cuts are necessary or if Proposition 13 prevails and cut-backs are required.

Bumping policy adopted

A procedure for reduction of certificated and classified staff was approved by Yosemite Community College District trustees last week.

Certificated personnel in-

Audubon group to organize

Residents interested in wildlife are urged to help organize a local chapter of the Audubon Society on Wednesday, May 31, at 6:45 p.m. in room 350 at Columbia College.

"We want to get more people together to study and experience natural environments through field trips, chapter meetings and discussion groups," said Jeff Jones, who is spearheading the organization effort.

"We also plan to help preserve our local environment through conservation projects," Jones said.

Thirty-five new members are required to form a chapter. Close to that number of local residents have already indicated interest.

Details of the next wildlife outing will be presented at the meeting.



Living history

It was the most sacred of all Miwok buildings, but dancing and gambling also took place in the Hang-e.

Inside it was kept very clean. A foot drum and shallow fire circle were the only furnishings.

The campus replica is typical of roundhouses built after 1848 with white man's tools. The replica has been altered to meet

state building requirements such as use of steel reinforcements.

The parking lot attendant acts as a guide for roundhouse visitors. Many school groups visit it each year.

Groups may arrange with the Community Services Office to tour the structure, surrounding exhibits and nature trail which are designed as a self-guided tour.

Columbia College's bi-centennial project, a replica Miwok Indian roundhouse, is located adjacent to the first student parking lot.

With the help of a few trained students, campus Indian Coordinator Gary Robles, heavy equipment students and the maintenance staff the roundhouse construction was completed in 1976.

The roundhouse, pronounced "Hang-e" phonetically by the Indians, is a round structure traditionally used as a ceremonial house.

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California Zephyr performed outside the cafeteria by the lake for Spring Fling activities.



Rick Sands



Patti Taylor



Roy Tennant

Student musicians earn jazz honors

Forty-two elementary and high school musicians were cited for outstanding solo performance at Columbia College's Jazz Festival III (May 4-6).

Among those honored were John Jacobsen (trumpet), Don Ryland (composition and alto saxophone) and Scott Edwards (baritone saxophone) of Sonora High School; Norman Roger (trombone) and Cindy Sweeney (piano) of Twain Harte Elementary School and Steve Cozart (bass) and Fred Fagundes (tenor saxophone) of Sonora Elementary School.

Band.

Adjudicators for the instrumental performances were Friedman, Dan Goulart, Fred Berry, Barry Ehrlich and Ron Johnson. Vocal jazz adjudicators were Shaw and Phil Mattson.

Vocal groups participating were from Columbia College, Sonora High School, Riverbank High School, Twain Harte Elementary School, Santa Teresa High School of San Jose, Lynbrook High School of Cupertino and San Jose City College.

Instrumental groups were from Sonora, Twain Harte and Hughson Elementary Schools; Wells Intermediate School of Dublin; Castillero and Peter Burnett Junior High Schools of San Jose; Dublin, Sonora, Princeton, Corning, Merced, Los Banos, Turlock, Hughson, Newark, Lincoln and Hayward High Schools; Calaveras High School of San Andreas, Leland High School of San Jose, Del Oro High School of Loomis, Edison High School of Stockton, Memorial High School of Newark, Amador Valley High School of Pleasanton, Sunset High School of Hayward and Menlo-Atherton High School of Atherton.

The soloists were presented certificates of achievement from the National Association of Jazz Educators. Their names will be listed in an annual directory of outstanding musicians published by the association.

Twenty-eight student groups performed during two days of instrumental presentations at the festival. The groups were critiqued by a panel of adjudicators. One judge met with each group after the performance to discuss various aspects.

After performance by 14 student groups each day, guest artists conducted a clinic to work with the students on performance techniques. Each day's activities also included an evening performance by the guest artists.

Eight student vocal groups participated in a similar format for a day of vocal jazz performance. Solo awards were not made for the vocal jazz segment.

Vocal jazz guest artists were Kirby Shaw and the College of the Siskiyou Vocal Jazz Ensemble from Weed. Instrumental guest artists were the Bennett Friedman Quintet and Friedman's Big

Campus Question

by Kennedy Rosenberg

If you could change any one thing about CJC, what would it be?

Rick Sands: "I would have a racket ball court built. That is, without cutting down any trees."

