

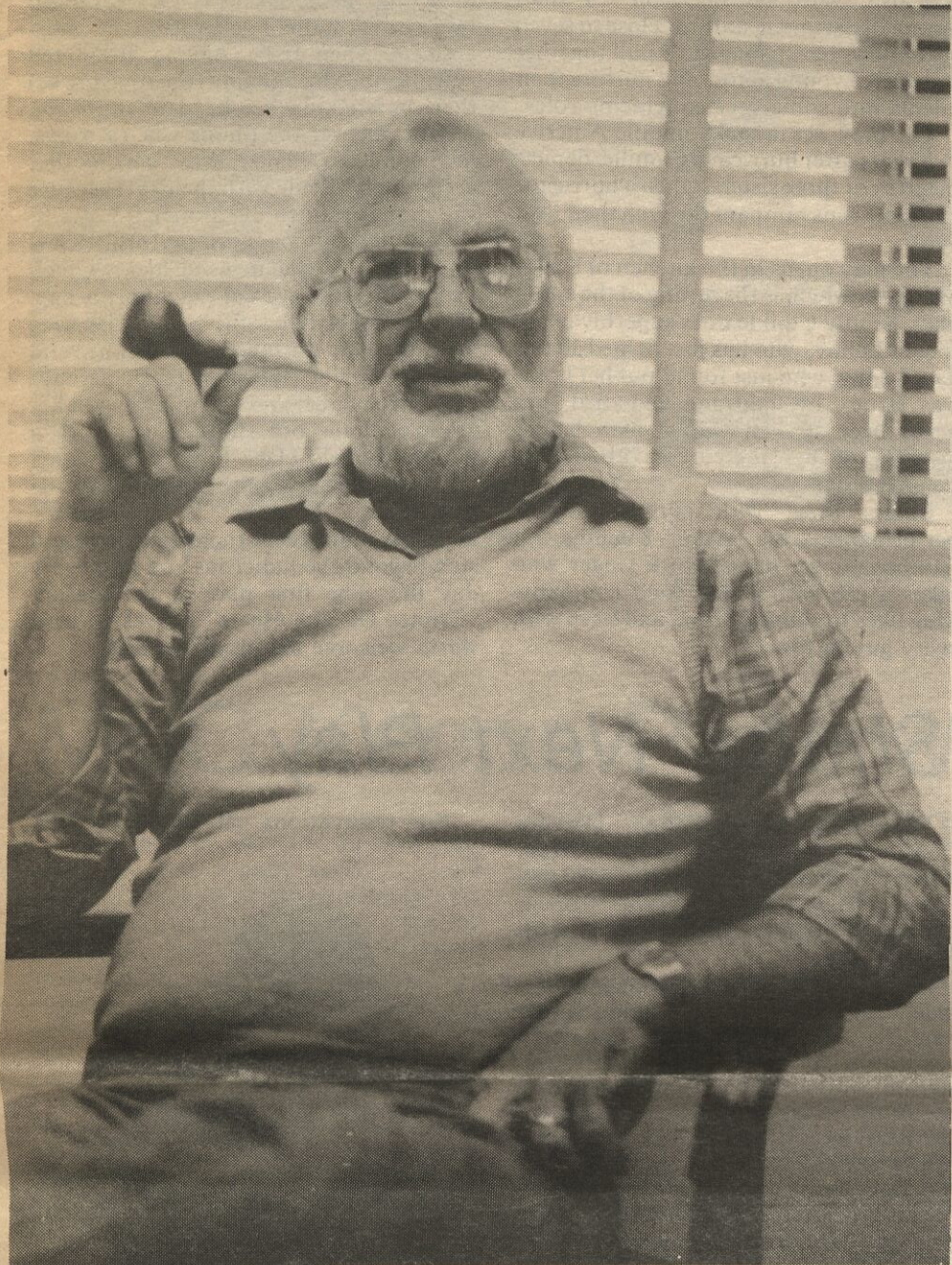
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"Biology all a cart"? That's what science instructor Jim Stoney calls his class. See story on page 3.

Counselors Resource For College Transfers

By Tom Jacobowsky

Many students who enter Cañada College plan on transferring into one of the nine schools of the University of California system.

