Memorial Day Special



On-campus child-care is not likely here at Columbia

by Susan Shimmon

The number one question for mothers (and sometimes fathers) who decide to attend school is: "Who will care for my pre-school child?"

If mothers and fathers decide to attend Columbia College, they are encouraged to find the answer off campus.

Husbands, wives, grandparents, friends, day care co-ops and centers, preschools and babysitters are some of the possible soultions.

Another alternative, that can be seen in practice here, is trading child-care on campus. Two or more adults take turns going to class, then watching the kids. Some parents actually bring their children to class with them. Others have older children care for younger ones. One school official described these practices as, "a headache for us."

Seventy percent of California community colleges provide child-care development facilities on campus. This is convenient for parents and children. It gives the children "their own space", while reserving the remainder of the campus for college level activities.

Child care and development centers can also serve as laboratories for education and child development courses. Parenting courses can also be a part of such programs.

Columbia's sister school, Modesto Junior College, opened a day care center last fall after many years of hard organizational work. It has served 110 families with two-and-one-half to five-year-olds so far. It is open from 7:30 -4:00 and learning activities are included in the care children receive.

M.J.C. also has a child-development center run by the Home Economics Department. It offers child development labs, a parent co-op, two parent-toddler classes, and a parent-infant class. All parents are requested to attend a two-hour evening parent education class twice a month.

The Claim Jumper survey on day-care needs yielded only one response. This would seem to indicate a lack of student interest.

Prospects for a child care facility have not improved over the past few years. Community College funding is being cut. As Dean Becker put it, "We are in a cut-back mode and it is difficult to speak of adding new programs."

There is one hopeful note. A newly published booklet entitled, California Community Colleges: Guidelines for

Comprehensive Child Development Instruction and Services Programs, was recently received by both President Cunningham and Dean Becker.

It was researched and written by a task force of college child development personnel appointed by Chancellor Gerald Hayward.

In the introduction it discusses the fact that, "growing community needs for child centers means more teachers need to be trained in child development." Also that, (child care courses should be offered) while the enrollment of full time 18-24 year-old students has decreased in community colleges, the enrollment of older, part-time students has increased. Thirty-two percent of the community college population has one or more dependents and more than hald (16%) of all students

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Memorial Day honors America's war dead

by Phil Gross

Memorial Day, May 30th, is the day to honor those men and women who died fighting in our country's military.

Named in 1868 by Major General John A. Logan, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a civil war veterans organization, as a day to pay homage to Union soldiers killed in action, May 30th has been a holiday for 115 years. Although in the South different states have different Memorial days for different reasons.

Some of the Southern States set aside

April 26th as Confederate Memorial Day, while others use June 3rd, Jefferson Davis' birthday, and still others May 10th.

Since the day is now to include soliders killed in the Spanish-American War, World War I and II, the Korean War, and the war in Vietnam, all states observe'May 30th in addition to those celebrated at other times.

Americans usually take to the highways on Memorial Day and this year should be no different. Local campgrounds are almost always full on the long holiday

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Editorial — Campus walks provide beauty and insight

by Phil Gross

It's not enough that Columbia College enriches our minds and our senses, it must also enrich our spirits.

Spread over an undulating 252 acres of 1850 gold fields, our campus rivals any other in California for pure beauty. One need only run the Parcourse, on its tree-lined continuum, to see the variations in terrain, vegetation, and animal life that abound here on campus. Too often we see only the insides of the classrooms and a sea of familiar and unfamiliar faces as we move between those classes.

Now that the weather has become more agreeable to "fair weather" walkers it would behoove each of us to take the time to open our eyes to the beauty around us.

The "Nature Trail" at the extreme north edge of the campus is an educationally and historically informative look at a part of the whole. Guide books, used in conjunction with trailside markers, are available from the "bird house in front of

the Forestry and Natural Resources Center. The guide books identify flora, geologic formations, and historic landmarks

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to make the walk informative and simultaneously interesting.

The Parcourse path makes a huge circle around the campus. Studded with exercise

"stations", the track, though not flat, is level in most spots and, if one watches for joggers, is a relatively safe and sane way to see the natural and sometimes stunning sights lurking just over a hill from the heavily travelled footpaths that interconnect the classroom buildings.

People seeking even deeper solace from the ''classroom crowds'' should head out to the undeveloped south-west side of the campus. There, grassy clearings cap the rolling hills too provide idyllic thrones from which to view the surrounding countryside. The area is criss-crossed with fire breaks and maintenance roads, so the possibility of avoiding a chance encounter with a poison oak bush is enhanced.

Closer to the mainstream of things is the Mi-Wok Cultural Center. The center is located near the entrance to the first level parking lot. Reproductions of Mi-Wok buildings are historically accurate and a cool spot to stop on a summer outing. A better understanding of the cultural heritage of this part of the county can only enrich one's appreciation of what our county has been in the past.

This college has much more to offer than just a classroom education. It would be hard to prowl the outer reaches of what is available to us and not feel that we have become better people for it, not just smarter.

Apathy winning

by Naomi Lowe

President Cunningham held a student forum meeting on Tuesday, May 17, at noon in room 103.

As usual attendance was light. Twelve students showed up and the President seemed happy to have such a large group. He made the statement that at one Student Forum Meeting only one student showed up so he cancelled the meeting and took the student to lunch. We were'nt quite so lucky.

The notice of the President's meeting was printed in the College Weekly Bulletin of May 16, and was buried among other notices.

In my morning class, previous to the meeting, my instructor announced the upcoming meeting and where it would be held. The Weekly Bulletin was also recognized. Out of 25 students in the class only two had read the bulletin and the notice of the meeting. The rest of the class had not read the bulletin, and most of them didn't know what it was or where to find it.

Out of the 12 students present at the meeting, six were from one class that got the announcement.

Is this student apathy? I think not. Apathy is not the only culprit on campus. LACK OF COMMUNICATION, in my opinion, is the most detrimental offense at this college.

Do you agree, or do you disagree? What do you think? How about some in-put from students, staff and administration by way of your college newspaper with a letter to the editor. We can only communicate with you if you read and respond.

The Claim Jumper solicits guest editorials from any Columbia student, staff person, or member of the community, as stated in our policy box.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Spring quarter will be over in four weeks, and another school year will have passed by. Through hard work and perseverance, some students will graduate. After the graduation ceremony, the summer lull begins. Summer is a time for relaxation after finishing the school year. However, some of us students must work to save money for the coming fall, for rent, escalating food prices, and of course, the upcoming registration fee of one hundred dollars for the coming term.