Patti Taylor: "I'd have better P.E. facilities. Especially a ski team in the winter."

Robin Rosenberg: "I would turn the cafeteria into a gourmet eatery."

Roy Tennant: "I'd change the source of CJC's funding to a special tax levied on all oil companies that pollute the oceans."

Elizabeth Eshom: "If I could change any one thing, I would change the students' attitude toward their education to one that is much more academically oriented."

Chuck Steak: "Since I am the father of 37 children, I would like to have a child care center on campus during the day."

Vern Bessey: "I would change the cafeteria by cutting down on material waste and by putting better foods in the vending machines."



Elizabeth Eshom



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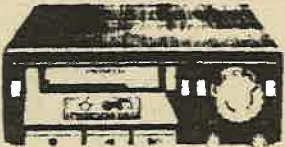
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Your Garden Spot

by M.L. Harrison

Only a fool or a madman tries to predict the Sierra weather.
-John Muir-

WEATHER PROTECTION

Although the warm spring weather seems to have come, the gardener should always be prepared for sudden drenching rains or a late frost. Despite the whims of nature, there are a few ways to protect your young seedlings and tender plants from destruction.

In case of a hard drenching rain, light covers, such as burlap sacks or old sheets, can be spread over the plants supported by temporary stilts. The idea is to reduce the force of the falling rain. As the cover becomes soaked, moisture will seep through and gently fall onto the plants. Flooding from a hard rain can be very disrupting in a young garden. To avoid flooding, diversion canals can be quickly dug to allow the excess water to flow off.

Frost, particularly a late frost, can be the gardener's worst problem. One good frost can silently destroy months of planning and hard work in just one night. If a frost should occur, the gardener must act quickly to save his crop. The only way to save frost laden plants is to spray the entire plant with water before the sun hits them. The water gently thaws the plants rather than the quick thawing action of the sun.

When thinking of frost damage, I am always reminded of some truck farmers who specialize in tomatoes. They woke one June morning before sunrise to find their entire crop of 1,000 tomato plants covered with frost. They got to work and sprayed the entire field with water before the sun rose. Out of 1,000 plants they lost less than 40.

WATER

With the soil prepared, the temperatures benevolent and the seeds planted, the final element of the garden comes into play. The element that causes the chemical chain reactions for the life of the seed to begin is water. Without water a garden is a desert. As necessary as it is, too much water or poorly distributed moisture can hurt the plants as much as too little water.

Each type of vegetable has its own special water requirements. Some need much water daily, others do better with only occasional watering. Also while some grow better when sprayed, there are still those that prefer only ground water.

For these reasons, it is helpful to group vegetables with the same water needs. Salad vegetables tend to do well when sprayed moderately each day, while the dinner vegetables like only occasional heavy ground watering. If the garden has been divided into these two types to facilitate easier harvesting, it will also serve as an aid when watering.

Besides the amount of water needed and the way it is distributed, other important factors are the time the watering is done and the water's temperature. Plants are like people. As much as they need it, cold water can be as shocking to a plant as to a person. Experiments have shown that plants react to hot and cold stimulus as rapidly as animal life.

With that in mind, here are a few suggestions to prevent shocking your plants with cold water. If you water in the late afternoon, the heat stored in the soil from the sun's activity can help to cut the cold water's edge. Also late afternoon watering will help to reduce the amount of immediate water loss from evaporation.

Another suggestion is the making of a solar energy water heater. One or two clean 50 gallon oil drums with some type of water outlet near the bottom and an air tight, translucent cover can provide the basics for such a system.

If such a system were well insulated, it would be possible to water your garden with warm water each morning from the water warmed the day before. Watering with lukewarm water in the morning would also help to "wake up" the plants before the sun has a chance to warm them up. Watering with warm water will help to ease the life of your plants, resulting in bigger, healthier crops.



Karen Woolsey wears protective goggles and wields a sledge hammer when she breaks up glass for the campus re-cycling center.
---Tom Nicosia photo

Camping report submitted

Several campgrounds will be open by Memorial Day, according to Stanislaus National Forest spokesmen. Many will have patches of snow, however.

Although Pinecrest campground in the Highway 108 East area, is booked solid for the Memorial Day weekend, the highway is open to Kennedy Meadows Resort. The resort hoped to open last weekend. Boulder Flat, Dardanelles, Eureka Valley, Baker, Deadman, Fence Creek and Pigeon Flat campgrounds also are open.