Unfortunately many students do not use their most valuable resource to achieve this goal, their counselor.

Quite often one will see a student at Cañada for a third year because that student took the wrong classes for the school he or she hoped to attend.

Many of the headaches students experience occur when it comes to picking classes would be alleviated if they used the counseling system. It is imperative that students work with their counselors to set up a schedule that will best fulfill their needs.

"Many times students will never come in and see me because they think I'm busy, but I'm here to help them," counselor Joe Marchi said emphatically. "I have a sign-up sheet on my door that they can make an appointment on."

Counselors like Marchi know the problems when students try to get into the U.C. system on their own.

"Unlike the state system, each U.C. school has different requirements," said Marchi. "On top of that, the different schools like the college of engineering at Davis, will have different requirements than the college of letters and science will. You need to work with your counselor to make sure you take the right classes."

For the student who knows exactly which U.C. school he or she wants to attend, the process is much easier. The

most important thing that the counselor needs is your high school records to see what courses you may need to make up at Cañada.

"When we have your records from high school to check on, we can see what classes you'll need to take here," Marchi said. "From that we can begin to start figuring out the schedule that will best fulfill all of the lower requirements for your major here."

It is disheartening at times to Marchi that some students are unaware of everything the counseling system has to offer.

"We have different counselors here for different majors," Marchi said. "If I can't help you, somebody else can. We have booklets from the U.C. system explaining the transferring process. All of this isn't any good if the student doesn't come in to use it. We're here to help them."

Grant Deadline Set Forward

The California Student Aid Commission in Sacramento, California, has changed the deadline to apply for Cal Grants A, B, and C, from February 11, to March 2, 1987.

The eligibility requirements and the financial aid applications to apply for these grants (Student Aid Application for California (SAAC) and the Cal Grant Supplement) should become available in the college financial aid offices by late December 1986.

Niners Here?

Officials Talk About New Training Site

by Marc Francesconi

Canada College has become one of the four finalists for the new training site and headquarters of the San Francisco 49ers. The administration of Cañada and officials of the 49ers have held preliminary talks, but Cañada has not yet officially proposed a plan for land use at this campus.

The other sites being looked at are a plot of land in Redwood Shores, an unused portion of land near the Great America Amusement Park in Santa Clara, the former Crestmoor High School campus in San Bruno, and the Niners' current location at Red Morton Park on Nevada St. in Redwood City. Of all those possible sites, Canada College is believed by Canada's administration to be the favorite.

Jack Greenalch, Vice-President of Canada, says the 49ers are "very serious" about moving to Canada. Greenalch says there are several benefits for the college if the 49ers do move up here. One benefit would be that the land which the 49ers are now looking at would start generating money to the campus instead of just being unused and wasted land. The area of land that would become the 49ers training site is near the entrance of the college that was ironically, supposed to be a football field when the college was built.

That area of land is about five acres and the 49ers are looking for 12 prime acres for their site, but Greenalch says that the 49ers would use the softball and soccer fields to expand the land to near a total of twelve acres.

The facility at Red Morton Park is about five acres and is very small by professional football standards. The 9ers facility at Red Morton Park has only one football field which is 70 yards grass and 70 yards Astroturf which makes it very difficult to run long plays during practice. The 49ers would like to get more land from Red Morton Park, but to get it they would have to tear down the Kiwanis Little League field and a Police Youth Club (P.Y.C.) building at Red Morton Park. Parents of the children in those organizations are objecting strongly to that proposition.

The 49ers want the extra land for another field to practice on and to expand their locker rooms, therapy rooms, and offices. They also want tennis courts and a swimming pool. But they cannot get that unless they get the Little League field and the P.Y.C. building. Even though they want that land, Greenalch does not think the 49ers are being unfair to Redwood City. He said "the 49ers have made people aware of Redwood City" and they should get what they deserve. He also said that the 49ers are the best organization in football."

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College Funding On Ballot Nov. 4

By Tom Jacobowsky

In some ways it's a sad sign of the times when some of the funding that is deserved for the college education system has to be voted on. That is the case this year in Proposition 56 which will be on the ballot on November 4.