Although our traditional apathy at Columbia College has remained up-to-par (ie. lack of boisterous protest for the fee hike), our attitude will change. The administration and faculty members should prepare for the coming "backlash".

Since we wil be paying the outrageous fees from our own backpocket, from our own hard-earned, cold cash, we will expect a higher level of performance from the faculty and greater service to accommodate our needs from the administration. We will no longer tolerate teachers who are complacent, mediocre and incompetent.

More often than not, students persecute each other for the lack of intellectual activities on campus. Indeed, we are responsible for our own action or inactivity. But since we are the growing trees nourished by the sunlight and water from the teachers, it is logical to deduce that we are not getting enough nourishment. It is time to break the semi-permeable barrier between students and faculty.

Now is the time for the faculty to move out of the woodwork; it is certainly not a crime for teachers to initiate activities. Some teachers succomb to students' asinine excuses, thus carelessly diluting the curriculm into a consistency of mushy jello ("there is too much work of so few units", "there is too much assigned work to properly comprehend the materials"); we say "Bah, Hambug!". Surely, the students at Columbia are not the brighest lot of people, but Gov. Deukmejian inadvertantly pressed one of our motivation buttons. We will rise to the occasion. A diconditional intellectual athmosphere is in order. We want teachers to challenge our minds and vice versa.

Mery Cancio

Dear Editor:

As a "concerned student" attending Columbia, I feel it is my duty to respond to some negative thoughts currently circulating, regarding students on our campus.

Our college is supposedly proud of the fact that there is a very diverse student body on campus - all individuals with separate goals and differing ideas. Many people would argue that education doesn't end when a person leaves class, but continues with all contact with fellow students. Individualism should, and does, contribute to the quality of education received at Columbia.

Some student leaders are too quick to interpret individualism as apathy, forgetting that students work, have families, or are retired, meaning other obligations for students to fulfill.

It appears student leaders have overlooked, or forgotten, that they are chosen by other students to represent general student opinion here at Columbia. I do not feel it is my job to have to "put a little heat" under our A.S.B. officials. They ran for office because they felt they were qualified to represent, as spokespersons, the common good of all students. Student leaders should be able to recognize the impact tuition will have upon people's education and should be able to act with reasonable certainty that students are against tuition.

If a student official is not sure of students' opinions could not that official ask some students on campus?

How can Mr. Starkweather expect students to get "concerned" when the A.S.B. appears to make no effort to get our and get to know fellow students?

The apathy that was evident in Starkweather's letter was no more honorable than the apathy students have about running for office. What a wonderful insight Tex was able to give us.

Terry Sciaroni

Dear Editor:

I think that is is very hypocritical of you to ignore the basketball and tennis teams in the **Claim Jumper**. How can you justify writing editorials condemning student apathy while ignoring the rolls that both of these teams play in generating school spirit?

The excuse that you don't have any "jocks" on your staff doesn't wash. It is the editor's job to insure that all aspects of school activities are properly covered in your publication.

Do youthink that the students who participate in team sports do it only for their own benefit? I don't think so. They not only do it for that reason, but also because they care that Columbia is competitive with other schools in and out of the conference.

In the future you should put aside your own biases and practice what you preachthe support of your schoool, win or lose.

An athletic supporter

The President's Corner

My congratulations to the A.S.B. for their organization of the draw for the Delta Blood Bank. Forty-four persons donated. Tom Reynolds deserves a special well done for all his work on this project. Such public spirited projects reflect favorably upon Columbia College and upon the A.S.B. in particular.

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Without students, activities continue in summer

by Virginia Crawford

What happens on the Columbia College campus when classes are not in session? Is everything shut down? What about security? Can we use the courts? What about classrooms for meetings, or the use of the Gym?

The answeres to these questions were answered by the college management.

President Dean Cunningham explained that the classrooms, tennis courts, and Carkeet Park are always available to the community at no cost except where maintenance charges are applicable.

Cunningham said, "The grounds personnel and maintenance crew are working on campus all year and will be doing all of the things that can't be done when classes are in session. All of the extra maintenance, any necessary recarpeting, painting, carpet shampooing, or additions are done then."

The Gym, however, is not available to the community because of the liability factor where there is so much heavy equipment such as that used for weight lifting.

Jeff Wolf, a second-year student working under Coordinator Ron Erickson in the Hospitality Management Program, said, "This year both the Cellar and the Fast Food section will be closed after June 30."

The Manzanita Bookstore will be closed from June 30 until the fall classes begin.

Paul Becker, Dean of Student Services said, "There is no increase in vandalism in the summer. Potential fire caused by careless campers is the most dangerous threat, but the Fire Students increase patrol of 252 acres and periodically check the area for fires during the day and evening."

Fire Chief Terry Smith spoke glowingly of their program, the eight paid firefighters and the four volunteer resident firefighters who are enrolled at any one time. Smith said, "When I came up here, my goal was to produce a program without peer. There's not another program like it on the West Coast! It's a rare opportunity for these young men."

Smith said that all of the young men enrolled in the program are carrying 10 to 20 units and praised them for their program excellence. "Besides their many duties here," Smith said, "we run a lot of mutual-aid calls during the summer. This gives the student firemen an opportunity to function in command roles."

Art Busalacchi, Lead Safety Person,

ally this summer I'm hoping to completely rearrange the library furniture in order to achieve two goals: one, provide better access for the handicapped people; and two, create a quiet study corner in the Library."

Steuben explained that the phones and typewriters - the noisy items - had already been moved to one section away form where the planned study area will be.

On Steuben's desk was a floor plan of the Library, and he was using scale-sized cutouts to devise a workable plan for the rearrangement of the library sections. "It

Library floorplan changes

"A", Main entrance

"B", Quiet study area

Many changes are being made, for example: "C", Reference, will be placed at "D", etc.

said, "Year-round security is provided, and there will be no changes when the June 30 classes are finished."

College Librarian Larry Steuben answered the question about what will happen during the summer by saying, "In August we will be closed. During July we do all the boring things that we don't have time to do the rest of the year. Addition-

will be an awesome task," Steuben said, "creating a plan and moving 30,000 volumes which must be kept in order and still leave 36-inch aisles."