The Summit Ranger Station at Pinecrest is open seven days a week and will have the latest information on roads and campgrounds as snow melts in the higher elevations.

In the Mi-Wok Ranger district, Frazier Flat Campground, Hacienda Campground and the Riverside Picnic Area are open.

In the Highway 4 area, the Calaveras Ranger District reports Highway 4 is still closed by snow at the Mt. Reba turnoff. Boards Crossing and Sour Grass campgrounds are the only two open. Due to heavy snowdrifts, the Love Creek site is open for day use only.

The Groveland Ranger District reports all campgrounds are open.

Great Poem

While riding on my motorbike
Ruth rode in back of me
I hit a bump at 93
and rode on Ruthlessly.

High water warning

by Judy Craddock

Stanislaus National Forest officials expect a heavy influx of people to the mountain recreational areas this year. They also predict dangerously high water levels in the rivers and streams because of the deep snowpack.

Forest Supervisor Blaine L. Cornell warns, "Many stream crossings are hazardous. People who camp, fish, swim or hike near streams should be aware of the danger the high water poses to the unwary."

Cornell also advised parents to keep close watch on their children and anglers to use extreme caution

when moving along river banks.


He concluded that the snowfall in the Sierra contains the third highest water content on record. Therefore, as the snow melts, rivers and streams may become extremely dangerous.

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Warning about dog abuse

by Judy Craddock

While walking in the college parking lot recently I heard a sound coming from a near-by car. I hope never to hear that sound again.

A dog was barking and crying hoarsely in a plea to be let out. It was a beautiful day...warm and sunshine-filled...except for the sound of that poor, defenseless animal trapped in his master's car.

As I looked into the vehicle, I could see him jumping from seat to seat, his eyes pleading for help. He was panting; his bark was becoming increasingly hoarse. I could still hear him as I was walking near the Forum.

My first reaction was to wonder how anyone could be so cruel as to lock his pet in that stiflingly hot car. Then I began to hope perhaps that person was unaware of the seriousness of his actions. I decided to do some research for the Mountain Times in hopes that students would think twice before subjecting their pets to the extreme dangers of the condition known as heat stroke or hyperpyrexia.

This condition results from placing an animal in an environment where the temperature is higher than the normal body temperature, causing the body temperature to rise above the level at which normal body

function can be maintained. Unfortunately, on a sunny day a car becomes a death trap for animals. The heat becomes extreme with the sun's rays permeating the metal and glass, creating an oven-like atmosphere.

Although opening a window does help to some extent, it takes very little sun to create heat which will result in permanent cellular damage. Certain other factors increase this risk; the lack of drinking water, nylon or leather seat covers and an increase in the animal's metabolic process if he has recently eaten. Puppies are extremely susceptible to this problem.

Perhaps one should consider the symptoms of animal heat stroke. Cellular damage may not be evident until hours or even days later, but it will become apparent by weakness, (the dog may even become comatose); the mucous membranes will become pale with a grayish tint; the skin will be warm and dry; and the dog may experience loose, sometimes bloody stools. He may be unable to urinate.

Needless to say, prognosis is poor for animals displaying these symptoms.

Clearly then, it is up to the owner who cares for his pet to avoid placing him in this dangerously helpless situation. Surely, there are safer alternatives to bringing an animal to the college. If not, then I question the humaneness of a student "owning" a pet at all.



Veteran's Corner

by Michael Putnam

This is mostly a warning and reminder that the Veteran's Administration (VA) is more than ever strictly enforcing policies concerning the G.I. Bill.

Fortunately, there are few who try to "take the government" by going to school just to get their benefits. Those who retain this philosophy are only cheating themselves of valuable education and risk termination of G.I. benefits.