Because of repeated veto measure by Governor George Deukmejian on funding for education in California, Proposition 56 was drafted as a way to provide \$400 million over a two year period for construction improvements and purchasing of new equipment for the University of California, California State University and the California Community Colleges.

Proposition 56 only needs to be passed by a simple majority of the voters. It is a general obligation bond that needs to be repaid by the state over a specified time period, such as 20 years.

"This is the only way to insure some of the funding that gets slashed out," said Cañada Business teacher and Redwood City Mayor Dick Claire. "Every year Deukmejian says he's for education and every year he winds up vetoing the funding bills that come to him."

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Lantos' Talk On Drug Abuse In 'Pit' Today

"CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS AGAINST DRUGS" will be featured at Canada College's week-long Campaign Against Alcohol & Drug Abuse October 27 through 31.

Lantos will speak Friday, October 31 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the College's Outdoor Arena located in the center of the Canada campus. In case of rain, Lantos will appear in Building 2, Room 10.

Dr. Julian Clark kicked off the week's events with a talk on "Alcohol and Cocaine" Monday, October 27 and TM was on campus Tuesday, October 28 from 12 to 1 p.m.

A continuous showing of videos took place all week in the school cafeteria, and a large supply of resource information was also available.

The week's activities were sponsored by the ASCC and Canada College's Health and Psychological Services.

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President's Corner . . .



We're deep into the fall semester and are seeing the last of our late Indian Summer. Enrollment is up slightly from last fall. Runners are using the new Mini-Track and math students working in the new Basic Skills Lab. In these difficult fiscal times it was primarily the donations of volunteers and a state equipment augmentation that allowed these new facilities to be installed. It is exciting to see them used so productively.

A new planning model has been developed for the College involving a joint faculty/administrative steering committee and the existing standing committees. The steering committee will send appropriate recommendations from the Accreditation team and from College and District sources to the appropriate committees for prioritizing and implementation. The Accreditation team made a number of recommendations of interest to students. For example, the team asked the College to make attempts to "enhance communications with students and faculty regarding Career Center services based on the needs of students." The team also asked that we look at the possibility of "expanding and integrating the communication, publication and distribution of financial aids, EOPS and scholarship opportunities." Two of the team's recommendations in this area have already been acted on. A career course in student government is being developed and we have appointed a Student Government Coordinator, Lois Cunningham, on a one-year basis. We will also be looking at the means by which we can improve students' awareness of College programs and activities, another recommendation of the team. Recommendations in the areas of curriculum, staff, learning resources and other areas will be sent to committees for consideration. Recommendations of the Accreditation Team do not have to be acted upon, by the way, if the College is able to show good reason for not doing so.

As you know from reading the newspaper, the San Francisco 49ers are continuing to consider Canada College as a possible site for a practice field, along with other areas such as Redwood Shores and a site in Santa Clara County. It would be very desirable to have the 49ers, but a number of things have to occur before this could come to pass. The Board of Trustees would have to declare the land to be surplus, the District would have to enter into a formal agreement with the 49ers, possibly a long-term lease, the 49ers would have to indicate a number of things they would provide for the College in return for use of the site and the Town of Woodside, in whose jurisdiction the land lies, and the Board of Trustees would have to formally agree to such a use. However, in spite of all these conditions, we remain optimistic that we can work out a cooperative arrangement with the Niners' organization.

—Robert Stiff, Pres.

Open letter . . .

Dear Gov. Deukmejian:

What did a California community college ever do to you? Community colleges have been providing quality education to millions of Californians for decades. At a community college, students get the opportunity to learn and prepare, a chance they might never have had due to economic and educational barriers. Many go on to universities, and flourish, getting better grades and higher test scores than their brethren. Look it up — there have been numerous studies.

The future of community colleges is bleak, however. We are dangerously underbudgeted. Programs have been cut, and jobs have been lost. Lack of communication between CCs, UCs, and CSUs has made transferring to a four college tantamount to climbing Mount Everest. We can live with wading through red tape, but we're beginning to drown.