The task is compounded by having to arrange straight furniture and bookcases in a curved building. Although the plans will not be completed before about mid June,

Steuben said, "The actual moving of all these volumes promises to be a terrible job, and we could use some help. If there are any budding interior designers or "moving-persons-in-training" who would like to make a substantial contribution, we would very much appreciate the help."

For those who would be willing to help in this effort, please see Larry in the Library of leave your name and phone number with a Library staff member. "Anyone helping us will be covered by Workmen's Compensation," said Steuben.



Clare Fisher to join jazz choir in year's grand finale concerts

by A. Vinci

Grammy Award winner Clare Fischer will be the featured guest artist of the Columbia College Jazz Choir, directed by Rod Harris, for their grand finale performance of the year's concert series June 7 and 8 in Carkeet Park.

Along with Clare, percussionists Joe Caploe, and Leo Rosales will be performing. There is also a possibility that saxophone favorite Cornelius Bumpus will make a special guest appearance.

Clare is best known for his superb natural talent of composing and arranging music. He has been nominated for Grammy Awards the past three consecutive years and in 1981 won a grammy for his hit son *Guajira Pa'la Java*, which is in the Jazz Choir's regular repertoire. Dur-

ing this concert series six compositions from the award winning album, *Clare Ficsher*, *Salsa Picante*, 2 plus 2," on Pausa Records, will be featured.

Clare made his big break in the 1920's when he composed and arranged an album for Dizzy Gillespie. His carreer accelerated and as he became more and more in demand as a composer and arranger he expanded into television and motion pictures.

Currently Clare has been recording on Discovery Records and touring Mexico annually with his eight piece Latin jazz band, Salsa Picante, which is accurately named for its dynamic musical energy. Its Latin jazz technique has more of a resemblance to classical music than pop.

Clare composes and arranges music for electric piano, guitar, bass, woodwinds,

flutes and voice. "He's one of the greatest living composers and arrangers," said Rod Harris.

This will be the last performance of the Jazz Choir in which all of the current singers will be performing together. Some of them will be going on to four year colleges and other will be moving from the area.

The Choir has added new material to its repertroire and recently won the first place trophy at the Pierce College Jazz Choir Competition in Los Angeles. They are an outstanding choir and most of their concerts are sellouts.

The concerts will be emphasizing Latin jazz and percussive music. Tickets are on sale at the Manzinita Bookstore on campus, and at Charlie's Washington Books, for \$5.

Student art show winners announced

A watercolor titled *In the Forest* by Virginia Tonetti of Murphys was judged the best of show entry in the 1983 Columbia Collge student art show.

More than 200 art and photography entries were submitted by 101 student exhibitors for the annual show now on display in the college Rotunda.

The echibit is open for public viewing Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Rotunda will be closed on May 27, 28, 30 and Sundays. The exhibit will continue until Friday, June 3.

Photography entries were judged by Robert Gauvreau, photography instructor at Modest Junior College. Judging the other entries were Joe Hysong and Robert Nelson, current and retired charimen of the Creative Arts Division at Monterey Peninsula College, respectively. Hysong is a ceramicist and sculptor and Nilson is a painter who now makes his home in Sonora.

Completed results of the judging:

Black and White Photography--1. Nancy Siegel of Sonora, 2. Monica Gonzalea of Twain Harte, 3. John D. Schmechel of Sonora, and honorable mentions to Nancy Siegel, Spencer Maxwell of Columbia, William Baxter of sonora, Yvonne Porter of Sonora and John Judge of Columbia.

Color Photography--No awards.

Oils and Acrylics--1. Harold White of Groveland, 2. Marion M. Kolte of Sonora, 3. Jeanne Watts of Twain Harte.

Watercolors-1. Virginia Tonetti, 2. Thelma Williams of Groveland, 3. Sidney

Bailey of Arnold, and honorable mention to Jean Feathers of Arnold and Pauline Atkins of Jamestown.

Mixed Media and Graphics-1. Michele A. Allen of Twain Harte for a linoleum cut, 2. Nancy Lyons of Murphys for a silkscreen with pen and ink, 3. Nancy Lyons for a pen and ink.

Sculpture--1. Sifu Berchtold of Twain Harte, 2. Rick Lawrence of Angels Camp, 3. Paul Waite of Sonora.

Ceramics and Pottery--1. Kim Tracy of Columbia, 2. Sifu Berchtold, 3. Kim Tracy.

Textiles--1. Sally Tyler of Sonora for a patchwork vest, 2. Shirley Odell fo Mi-Wuk Village for a lined and covered sewing basket, 3. LaVerne Flores of Tuolumne for a trapunto pillow.

Weaving--1. Virginia Tindall of Coulterville for a hand-dyed stole, 2. Doris Hurt of Twain Harte for a shawl, 3. Cecile Burfeind of Coulterville for place mats and honorable mention to Nancy Lyons for tapestry sampler.

Natural Fiber Basketry--1. Iola Macy of Sonora, 2. Verna Baker of Sonora, 3. Gertrude Sherwin of Sonora and honorable mention to Iola Macy.

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The punishment of the liar is that he cannot believe anyone else.

Being disabled is no handicap at Columbia

by Naomi Lowe

Tucked away on the bottom floor of the Learning Resources building is the center for Disabled Student Services and the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services.

This little known center, next to the Book Store, is a beehive of activity. Director Paul Lockman with his crew of five, manages the many activities and dispenses the services in a pleasant and orderly fashion.

Patricia Harrelson is the learning disability specialist. Paula Maurcere is program assistant and coordinates all the services for the students. Floyd Hopper, center counselor, is available for personal counseling and advisement. Justine Mitrovich is an instructional aid for the learning disability program and Sue Cote as secretary keeps everything organized.

The disabled student program offers services to students with physical, communication or learning disabilities. This service enables the disabled citizens of our community to partake of the many programs offered at Columbia.

Support services available are, personal, vocational and academic counseling; registration assistance; special orientation; mobility assistance; disabled student parking; on-campus transportation; on-campus loaner wheelchairs; interpreters; reader service; tutoring; note takers; adaptive a learning disability program.

The learning disablility program provides services to students with exceptional learning needs. A student is assessed for his or her academic strengths and deficiences and an individualized educational program is arranged for his or her particular learning problems. Remedial instruction and tutoring may be given on a oneto-one basis.

