



# Claim Jumper

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## Basketball team streaks toward playoffs

By MERV CANCIO and JON MEDINA

The Claim Jumper basketball team, currently ranked fifth in the state among small junior colleges, is gearing up for the playoffs after having won their last seven games in a row.

Since our last issue, the Claim Jumpers have beaten Antelope Valley, West Hills, Porterville, and defending State Champion Merced in a dramatic come-from-behind victory in overtime, 60-56.

Columbia led early in the game as Archie "Ace" Tyson sparked in the opening moments. But the sharp shooting Donnie of Earl and Charles Pitmann's awesome blocks brought the Blue Devil's a 30-25 halftime lead.

In the second half, Tom Hutchison pulled the CJ back to take the lead, then both teams bounced it back and forth with their excellent plays. With five minutes left to play, CJ had some costly turnovers which enabled Merced to take the lead 46-42. But the team regrouped under the coaching of Pete Sullivan and Pat Douglass and put more pressure on the Blue Devils. With Columbia down 52-50 and only seven seconds left, Tyson grabbed the rebound from a missed Blue Devil freethrow and passed to Mark Thorson who shot the ball and missed. But Tyson's determination allowed him to tip the ball in at the buzzer to send the game into overtime with the score tied, 52-52.

With two minutes left in the overtime period, John Edmerson stole the ball and passed to Tyson who was fouled while shooting a lay-up. He buried both free throws to

take the lead 56-54. Following a Blue Devil miss, Thorson was fouled and sank both baskets at the charity line to increase the lead to four. Pitman's bucket then closed the gap to two. Columbia' stall ate up time which forced Merced to foul Edmerson with three seconds left. He iced the game by sinking both free throws.

The victory by Columbia broke the three year domination of Merced, who had not lost a conference game in their last three seasons.

After having won their last seven games and following Wednesday's game against Cuesta College, Columbia enters its Conference Playoffs in second place behind Merced. All of the CJ games will be played at Sonora High, and if Columbia succeeds in emerging victorious over the other teams, it will accompany Merced to the State Championships.

## TCJ needs help

HELP!HELP!HELP!HELP!HELP!HELP!HELP!

The ClaimJumper is in desperate need of people to assist in the production of this newsletter. Especially needed as you can tell from this note--are typists. If you can help at all (even a little bit), please contact Jon Medina in the bookstore as soon as possible. Remember, this is your newsletter, and if it's not as good as you think it should be, only you can change it. Please do.....

## The draft: Should I register?

Many young people are asking themselves the above question these days. Forced by President Carter to either acquiesce to the military or break the law, many young people are outraged by the choices. Possible military service in a foreign war or 5 years in prison or a \$10,000 fine (maximum penalty for refusing to register) are not choices anyone would enjoy being forced to make. However, thousands of 19 and 20-year-olds (men and women) must now make this choice, no matter how difficult.

Why not register? Registration does not necessarily mean you will be drafted. It's a painless process which carries the added bonus of appearing patriotic (my country right or wrong). It's an obligation, many say, which must be met; who else can meet it easier than the young?

Now wait just a minute. Let's start at the very beginning--at the initial question. What is the draft for? It is to coerce people to support a military institution. It is to tell them (certainly not ask) to either kill people whom they have never seen or to actively support those who do. This is the heart of the matter. Are you morally able to kill another human being? At what point do you become capable of this? Where do you draw the line? And, most important of all, are you willing to let a political, military, economic bureaucracy dictate your morals? Let us remember author Robert Heinlen's words: "In terms of morals there is no such thing as 'state'. Just men. Individuals, each responsible for his own acts." Each person must come to the moral decision they are most able to accept and live with, despite outside coercion.

This is the bottom line. Will you support war? If so, then by all means register. And be willing to fight and die for whatever reason the government may be able to use to bolster our economy with another foreign war. But if you can not, in good conscience, support the insanity of killing, maiming, and disrupting the lives of people like yourself, then do not register. Resist by all ways and means you are able to draw upon or utilize.

What if they gave a war and nobody came?