At a time when California's community colleges need help from government, you, your honor, seem to rubberstamp every breath of air we get with that big V word, *Veto*. When you don't feel like vetoing, you whittle funding down to a shadow of its proposed form and ostentatiously sign it. Take, for example, Assemblyman Robert Campbell's Assembly Bill 3. The bill would have appropriated \$21 m. for a student assessment and counseling program, and \$34 m. to help colleges which have suffered major enrollment losses. You axed the \$21 m., but were kind enough to allow \$6.1 of the stabilizing money, thereby reducing the bill's fiscal impact by 89%.

Forgive us when we ask—why? In a press release, you cited your own "budget shortfall." Was that supposed to make us feel better? Whoops, sorry kids, I made a l'll mistake. Guess you'll have to live with it."

The strongest blow came Sept. 30, when you vetoed SB1744. To refresh your memory, SB1744 was also called the "California Community College Student Bill of Rights." It opened the lines of communication between community colleges and public universities, by requiring authoritative information about the requirements for transfer to a four year school. Best of all, 1744 wouldn't have cost taxpayers a cent.

The Student Bill of Rights recieved a vote of 80-0 in the Assembly, and 30-0 in the Senate, before it was laid upon your desk. There it was halted with an unceremonious VETO, and placed in the circular file marked "community colleges." Legislation that helps millions and costs nothing is hard to find. Now it's even harder.

You've probably guessed that I'm not going to vote for you in November. I will also urge others who care about the future of California community colleges not to vote for a man who stands on a "pro-education" platform while he harpoons the largest sector of post-secondary education in California.

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Walsh Praised for 'Crimes of the Heart'

By Val Barkhordar

Congratulations to Mike Walsh, director of "Crimes Of The Heart", for putting together a fabulous play.

Walsh, who has been on Cañada's drama department staff for close to seven years now, has managed to pull together a group of young actors and nurture their talents into some very convincing roles.

The play, set in tacky middle America five years after hurricane Camille, depicts the lives of three sisters, when a hurricane of events runs rampant through their own lives.

The play opens in the kitchen of Lenny Magrath, which is the setting of the entire play. Kimily Conkle does superbly in the role of Lenny, who has just turned 30 this day. Lenny, who just found out her horse was struck by lightning and died, has never been to bed with a man before because of her insecurities about her shrunken ovary.

Enters Meg, with another superb performance by Ann Kuchins, a flamboyant yet out-of-work singer who takes a job with a dog food company. Meg likes to smoke, drink, and sleep with every guy in town.

Credit must also be given to Sandy Efsaef for a powerful performance as Babe, the third sister, who has just shot her husband because, as Babe puts it, "I didn't like his looks." Efsaef's ability to bring out human character is most eminent when Babe, having attempted suicide, once by hanging (the rope broke) then by sticking her head in the oven, only to answer the phone when it rings, has come to realize why her mother committed suicide with their cat (because she didn't want to die alone).

Another commanding performance is by Nancy Werden as Chick. Chick exemplifies the typical neighbor, a nag. Dan Roach is Doc, still in love with Meg after she left during the hurricane, and Bill Schinnick is Barnette, defense lawyer for Babe, and still in love with her after he finds out she had sex with a fifteen year old black boy.

What delivers this tragicomedy its plausibility, however, is the actors' abilities to intertwine their characters and step beyond the ludicrous and into every day life. The first play of the season, "Crimes Of The Heart" proves to be a warm welcome for plays to come.

'Sheba' Next Play

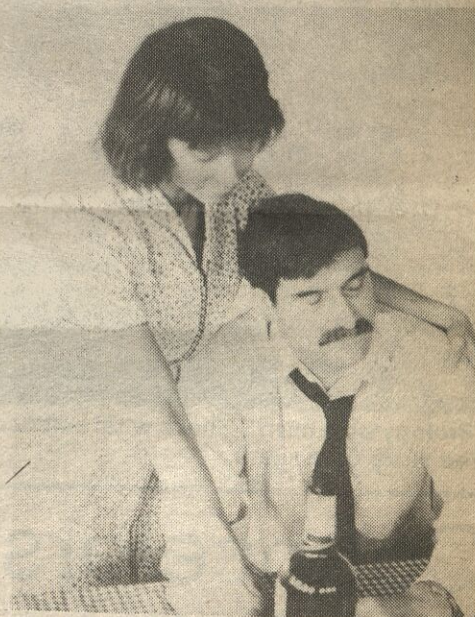
The Cañada College Drama Department's second play of its current season, William Inge's highly acclaimed *Come Back, Little Sheba*, opens Thursday, November 13 at 8 p.m. in the Flexible Theatre.