The purpose of the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services is to encourage the enrollment of students who have an economic, social or educational disadvantage. E.O.P.S. assists qualified students with financial assistance and services necessary for a successful education at Columbia. The financial aid is acquired from a special state fund for this purpose.

Services available under the E.O.P.S. program are admission, peer, financial and student placement assistance. The program also offers peer tutoring, workshops, recruitment, goals and objectives and assistance in transferring to four year colleges and universities.

Lockman said there are approximately 120-130 disabled students each quarter on Columbia's campus and they range in age from 17 to 70 plus. Approximatyely 35 of these are in Dr. Gibson's cardiac therapy program and another 35 in Josh Gigelow's adaptive physical education class.

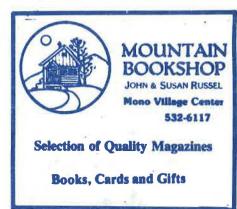
When asked the inevitable questions

physical education; special equipment and concerning the inoperative ramp and elevator, Lockman exasperatingly replied, "I can't help it! According to Section 504 of the National Rehabilitation Act of 1973, any institution receiving federal funds has to be accessable for disabled students."

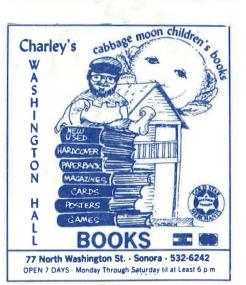
When asked how many have actually used the ramp, he replied, "I don't know, but do the architectural barriers have to be justified by numbers? If these changes enable one student to fulfill his or her educational goals, I feel they are justified. We people tend to forget that at some point in our life we are disabled, through illness, accident or age."

The elevator has recently been activated and is now in use for the disabled students only. When a disabled student comes on campus, at the beginning of the day, the center issues that student a key to the elevator. At the end of the day the key is returned to the center.

Lockman said the center supplies support services not only for disabled students but also for instructors and he feels it is a necessary service for the community.







A DREAM TO BE SEEN

It was summer time and getting dark as I sat in the backyard watching the stars. I wondered what it would be like to be on a star looking down on earth. Then out of nowhere a falling star fell in front of me.

It glowed like gold. I was afraid to touch it, but when I did it inflated like a balloon and began to rise. My hand seemed to stick to it as I rose with the balloon. As I looked down, my house began to get smaller. I tried to yell but I was afraid. As I lifted higher into space, I pondered a pegasus flying across the stars with me aboard its back, but the vision vanished.

The sky looked like many Pac-Man games passing through. Then a unicorn appeared and came running towards me. I suddenly froze. For some dumb reason I let go of the inflated star and started falling.

Suddenly I stopped falling, but was flying towards earth. I had somehow fallen upon a beautiful Greek centaur. As we flew on towards earth, the centaur spoke to me in a low voice, "Some things have to be believed to be seen."

Then, like a dream, I was back upon my blanket and Mom called me in for dinner. The next day, while at school, we had to write a composition called "My Space Trip" and I wrote about all that had happened to me, and the miracles I had seen. Then I looked out the class window. I saw all my frineds I had seen in space flying by the sun as I said to myself, "Some things have to be believed to be seen."

Jessica Van Pelt age 12

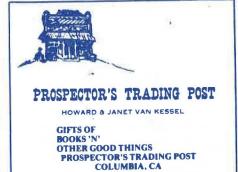


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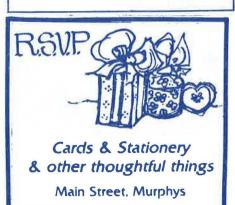
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WETTEST YEAR OF THE CENTURY RECORDED ON THE STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST--A new precipitation record was set this year on the Stanislaus National Forest, making 1982-83 the Forest's wettest year of the century.

Between July 1, 1982 and May 1 this year, 80.75 inches of rain and snowfall occurred on the Forest, surpassing the old record of 73.09 inches set in 1968-69. A precipitation year runs from July 1 to June 30.

An extremely wet year also has brought a record snowpack to the Forest. Snow depth and water content above 6,500 feet is about two-and-a-half times normal, Frazier said. In addition, the snowpack will be slow to melt due to a cold, wet April.

Lingering snow will disappoint backpackers planning an early summer hike into the Emigrant Wilderness. Many popular backcounty areas above 9,000 feet will have snow into August. Trailhead openings at Bell Meadow, Crabtree and Gianelli Cabin will probably be delayed until at least early July.

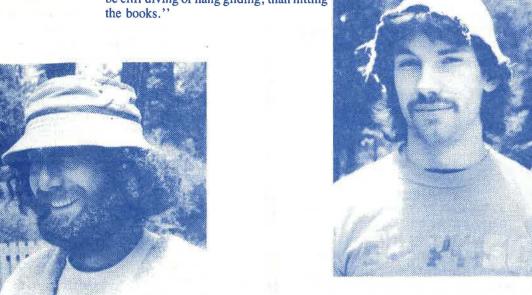
Record spring runoff will increase river and stream speed, depth and lower water temperatures to dangerous levels. Hikers should be careful when traveling near stream and river banks.

Tomato and petunia plants and some house plants will be available for purchase in a greenhouse sale set by the campus biology department for Wednesday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the biology building. Proceeds of the sale will help support the greenhouse operation.



Campus Comments:

Tom (Tex) Starkweather: Major Math, "Yes, it's affected my attitude, I'd rather be cliff diving or hang gliding, than hitting the books."



What effect has the spring weather had on your attendance and concentration in school?

by Patti Martin

With the weather taking a favorable turn towards the better, it makes it hard to come to class, much less concentrate on studies. While the rain and various storms that have stayed with nus during the past few weeks have kept us inside, the staff wondered about the attitudes of students on the subject.

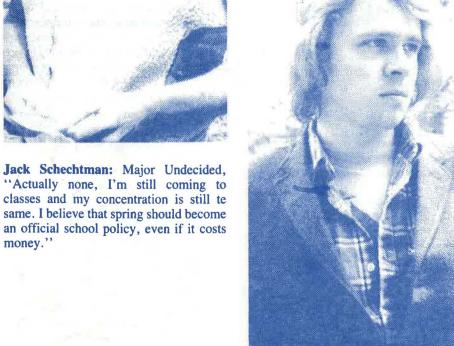
Julie Johnson: Major Animal Science, "When it is nice I'd rather not be here, but I still come to my classes.