--Roy Tennant



### Uncle Sam wants you

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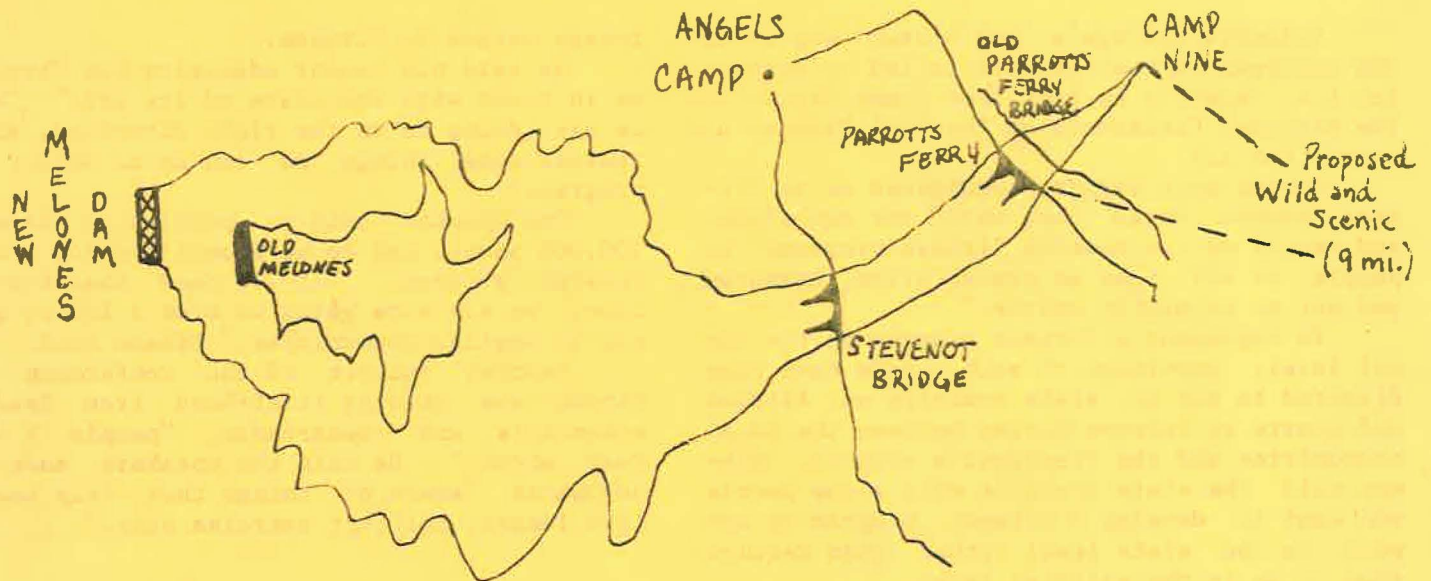
## Platform

The ClaimJumper is the official newsletter of the Associated Student of Columbia College, Columbia, California.

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# The Stanislaus controversy



By DIANE PARRY

Including the North and South forks, the Stanislaus houses 13 dams. The New Melones dam was authorized in 1962, as part of the Central Valley Project, to be built just below the old dam. The new dam's holding capacity (if filled completely) is 22 times that of Old Melones Dam. There is argument on the necessity to fill the dam to its capacity of 2.4 million acre feet, especially when it is realized that a recent Government Accounting Office study concluded that 56% of the Central Valley Project's water is wasted. The State Department of Water Resources has proven that if urban and agricultural users conserved water, 3 million

acre feet could be saved, making the new dam unnecessary. It has been said that filling the reservoir to capacity would "probably" restore the river's salmon runs, give the "low-landers" the water and flood protection they've been expecting and spin the dam generators to their fullest power. Because of these conflicts and many more, Bill H.R. 4223 is now in Congress. It would recognize the Stanislaus as a symbol for water reform and protect as "wild and scenic" the river canyon from Camp Nine down to Parrotts Ferry, a total of nine miles. If you want to get your questions answered on our River--whatever side of the dam you're on--show up Monday in the Forum.