Inge's play is about lost dreams and their aftermath of survival. Anger, humor, frustration, and hope are beautifully mixed in this powerful and truthful drama as the characters engage in action consistently gathering momentum toward an explosive conclusion.

A talented and exciting cast includes Richard Innerst (Redwood City), Rori Welling (Palo Alto), Melissa Piro (San Mateo), Dominic Villegiante (Millbrae), Michael Lyon (San Carlos), Gwen Good (Menlo Park), Carl Evans (San Bruno), Sean Conklin (Woodside), John Voyles (Belmont), and Ray Van Winkle (Redwood City).

Directed by Bob Curtis, the production runs November 13, 14, 15, and 20, 21, 22. Admission is \$4 for students and seniors and \$5 general.

For reservations call 364-1212, Ext. 271.



'Sheba' cast members Rori Welling (Lola) and Rich Innerst (Doc).

Price Increases in Cafeteria?

"The cafeteria may be forced to raise its prices," advised Unit Manager of Cañada Food Services, Ira Durant. The reason for this unwelcome bit of information is that "too many of the day students are not bussing their own tables, and another employee will have to be hired to do so. The cafeteria operates within a strict budget, and in order to pay an extra employee, the cost of food items will have to be increased."

This problem can be averted, "if students will just start cleaning up after themselves. It would help us tremendously and show more consideration for the people who

appreciate sitting down at a clean table."

A cafeteria employee is assigned to bus tables each hour, but during the rushes the employee has to help in the kitchen and the dining area acquires all the earmarks of an eye sore. "Ironically, the ones who bitch the most are usually the worst offenders," said Durant.

The cafeteria doesn't have this problem with the night students, "but, that's probably because they are more mature. We certainly appreciate cooperation from the students," Durant said, "and we really try to serve appetizing meals at reasonable prices."

'College Day' Draws Students

On Tues. Oct. 14, Cañada sponsored its annual college and university day. Representatives from close to thirty institutions set up booths in the cafeteria to distribute literature and answer questions about admissions requirements for transferring students.

Participating colleges varied from U.C.s and state colleges, to private schools; even Army ROTC had equal representation.

San Francisco State had a big turnout, with its varied course offerings, while Lake Merritt College (nursing) sat idling on the side. Stanford, with a student

population of some thirteen thousand, accepts an average 8% of transfer student applications.

One of the most interesting among all the colleges, however, is the United States International University. Located on 230 acres in San Diego, with campuses all over the world, USIU pays one third of the tuition of students with GPAs of 2.9, and one half tuition of students with GPAs of 3.5. USIU also intends to open a campus in Vienna.

College and university day, an annual event, is an effective way students can have their questions answered about different universities.

'Wheel' Helps Student Get Around



Barbara McCarthy, adaptive P.E. instructor, with student Sharon Forster.

Photo by Anne Schatzmann

by Val Barkhordar

It's a warm day in October, and just outside the weight room, Sharon Forster is doing her exercises. The teacher asks for requests for music, and Sharon seems content as Scott Joplin is selected as a tape to play.

Though she likes jazz, Sharon admits her favorites are "songs from the 30's and 40's". Her favorite composer is "Jerome Kern" and her favorite musical is "Showboat". Not surprising, considering one of her favorite teachers is Joe Marchi.

Forster, born with cerebral palsy, began attending Canada a few years ago when she was able to get an electric wheel chair. That's when I started to get arthritis in my shoulders", she states.

When asked what an electric wheel means for her, Forster states, "now I can go out and shop on my own and go downtown," and "I can go to church on my own."

An electric wheel chair isn't the only thing Sharon depends on to make it through a typical college day, however. Redi-wheels, a Samtrans service for the disabled, plays an important role in her life. The bus brings her to school and

takes her back home every day, and if it doesn't show up, she's stranded. Sharon can remember many a day when the bus was late or did not come.