"Actually none, I'm still coming to classes and my concentration is still te same. I believe that spring should become an official school policy, even if it costs money."

Photos:



Roy Swanson: Major Unclassified, by Phil Gross "Good weather makes me want to get out of bed and do things, but not want to come to class.'



Karen Davis: Major Business, "The weather hasn't affected my attendance, but I'm ready for scholl to be out."



Christy Fox: Major Business, "I always feel more energetic in the spring, it makes it better for me."



John Ratzlaff: Major Unclassified, "I've dropped a couple of classes because the good weather gives me alergies, the

Bruce Meissner: Major General Ed., "It makes me feel carefree and I enjoy the sunny weather, and it's hard to do homework with the sun shining. I have dropped a couple of classes."

Newly elected Student Body President Paul Burger.



Vice-president Jon Staub vows to work with Burger to get things done.

83-84 Student body officers are elected

by Jennifer Hamm

The votes are in! The new A.S.B. officers for the 1983-84 academic year are...May I have the envelope please? The winners are: President--Paul Burger, Jon Staub Vice-President, and Secretary Judy McCullough.

Burger is interested in a Political Science Major, he feels Presidency of A.S.B., would be good experience in that field. When Burger was asked how he plans to involve the student body he replied, "Send a questionaire around and find out whats on the students' minds."

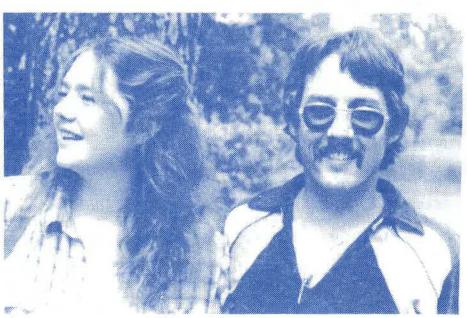
Burger also stated, "I'm willing to get out and do what's necessary to bring about more student activity."

Staub, the new vice-president, stated, "I will work closely with the President, to endeavor to unite the students."

Secretary, Judy McCullough, added, "I believe I could be of more help to the student body and officers by being an officer myself".



Judy McCullough, Student Body Secretary, sees her new job as more than administrative.



Brett Wester, with wife Andy, ran a hard but losing fight for student body presidency.

REPORT ON HEALTH

Poison Oak can be touchy subject

by A. Vinci

It's spring time! People are getting outdoors to enjoy the good weather, insects are returning from their dormant slumber, and poison oak is growing plentifully.

Poison oak is closely related to poison ivy. Both are of the Sumac or Cashew family, the Latin name being Anacardiaceae. Both have similar leaf formationa, producing varying degrees of skin irrations when one comes in contact with it.

According to the Americana Encyclopedia, the leaves, which grow in groups of three, are oval shaped. They contain a colorless toxin, which is distributed throughout the plant in the resin canals. Only the pollen is non-toxin. Poison oak is toxic all year and can grow up to 8 ft. in height. In the spring it produces greenish flowers and white berries, and during the fall the leaves changes to a reddish orange.

Some people are more sensitive to poison oak than others. A mild dermatitis may manifest itself with a rash and reddened itchy skin. More severe cases can result in blisters that excrete serum. The dermatitis is contagious through contact with the plant, or with someone who has any resin on the skin. Reinfection may occur from clothing, insects who have been in contact with the plant, and pets. Contrary to popular belief, one cannot catch poison oak (as the rash is commonly called) from the air. The exception is that when it is burnt the toxins are carried in the smoke in the form of dust and ash particles. One who burns poison oak will not necessarily have the last laugh.

Avoidance is the best preventive action, but if one should contact poison oak medicines such as hydrocortisone and ziradryl, bought at any drugstore, may be used topically on mild cases, but more serious cases should be referred to a physician.

Interferon can be help or a hindrance

by Richard Anderson

Interferon has made a lot of news recently. The latest comes from the New England Journal of Medicine that it helps to combat a rare form of skin cancer caused by AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome).

All of us hoping that interferon might be able to cure the strange new AIDS epidemic are disappointed to hear it has only a small beneficial effect on the affliction.

Interferon was discovered in 1957 and has had a history of excessive expectations. It is a protein made by cells being attacked by viruses; it combats the viral attack. It therefore offered a cure for viral infections, or even virus-induced cancers.

Previous to 1980, it was astronomically expensive to produce, and research was hindered. Now it is more cheaply produced by genetically engineered bacteria, and research is booming. Some disappointments and some cheer:

- Human interferon protects plants against viral infections (Sci. News Ap. 24, '82, p. 283).
- Some human tumors have been helped by interferon treatment, but most have failed to respond (Sci. News May 8 '82, p. 310).
- Interferon nasal spray is excellent protection against the cold virus (Sci. News Aug. 14 '82, p. 104).

Interferon's drawbacks may include fever, chills and fatigue when used for long periods. Also, interferon experiments in France have been halted to investigate a possible relation to heart attacks (Science, Nov. 19 '82, p. 772).

Jobs look good for the future bacteriologist working to produce pharmaceuticals like interferon. Genetic engineering's a rapidly expanding field, and its founders are becoming millionaires.

I, for one will be a paying customer for nasal spray that stops a cold!

Herpes Drug Cuts Lesions, Sheds Virus

LOS ANGELES—Oral doses of the drug, acyclovir, significantly reduced formation of new lesions, virus shedding, and duration of genital lesions in a group of 48 young adults with first episode genital herpes simplex virus infection.

The double blind study was conducted at the University of California, Los Angeles Medical Center by Dr. Yvonne J. Bryson, associate professor of pediatrics, in collaboration with Maryanne Dillon and Drs. Michael Lovett and Guillermo Acuna. Results were reported recently in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Subjects were randomized and received either placebo or acyclovir (200 milligram dose) five times daily for 10 days, and they were monitored for eight visits to the University Center in Infectious Diseases Clinic and then monthly thereafter for recurrences. Double blind means that neither the investigators nor the subjects knew which subjects received the drug or a placebo pill.

Total duration and severity of clinical symptoms (pain, lymph node swelling, difficulty in urination) were significantly reduced in both men and women in the acyclovir group in three or four days. No toxicity from the drug was observed.