## River slide show Monday

The Stanislaus River is a topic of emotional and economic outcry. WHY? Monday, March 3 in the forum there will be a slide presentation with showings at 4 and 7 p.m. Between shows will be a "potluck" hors d'oeuvres break--bring your favorite! There will be plenty of wildflower and river slides so come and enjoy the pictures. Jeff Nixon's black-and-white prints of the river will be on display and Mark Dubois will be on hand to answer your questions on the situation of the river. Mark is one of the found-

ers of Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC), a volunteer organization that takes disabled and handicapped people down the Stanislaus, cross-country skiing, and backpacking. He has been involved with the river for fifteen years and is also one of the founders of Friends of the River.

This is an open educational, and informative meeting and audience participation is where it's at--so bring your questions. The meeting should last about an hour.

# College prof attends President's Fitness Conference

Columbia College's Bob Gibson was among 300 national fitness leaders called to Washington D.C. recently by President Jimmy Carter for the National Conference on Physical Fitness and Sports for all.

Gibson said Carter "admonished us as fitness leaders to go back into our own states and see if we can develop fitness programs for people of all ages as preventative measures and not as primarily sports."

To implement a fitness program on the local level, governors of each state have been directed to set up state councils on fitness and sports as intermediaries between the local communities and the President's council. Gibson said the state councils will allow people who want to develop a fitness program to appeal to the state level rather than require them to go to the national level.

The conference was called to examine what has been learned about exercise and sports as they affect human health and performance and the practical means of applying that knowledge. Exploring the developing concept of sports for all and focusing public attention on need for improved physical fitness and sports programs also were aims.

Six representatives from each state were invited to participate in the conference "because of demonstrated interest and prestige in physical fitness." Gibson said he felt he was chosen because of his success with the program in the small community which he was called upon to talk about at the conference.

Also a delegate was Leon LaFaille, assistant dean for continuing education at Modesto Junior College, making two of California's six delegates from the Yosemite Community College District.

Gibson has developed a college fitness program at the Columbia Armory that currently involves 200 people in the day and evening program and seven in a Phase IV cardiac rehabilitation program. The fitness program started in the spring of 1977 with a single class aimed at the needs of persons over 40. About 60 people participated. Additional day classes, a twilight class for working people and the cardiac class have been added. Gibson took a sabbatical leave during the 1977-78 school year to study latest techniques and to earn a doc-

torate degree in fitness.

He said his recent education has "brought me in touch with the state of the art." "What we are doing is in the right direction, and I learned some things we can do to better the program."

One speaker said a population base of 100,000 people had to be identified for a successful program. "If we need that kind of base, we are sure going to miss a lot of people in smaller communities," Gibson said.

Another benefit of the conference for Gibson was hearing first-hand from leading scientists and researchers, "people I have read about." He said the speakers made the delegates "aware of things that help people live longer, not just exercise nuts."

## Chemical consciousness

The reactants of life are people and events,  
An ounce of patience and a dab of sense,  
A drop of knowledge in an omnipotent stream,  
Combining to form this real dream.  
A carefully calculated chemical result,  
The process by which none may consult.  
A touch of wisdom and a pound of passion,  
All come together in molecular fashion.  
Superior intellect is dissolved in solution,  
Inducing an effect of non-yielding dilution.

The awakening sound of shattering glass,  
Disrupts the equilibrium of the class.  
The ions move restlessly about,  
Not giving in and not giving out.

Suddenly an explosive sound,  
Is echoed from a nearby mound.  
Beneath the pile of ashes and dust,  
A hand appears with a violent thrust.  
Limpness follows, and then retraction,  
A very peculiar, yet interesting reaction.

--William E. Heyman

# Here today, gone to L.A.

By ROY TENNANT

Mono Lake is the largest lake wholly within the state of California. This one to three million-year-old lake lies just east of Yosemite National Park, flanked by the Sierra Nevada Mountains on the west and the White Mountains on the east. It is the site of the largest California Gull colony in the world. It is extremely important to migrating shore birds. And it is dying.