Among classes she takes at Canada are a computer class with Grace Hariston and an Adaptive P.E. course with Barbara McCarthy which she enjoys very much. In her P.E. class Sharon concentrates mainly on her 20 min. bicycle exercises.

Sharon likes to read, biographies in particular, and make tapes (songs of the 30's and 40's).

So what's it like to be in a wheel chair? Contrary to popular belief, you don't get everything handed to you. According to Sharon, there are a lot of side problems to face. For instance, when it rains, Sharon can't always come to school. She says, "Last year during rainy season I was sick at home with bronchitis for two and a half months."

However, Sharon considers herself quite fortunate to be able to attend college. Says Sharon, "When I was eighteen, I never dreamed that college was possible." When asked why, she is not hesitant to state, "Because there was no Redi-wheels and there was no electric wheel chair."

MLC Keeps Pace with Technology

By Vern Morrow

When most people leave an eight hour job, they are usually tired -- Carol Moseley is not. "Learning creates its own energy," she explains, and Mrs. Moseley feels "refreshed" after working all day in Cañada's Media Learning Center. The Berkeley graduate has been with the college for nine years and is the supervisor of the center.

Over the past several years, she has witnessed many changes in the audio-video products, "from reel-to-reel, to cassette, to the present video cassette." Also, the center now has two large video rooms rather than one.

"Our main priority is to keep pace with technology so we can better prepare our students for the university; keeping the materials at the center current is to the advantage of everyone."

The media center has a musical library with some 3,000 albums available and listed in the card catalog. It has 800 video tapes on a wide assortment of subjects relating to the sciences, arts, languages, mathematics, and so forth. A few of the teachers use the video tapes routinely with their students, "but the students are not using the facility as much as I would like." The possible explanations are: "More students have to work in the afternoon now, and don't have the time," and, "the students are just not aware that these materials exist."

However, Mrs. Moseley regularly sends bulletins to the instructors which

include "updated information and a list of new media material available," but this information is not usually relayed to the students. "Perhaps, some of the teachers lose the bulletins in the shuffle," she kindly adds.

Every morning between ten and eleven, the media center is filled, but in the afternoon only about three or four students use the facility. So, this means that "the 29 Apple and two IBM personal computers are not being used by the students."

The community is invited to "make use of the computers if they have Apple software; IBM software is available here."

For students and members of the community who are interested in learning a foreign language not currently being taught at Cañada, "we have self-teaching cassettes of Russian, Chinese, and Japanese; and we recently got new French Mystery cassettes that would be fun to do."

Mrs. Moseley likes her job very much, and she particularly appreciates her staff of three full-time and five students. "They are very professional; and when one staff member cannot be here, another fills in without any problem -- this is rare to find."

She also, "loves the students. As I said before, 'learning creates its own energy' -- it's refreshing."

For more information, contact Mrs. Moseley at extension 348.



MLC Supervisor Carol Moseley

Photo by Anne Schatzmann

'Science is for everyone,' says Stoney

By Vern Morrow

Most people are aware that Cañada is a unique college for several reasons: the location, the view, the interesting teachers, and the "biology all a cart" class. That's right, folks, *biology all a cart*; or, at least, that's what Professor Jim Stoney calls it. "I'm always pushing my textbooks and lab equipment around on this thing," he laughs and gestures to a little cart that is loaded-to-the-max with some of his prized possessions.

Professor Stoney began teaching in 1954, at the College of San Mateo. At that time, the College of San Mateo was located in the old Maritime Academy buildings at Coyote Point. He started teaching at Cañada in 1968 when the college opened. He had many occupations to choose from before deciding to teach, "but, I just liked the idea of teaching and stuck with it."

He has seen many changes and advances in technology during the past 32 years. "In many ways, all this technology is more of a hindrance because it creates

so many demands on the students. Before the '70's, it was easy to get work -- not now. The market is flooded with educated incompetents and it's hard to show what you've got." If he were to give advice to current college students and job seekers, it would have to be "be persistent; you can't give up. Keep at it!"