One of the most important observations in the study was the ability of acyclovir to reduce the formation of the new lesions, thus shortening the course of the disease, Dr. Bryson said.

Dean Colli replaces retiring Irv Cobb

In view of the retirement of Irv Cobb, the responsibility for coordination of the work exprience program has been reassigned to Dean Colli. Dean will be getting in touch with instructors to discuss plans for the coming year. Irv Cobb is retiring as a full-time faculty member, he will teach some classes next year on a part-time basis.

Fifty-eight thespians share billing in drama production As You Like It

A musical version of As You Like It, featuring Blue Grass band, Fiddlestix, will be presented in the college amphitheatre in Carkeet Park the first two weekends in June.

The popular Shakespeare comedy will be performed by the College Theatre players for two weekends, Thursday through Sunday nights, June 2 through 5 and June 9 through 12 at 8:30 p.m. A barbecue dinner served in the park will preced each performance from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

"While As You Like It traditionally is set in the timeless, mythical Forest of Arden, in this production, it is the Depression era and the locale has been moved to the American Deep South; first of an aristocratic plantation setting and then to the Appalachian hills," according to director David Purdy.

"We've chosen this time and place in order to make use of Fiddlestix, the much-acclaimed local string band,"Purdy said. "For a long while we've wanted to collaborate with Fiddlestix on some production, so when the prospect of a Shakespeare comedy loomed, we thought it an ideal vehicle for the band. Fortunately, they were able to join us."

Fiddlestix has written original music to Shakespeare's lyrics as well as used numerous well known tunes for scene change music. In the production, members of the Fiddlestix band - Sarah Cambell, Dave Cavanagh, Bob Cole and Chris Stevenson, assisted by occasional Fiddlestix member, Steve LaVine, who plays a 'log' - are seen as musicans to the court of Duke Senior, the banished Duke who is wandering happily in the Forest of Arden.

The story of As You Like It is that of love in its many forms. In the course of the play, four

couples, each representing a particular kind of love, are united in happy matrimony, but not before considerable wandering and wooing transpires.

"It is a happy, romantic tale which we hope will provide a lighthearted evening of fun for the whole family," said assistant director, Ellen Stewart.

The set, designed by Malcolm Thoms with assistance from Ross Aldrich, Patrick Dillon and Mason Mills in its creation, is that of a metal sculpture garden. Thoms said, "It is meant to suggest the 'whimsical' Forest of Arden situated amid a series of platforms to simulate the rolling hills of Appalachia."

Ross Aldrich will illuminate the trees and set with numerous 'fairy' lights wired to the

branches
Diana Newington, aided by Sinder McLeod,
will costume the show; Bronna Phelan will
choreograph and Harry Critchfield will serve as
vocal director.

The cast of 58 actors are drawn form throughout Toulumne and Calaveras counties and include ten local school children.

Featured in the production as Rosalind is Claudia Tonge, local puppeteer. She is wooed by Orlando, played by Arnie Puccinelli, a veteran of numerous college productions. Newcomer Sinder McLeod will perform as Celia, Rosalind's cousin who joins her in her banishment to the Forest of Arden. Here Celia meets and falls makly in love with Oliver, Orlando's brother played by Kent Stevenson.

The two cousins, banished from their plantation court by Celia's father, are accompanied in their flight to the forest by the court fool, Touchstone, played by Van Gordon, long-time local actor. The lusty fool quickly finds an object for his affections in the simple country wench Audrey, played by Susie Hill.

Sonora Elementary School music teacher, Rick Restivo, is cast as Silvius, who is desperately but uselessly in love with the disdainful Phebe, played by Judy Johnson.

Among those also wandering about the

forest are the melancholy Jaques, played by veteran actor Cliff Williams, Adam, manservant to Orlando, played by Joe Tennant, who has been frequently seen in college productions; Corin, the homely shepherd, played by Toulumne County crisis counselor, Chuck Cristensen; and William, Audrey's former lover, played by publican Lee Kauffmann.

Fritz Anderberg, fearured yearly in Tuolumne County as Santa Claus, plays the banished Duke Senior sent to the forest by his greedy brother, Duke Frederick, played by postal employee Fred Worman. Henchmen to Duke Frederick include logger Bill Schiavo as the effeminate LeBeau, and Gary Scheiding as the fearsome wrestler, Charles.

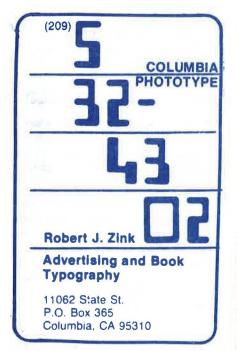
Wedding rites, initially attempted by Sir Oliver Martext, played by college speech instructor, Walt Leineke, are conducted finally en masse by evangelical preacher, Sister Hyman, played by Maryln Fiscus.

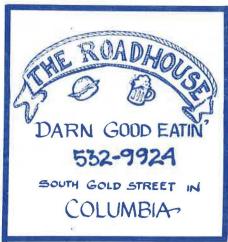
Other in the company include MaryJane Baird, Lucy Boland, Don Cameron, Patrick Dillon, Mimi Eilrich, Cindy Emanuele, Larry Hall, Monica Johnson, Kathleen Karradine, Mona King, Debbie Laney, Alice Mansfield, Cheryl Nelson, Bronna Phelan, Maxine Sibbald, Linda Smith, Ginger Tennant, Pat Tennant, Jennifer Thurman, Richard Vincent, Alison Vinci, Lorraine Vogt, and Kathe Waterbury.

Local children in the cast include Greg Christensen, Sonya Distel, Jenifer Hastings, Sherry Johnson, Becky King, Jenna Laney, Mark Mansfield, Kim MePherson, Trinity Ruffino and Joey Newington.

Contnuing the tradition established with Taming of the Shrew, Fiddler on the Roof, and Oliver, a barbecue dinner will be served before each performance this season: Doug Vanderberg, chef for the Avery Ranch, will prepare the beef brochette or fresh fish repast, complete with salad, desert and beverage.

Tickets for the play and the dinner are now on sale through the Community Services office on campus (533-5139), at Charley's Washington Hall Books and the Mountain Book Store in Sonora; and the Jack Douglass and the St. Charles Saloons in Columbia.





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Sixteen students awarded Cal-grant scholarships

by Susan Shimmon

Sixteen Columbia College students have been awarded Cal-grant A scholar-ships this spring. The grants range from \$250-\$3300.