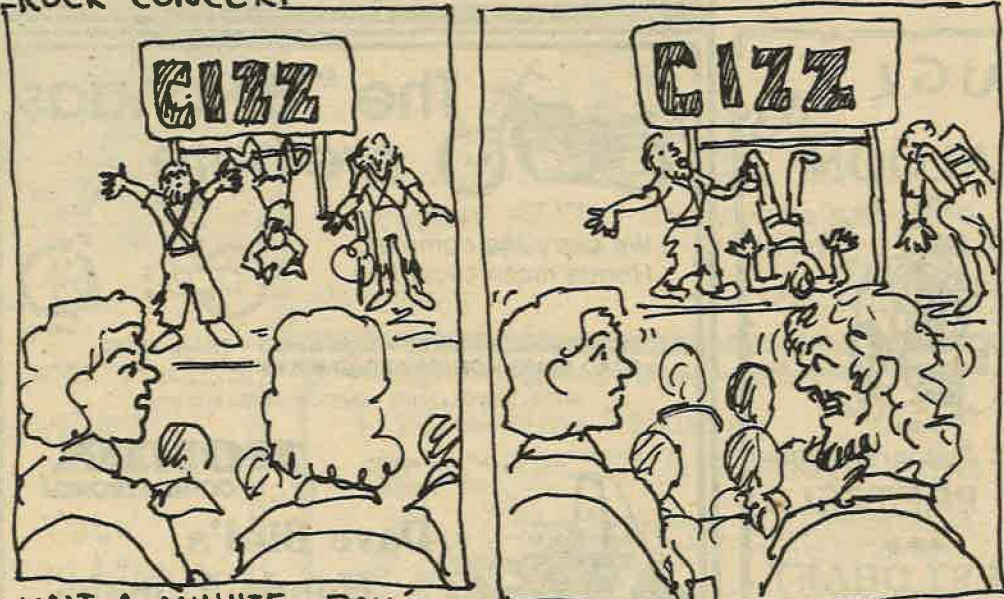
Keep up on what the VA is doing. It concerns your welfare and livelihood. Look in coming issues for comments on some of the changes that are being initiated by the VA.

Job workshop ends today

A Job Search Workshop began yesterday (Wednesday) and continues today (Thursday) at Columbia College.

The workshop provides information on how to locate and obtain employment. Today's final session is scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. at the Career Center.

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WAIT A MINUTE, DON'T THEY HAVE ANY INSTRUMENTS?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? YOU ACT LIKE MUSIC IS IMPORTANT OR SOMETHING!

By R.C. Jreaway

Army Corps hears Stanislaus input

The Army Corps of Engineers has held four public hearings to see if they should mitigate the loss of the whitewater stretch that would be lost if New Melones Dam is unnecessarily filled to capacity.

The people at the largest and latest hearing, which was held in Placerville on May 17, soundly re-stated the message the Corps has consistently received: 1) There can be no mitigation of the loss of the Stanislaus, 2) The reservoir should not be filled above Parrotts Ferry and 3) The

river stretches the Corps has suggested for mitigation sites are already overloaded and cannot

accept increased use without further deteriorating their quality.

The Corps hears what it wants to hear: people saying that they need not spend any money mitigating the loss of the whitewater. What they do not seem to be hearing is the real message succinctly stated by one woman at the Placerville hearing: "You cannot mitigate the loss of the whitewater stretch above Parrotts Ferry. Go away, Army Corps, we do not want your kiss of death."

The Corps is still receiving public input in the form of letters. Their address is Army Corps, Sacramento Dist./650 Capitol Mall, Rm. 5400/Sacramento, Ca. 95814/Attn: Envir. Planning Section.

Calendar

THROUGH JUNE 2

Student Art Show in the Rotunda.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Job Search Workshop, noon to 1 p.m. in Career Center.

MONDAY, MAY 29

Holiday. No school.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

Film: "Crazy Quilt," 7 p.m. in room 300; admission free.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

Drama: "Mad Woman of Chaillot," 8 p.m. performances Wednesday through Saturday in the Forum; 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee in the Forum; admission free.

Audubon Society organizational meeting, 6:45 p.m. in room 350.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

Carson-Iceburg Wilderness area informational meeting, 8 p.m. in room 300.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Twain Harte Festival including Sierra Singers and Mountaineers at Twain Harte School.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

Faculty Art Show and natural history exhibit in Rotunda (continues through June 21).

Registration for Summer Session begins (continues through June 28).

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Film: "Chinatown," 7 p.m. in room 300; admission free.

Primary Election.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 9 & 10

Reader's Theatre production, 8 p.m. in Forum; admission free.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

Last day of Spring Quarter.

Graduation ceremony, 6:30 p.m. in Carkeet Park.

MONDAY, JULY 5

Summer session begins (continues through August 3).