His main motivation in teaching is to show students that "science is not just for the intellectuals -- it's for everyone -- and science is really easy to understand; the fundamentals are constant." The end result Professor Stoney hopes to achieve is for a general student to be able to say, "Hey, I can understand it; it's not that hard!"

Often times students expect too much from themselves and will "make their studies and their lives in general more difficult than necessary."

Above all else, he wants to teach his students "to survive; to be able to use their heads to look things up, and put their time in the trenches so that they will be prepared for the next school."

Professor Stoney believes that we depend too heavily on machines rather than relying on the older, tested methods. To make his point, he told of an event that actually took place a while ago in an area hospital. "It was around 12 midnight, and a registered nurse was making rounds checking on her patients. She noticed that one of the patients was displaying classic symptoms of blood/potassium imbalance and immediately called his physician to requisition the necessary lab work and subsequent treatment should the nurse be correct in her diagnosis."

According to Stoney, permission was granted to draw a blood specimen and she sent it to the hospital laboratory for proper analysis. However, the lab technician "called the nurse and told her the blood analysis could not be performed because the computer was down, and he had not been taught how to perform the test manually. The nurse was so certain of her diagnosis, she contacted an ambulance and had the specimen

transported to a nearby hospital where they were able to perform the exam." As it turned out, the nurse was correct and the patient would have died had it not been for her expertise. "Valuable time was lost because the lab technician knew only how to operate a computer and was totally ignorant of the older, pre-computer methods of analysis."

One of the highlights of his teaching career occurred one summer during the early '60's when the professor was working in construction. He noticed that each payday, a co-worker, "Charley," would endorse his payroll check with an "X" and then have one of the other men sign his name as a witness. "Charley was obviously embarrassed with the situation, but he didn't ever think he would be able to sign his name." Professor Stoney worked in private with the man until he could endorse his own check. "It was a very proud day for Charley when that happened, and the other guys didn't make fun of him anymore."

Candidates Give Views On Election Issues

By Val Barkhordar

In a candid and sometimes heated debate, candidates for State Assembly Bill Duplissea (R) and Ed Bacciocco (D) took stands on key issues and propositions for the upcoming election.

The debate, held on campus Oct. 27 and hosted by political science professor Ted Reller, focused on the candidates and their stance on key issues for the upcoming election.



Ed Bacciocco

Prop. 61, the public employee compensation initiative, which in effect puts a limit on government salaries, would drastically reduce the quality of government leadership in California (i.e. top researchers, police chiefs, educational leaders, and prosecutors among others!). Prop. 61 would also cost taxpayers billions.

Other issues Duplissea took stands on included opposing Rose Bird, because he says he is "in favor of the death penalty."

Bacciocco also favors the death penalty. He would also like to see more child care in colleges and would like to see a golf course on Edgewood Road.

Faculty Dinner Hosted by ASCC

By Troy Jackson

Cañada's student body is striving for better relationships with the faculty. In an attempt to improve student faculty relationships Cañada's ASCC will be hosting a very important dinner on November 14 for faculty members. Cañada's newly appointed student activities controller Nick Verreos stated, "We are going to try very hard to make Cañada College a very joyous, as well as being a fine academic, junior college, but first we must have sole support of the faculty members." This will be the first of many steps toward improving Cañada's student activities and perhaps the most important. In conjunction, Cañada's ASCC has vowed to improve relations with other activity groups. Verreos also mentioned that Cañada's newly appointed senators are very dedicated toward improving Cañada's student body.

Newly appointed senator Doug Bennet is optimistic that this will be the best year the Cañada student body will have with regard to planning the necessary activities that will add the much needed excitement to Cañada's students. The student government has installed a suggestion box in front of the ASCC office inside the cafeteria. "We want students and faculty to feel free to drop any ideas that they have toward improving Cañada's activities schedule in the suggestion box." The student body feels that this is one way of getting students involved. Vice President, Vicky Howell, made a very determined comment, "Lots of students are comers and goers, but we plan to reach every last student in every last class in every last building."