Beverly Bakkerud, Kathleen Blair, Kathleen Calestini, Alice Cammert, Jennet Cook, Margy Cottriel, Patricia Grace, Dennis Hall, Michael Klauer, Wayde Larson, Lillian Medina, Thomas Pike, Robert Salladay, Richard Stevens, Beth Thomason, and John Vass qualified because of G.P.A.'s of 3.1 or higher and financial need.

Over 800,000 students applied and 14,900 received grants. Sally Dietschak, who is in charge of financial and veterans affairs, said, "This is more than double the number of students from Columbia College who received Cal-grants last year."

Cal-grant A scholarships subsidize private and public four-year school tuition. This encourages students who receive the grants to "aim high" and "choose a school for its courses rather than its costs." The amount of the grant depends on the tuition at the college or university of choice.

Community college students who receive these scholarships may use the money when they enter a tuituon-charging, four-year school. Yearly renewal is common and depends on the student's G.P.A. and need.

Cal-grant scholarships are available in two other catagories. Cal-grant B scholarships are for very needy students who have completed 24 or less quarter units. This grant pays for some living expenses during study at the community college and grows to include tuition for upper division studies. One Columbia College student has received a Cal-grant B this spring.

Cal-grant C scholarships are especially for vocational-technical students and can go as high as \$1950 per year to cover tuition at technical schools. At Columbia College these grants are available, to cover books, supplies, transportation and other related needs, in the amount of \$485.

As the name implies, these grants are funded by the state of California. Applications must by filed by early February of the preceeding year. Part of the application is a general scholarship application which remains on file and is used to apply for other kinds of financial aid. It is not too late to apply for financial aid for the '83-'84 school year! See Sally Dietschak in the Financial Aid Office.

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Memorial

by Susan Shimmon

Bret Harte high school seniors Mendee Baker of Arnolf and Jon Maynes of Altaville were killed Monday morning, May 16, in a head-on car crash on Murphys Grade Road, three miles east of Altaville.

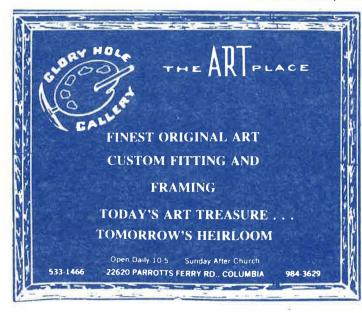
Mendee, 18, was driving her 1970 Volkswagen bug and Jon, also 18, was a passenger. They collided with a 1956 Ford pick-up driven by Barry Fehleman, 22, of Altaville. The collision occurred at 8:10 a.m. as the two students were driving to school.

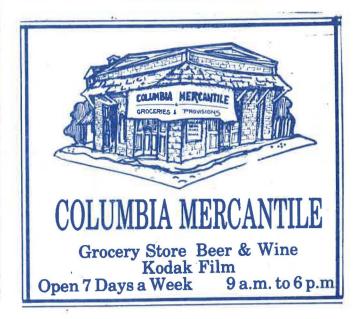
Mendee died at the scene. Jon was taken by ambulance to Mark Twain Hospital and then by Medi-Flight to Modesto. He died at 1:30 p.m. Barry Fehleman was treated at Mark Twain Hospital for minor injuries and released.

An emotional memorial service was held for the two well-liked and active students Tuesday morning in the Bret Harte high school gymnasium. Mendee had been Homecoming Queen last fall and a cheerleader for three years, in addition to many other school activities.

Among Jon's school contributions were participation in football, track and cross country as well as being a class officer.

Funeral services for Mendee, who is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Baker, were held last Wednesday in Angels Camp. Services for Jon were held Thursday in San Andreas. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maynes and a brother and sister.





Summer school bus to MJC

by Naomi Lowe

Bus transportation to Modesto J.C., for summer school, will be available if 50 people sign up for the service.

The cost is \$46 per person for the session. This amount is to pay for the cost of the bus and driver.

There will be three pick-up points and two drop-off points. The pick-ups will be made at Columbia College, Sonora and Jamestown. The drop-offs will be Modesto J.C. East and West campuses.

The bus will leave the college at 6:30 a.m., arriving at M.J.C. West campus by 8: a.m. On the return trip the bus will leave the West campus 1:30 p.m. arriving back at the College by 3: p.m.

Sign-up sheets are posted around the campus or you may call Bob Beery at 586-3820 for more information.

Tennis players to go to Nor-Cal

Four Claim Jumper tennis players qualified for the men's and women's Northern California State Championship tournaments last week. Kerry Tate and Bob Hoffmann competed in the men's doubles event at West Valley College in San Jose and lost 6-7, 4-6, to Lange-Russo of Modesto Junior College. In the women's tournament at American River College Megan Rau lost in the first round. Coach Steve Morger said that in the men's tournament Columbia was the only small school represented. Other schools qualifying players were American River, Delta, Modesto, Fresno City, Merced, College of the Sequoias, Alameda, Santa Rosa, Canada, Foothill, West Balley and Sacramento City. He said the competition was so stiff the player who won the men's singles event in the Central Valley Conference was seeded 11th at the Nor-Cal tournament.

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ENROLLMENT

Latest spring quarter enrollment statistics show a 3 per cent increase in enrollment and a 2 per cent decrease in weekly student contact hours (WSCH) compared to winter quarter. Compared to spring, 1982, enrollment is up 4 per cent and WSCH's are up .5 per cent. For spring 1,910 day students and 1,156 evening students are enrolled for a total of 3,066 students. Spring quarter enrollments over the period from 1973-1983 are shown below:

SPRING QUARTER ENROLLMENTS 1973-83

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Day	1118	1180	1570	1456	1599	1513	1484	1454	1879	1656	1910
Eve	865	1004	1232	1175	1276	1478	1218	1606	1816	1282	1156
Total	1983	2184	2802	2631	2875	2991	2702	3060	3695	2938	3066

Twelve turn out for President's Forum

by Naomi Lowe

President Cunningham held a Student Forum meeting on Tuesday, May 17, at noon in room 103. Twelve students attended.

Topics discussed were tuition, the semester system, the possibility of dormitories and the parking lots.

The discussion on the semester system was after the fact as Cunningham announced that the faculty had unanimously approved the semester system for the 84-85 school year. The type of semester system is yet to be decided.