The secret of Mono's popularity with Mono Lake is twice as saline and six times as alkaline as the ocean. While too chemically potent to sustain fish life, the lake abounds with other organisms. Microscopic called phytoplankton provide nourishment for the vast numbers of brine shrimp and brine flies upon which Mono's bird life depends.

In 1941 the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power began diverting 55,000 acre feet of water per year from the Mono Lake Basin. These diversions of the fresh water which keeps Mono Lake alive were doubled to 110,000 acre feet per year in 1970, following completion of a second aqueduct. As a direct result of water diversions, Mono Lake has fallen 35 feet since 1941, and continues to drop at an average rate of almost two feet a year.

Now 15,000 acres of finely textured lake bottom sediment have been exposed to winds which launch them into the upper atmosphere. A land bridge has connected the nesting island used by the gulls to the mainland, allowing predators easy access. In 1979 coyotes crossed this bridge and routed all 38,000 of the nesting gulls. We have yet to see the full consequences of this tragic loss.

If you would like more information on Mono Lake, there is an information packet on reserve in the library. You may check it out for a week and read articles and other information on the situation. If you would like to actively participate, there are currently some bills before both the State and Federal Legislatures which need your support State: A.B. 2235, introduced by Assemblyman Norm Waters (our local representative). Federal: H.R. 6196, introduced by Representative Norman Shumway (our local representative). Write to these congressmen and voice your support for these bills. And spread the word that Mono Lake will literally disappear down a bathroom drain if we don't act now.

## AdsAdsAdsAds

### For Sale

X-country skis with poles  
(Rossignal 208)  
Trade-Used 678-15 Snowtires  
for standard type 533-0303

### For Sale

'65 VW Bus \$800 or best  
offer, call David 533-2250  
after 6 p.m.

### For Sale

1979 Suzuki RM 400. Only four  
months old. Like new with  
some extras. \$1,400.  
532-5324

## Love

Love and a Rose are one.  
Beauty and elegance are emitted within  
the radiance of the morning sun.  
As they blossom with time; Oh,  
how that sweet aroma fills the air. &  
You and I are one.

As I take your rose to my heaven,  
my life becomes timeless.  
My world is the only world.  
This is the meaning of live.  
You and I are me.

While the birds and the bees  
fly with ageless time,  
the resiliency of the petals begins to dull.  
The sweet aroma turns rancid.  
The beauty of the rose is no more.  
Love must not be a possession;  
Love must be sharing

You and I are two.

But, alas, there are other  
roses in the same bush.  
A fresh new bud emerges with the morning dew.  
As I learn from my mistakes,  
I attain new faith.  
Will you give me another chance?  
You and I.

--Hurkbrown

## Informed involvement

To become involved in student government is to become informed. As Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, I've become aware of the many things happening in California education. The most important of these right now is Jarvis II. If you are unaware of the full impact of this bill, I urge you to seek out information now. California voters will be deciding what direction education will take with this bill, and you will feel the effect.

--Danette Morrell

## Organic Gardening is alive and growing

By LAURA TAYLOR

Spring isn't far away and now is the time to decide what and where to plant vegetables as well as herbs and fruit in one's garden. It is important for future as well as present gardeners to be aware of all the aspects of Organic Gardening.

Basically, organic gardening is a method of gardening using ingredients which will decompose and continue in a natural cycle which aids and improves the environment. Therefore organic gardening requires one to boycott the use of inorganic pesticides. It is a method of gardening for those who are conscientious about the environment.

Organic gardening consist of using organic fertilizers such as manure, wood ash, and compse. Fir pest control and gardening a gardener uses onion and garlic spray with soap or wood ash, as well as other methods such as companion planting.

It is extremely gratifying to work in cooperation with nature and in return receive the fruits of one's labor whether it be snow peas in winter, strawberries, watermelon or a variety of other delicious and nutritious foods.

## "Teacher Features"

What infamous Columbia College professor recently made a guest appearance on NBC's "Saturday Night Live?"



--Currently accepting "Teacher Features"