Stressed? Help Available Here

By Troy Jackson

Are you mentally or physically stressed? If so, you need to get in and take advantage of the excellent services that our Health Center has to offer. Cañada's Health Center has made serious strides toward improving its health facilities. "We really want to stress the importance of confidentiality to encourage students to get in and take advantage of our well qualified staff," says college nurse Joyce Harrington.

Cañada's Health Center has taken one step beyond the majority of junior colleges on the peninsula by establishing integrated services to both students and faculty members, ranging from health counseling to personal counseling. All the services that Cañada Health Center has to offer are free of charge to all registered Cañada College students.

"The average student that utilizes our facilities comes in for treatment of the common cold, headache, or just for general information," says college nurse June Pena. Mrs. Pena is very sure that we have students who really need our services, but are afraid that their visit won't remain confidential. "This is the reason why we stress the importance of confidentiality because your problem is your problem and no one else's. Please drop by and become familiar with the Health Center. It is located in Building 5 just beyond the double doors in the cafeteria."



Carl Sitton

Teacher Says Arts Given Low Priority

By Vern Morrow

The Director of Vocal Music at Cañada, Carl Sitton, could be happier these days. He explains: "The Cañada Choir had a membership in the sixties during the first seven years of its inception. The membership has now dwindled to the twenties." The gradual "erosion of the music programs in the local high schools has created the same situation at this college."

Professor Sitton believes that "group participation in music, whether it involves vocal or instrumental ensembles, is one of life's most satisfying experiences; but, if students don't have this experience in junior high and high school, they tend to pass it up in college -- not realizing what they are missing."

Deterioration of the social and family structures have affected our attitudes toward the arts. "In a world of social and family disintegration, man still cannot

live without the arts. But, depending on the state of economic chaos, we tend to give them low priority or participate in their most basic form -- as observer or listener."

According to Professor Sitton, "the musical ensembles, both vocal and instrumental, have largely been community endeavors for the past few years."

Mr. Sitton, who began work at Cañada in 1968, has composed several songs in the past and is currently improvising ("decomposing") at the piano. In addition to directing the various student vocal groups, he also directs the *HUMANITARIANS*, a faculty and staff choir, "a fairly unique organization."

He will be judging the American Choral Director's Association of Northern California Chamber Choir Festival on November 15.

Niners

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Greenalch said that other benefits would be that Canada would become more recognizable to the public and thus more marketable. Also, the 49ers employ over 100 people and there would be no doubt that some Canada students would get some of those jobs working for the 49ers.

Canada College could also establish a relationship with owner Edie DeBartolo Jr., Head Coach Bill Walsh and the players. The 49ers could hold clinics and lectures up at the college for more recognition.

The only potential problem in the 49ers move would be the fate of the softball and soccer fields since the 49ers would need that land for their use. Since Canada does not have a soccer team, that would not be a big problem, but the softball field is used and that field would have to be relocated.

At this moment, you are sitting there

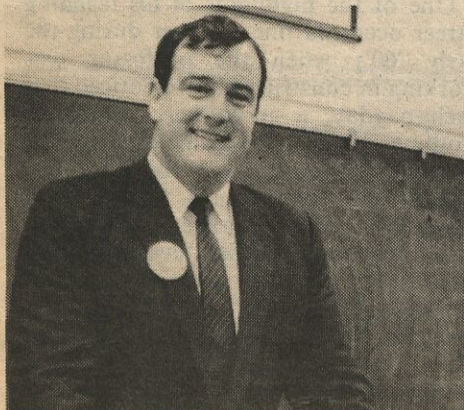
thinking, "But what about parking if the Niners move up here?" Well, not to worry says Greenalch. He says there is "plenty of parking on the campus for the students and the 49ers." Anyway, what's so bad about a nice little nature hike before your first class!

If it sounds like Greenalch wants the 49ers up here, you are absolutely correct. He would like to see the 49ers come because it would give Canada a much needed shot in the arm.

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The reason for the Proposition interestingly enough came about because of the slumping oil economy. For years capital improvements have been funded by royalties from the oil industry for the oil and natural gas they extracted from California lands. This year, though, with the oil slump, the State will only get one-fourth of what it estimated it would get. Proposition 56 was created to fill in the gap.



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