The tuition specter was reviewed again. As yet the legislature has turned down tuition from California's colleges and universities, but that fact could change at any time as the Governor is pushing hard for tuition.

Cunningham said if tuition does come, and he suspects it will, the money each school collects for tuition will be turned over to the state and deducted from the allotment allowed each school. If this happens Columbia could be right back where we are now.

When asked what to do, Cunningham said, "Write your legislators." Last year \$30 million was deducted for the state community colleges. This year the Governor is asking for a deduction of \$110 million. "The results of this act would be devastating to Columbia," Cunningham said.

There is the possibility of a dormitory on campus, if the funds can be found. a 100 bed dormitory will be built on the third level of the parking lot.

The parking lot came under fire as some students complained about not being invited to vote on the disposition of the large and small cars. Why, some asked, were the compact cars given the first parking lot instead of the second or third? Cunningham explained that the decision was made last summer when no students were in school.

One student requested at least one visitor parking space be allowed near the Indian Round House for the convenience of visitors.



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Day-care

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report paying for child care services.

The number one recomendation of the task force is as follows: "Community colleges should maintain both an instructional program of child development courses and a child development service program for children. These two functions--instruction and services--should be fully integrated and coordinated for the mutual benefit of both."

The task forces further states that, "access for all community college students to child development instruction and service programs that meet their needs", be added to the goals set forth by the Board of Governors of California Community Colleges.

Will Columbia College have a childcenter in the future? As Nan Hornberg put it, "You're going to need the students, the faculty, the administration and the board of directors of the college district to all work together."

On campus child-care has so many advantages. Why doesn't Columbia College have it?

President Cunningham says, "Child care was an important goal of mine when I came. We've never been able to do it because of cost and lack of facilities. The state has strict requirements for community college day care centers."

An 1800 square foot fenced play-yard, 840 square feet of indoor play area, two teachers, a director, kitchen and toilet facilities, among other things, would be required for 25 children. A study dome in 1978 on the feasability of a day care center at Columbia College estimated the first year's budget at \$71,075.

Dean of Students Paul Becker, who has been at Columbia College since 1971, outlined part of the quest for child care.

"Early-on we could see a need. Virginia Blackburne, a psychology instructor at the time, bought a house on Sawmill Flat Road to use for astudent co-operative daycare center. It was free of charge, the students broke it up with disagreements among themselves," Becker said.

"Next thing we formed a county-wide committee to investigate a program that would involve working parents as well as students since we were so small. The Red Church (St. James Episcopal) was involved and had a \$10,000 grant to convert a two-story building in back of the church into a day- care center. That \$10,000 wouldn't touch what was needed to satisfy fire and health and safety standards."

Nan Hornberg, who teaches sociology here, was on that committee. She recalls that, "We've been trying since the early '70's. Student after student would come on campus and try. One student researched the entire community for support systems and handed me a six-inch thick file when she left."

Arlene Giordano, Psychology instructor, has also attempted to "get something started." She reiterates that the main problem is "lack of funds and the many regulations for operating a child care or development facility."

Something for everyone

by Skills Center Staff

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5. Don't avoid a word just because it is difficult. If you stumble over a word, look it up. The next time, you'll know it.

Memorial Day

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weekend, so students planning to leave for the high-country should insure that they leave early or have reservations.

Celebrations and memorials locally will include putting flags in the Sonora Cemetery by the VFW. and the Jamestown Cemetery by the Jamestown AM VETS. Flags will also be displayed along Washington Street with local scouts doing the placements.



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Campus Calendar

Coming events

May 27 Board Declared Holiday
May 30 Memorial Day Holiday
May 31 Advisement & Registerion Commences for Continuing Students
June 3 Spring Fling

ADVISEMENT & REGISTRATION FOR FALL QUARTER, 1983:

Advisement and registration for Fall Quarter, 1983, for continuing students (students currently enrolled) commences Tuesday, May 31, in the Admissions and Records Office. The following are the regulations covering registration:

1. Students who have completed more than 24 quarter units at Columbia College with a 2.0 G.P.A., or who have completed their AA Degree or higher, may self-program.

2. Students taking less than 7.0 units may

3. Studentswho have completed less than 24 units must have their assigned advisor's signature.

4. Students currently on probation must have an advisor's signature to register.

THE FALL QUARTER SCHEDULE OF CLASSES WILL BE AVAILABLE BY THURSDAY MAY 26, 1983.



Four day weekend

Classes will not be held Friday and Monday, May 27 and 30, 1983. Friday is a Board Declared Holiday and Monday is the Memorial Day Holiday.

SPRING FLING:

Reminder....The Spring Fling will be held on Friday, June 3. Interested students should contact one of the ASB officers.

Postsession registration

You may register now for the Summer Postsession (held from June 20-30) in the Admissions and Records Office. Class schedules are available in that office.

ROTUNDA DISPLAY:

A watercolor by Virginia Tonetti of Murphys and a black and white photo by Nancy Siegel of Sonora won top honors in the annual Columbia College Student Art and Photography show now on display in the Rotunda. The display will continue until Friday, June 3.

Scholarships

Please check the MONEYBOARD for details regarding scholarships available now that require a special application. If you have any questions regarding scholarships, contact the Scholarship Counselor in the Student Services Office.

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Vets benefits may be extended

A new educational program is available to veterans whose 10-year time limit for using educational benefits has expired but still have months of entitlement remaining.

"This new program allows veterans to come back to school for vocational training to increase their job skills so they can find employment," said Bill Wilson, Columbia College counselor.

Veterans who have entitlement remaining should come to the Veterans Affairs Office at the college (533-3105) so an initial determination can be made of their qualifications.

"Not all veterans qualify because there are other criteria," Wilson said.

"Criteria such as past training, job skills, if the veteran is unemployed and for how long are taken into consideration. The final determination is made by the Veterans Administration after the veteran is actually enrolled in classes," Wilson said.

To complete the basic paperwork for acceptance into the program for the fall quarter, Wilson advises veterans who may be eligible to come to the college as soon as possible.

Veterans can determine the amount of entitlement they have remaining by contacting the Veterans Administration Regional Office in San Francisco. The call is free at (800) 652-1240.

Wilson also noted veterans with entitlement remaining may be close to completing requirements for a degree or vocational certificate. "They can sit down with a counselor to see how close to a degree they are," he said.