

National Issue

Child Care: 'The Need is Evident'

By Cindy Granados

Child care is a growing national issue. The issues around child care are complex and vast, involving many factions of society. The need for quality child care is evident, as is the need for salaries for care givers who provide the child care. The availability of affordable child care for parents, and the future outcome of children raised in child centers, are just two of the concerns expressed by parents and child care providers.

Canada is known in the child care community for its Early Childhood Education (ECE) program. The ECE classes train students to work with children in the child care profession. According to Dianne Eyer of the ECE program, there are about 400 students enrolled in classes. Most of these students are already employed in the field, but are in need of class units to be able to meet the state licensing guidelines.

If you thought that just anybody could work with children, think again! California

is one of the states to have regulation for child care. To be eligible as a teacher in a program, you must complete 24 units. A



certificate allows the student to teach, direct, and administer programs. The regulations are changing annually, and eligibility requirements to work in centers is going up. Yet the pay for these positions remains very low.

As parents of children in need of child care, there are some very real concerns. Some of the concerns are the cost, the center staff turnover rate, the child's emotional growth, the lack of programs to choose from or to just get into.

For parent Yvonne Moriety, a student at Canada with a six year old daughter, child care gets a little harder the older her daughter gets. Last year when her daughter was in pre-school, she was able to receive money for child care through a program at Canada called CARE, a program which provides limited funds to child care for Canada students. This year, she is unable to get help with the cost of child care.

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'Believe in Students' Says Armstrong

The Office of the Science, Math and Physical Education Division is busy this Wednesday; phones are ringing, instructors whiz in and out collecting messages and mail, two people are waiting to talk to the division director, Elizabeth Armstrong. I, too, wait my turn. Within minutes Armstrong appears, ushering me into her office. We sit down at a small round table that's in one corner. Her desk is against the back wall. A bookshelf reaches from floor to ceiling with books, journals, blue bound manuals, and magazines, which impose a weight of responsibility.

Elizabeth Armstrong has been at the helm of this department since November, 1989. She is an attractive dusty blond with a clearly recognizable English accent. Born in England, she went through the public school system until she left England at age twenty to live in the United States. She graduated from San Francisco State University with a degree in Chemistry. After attempting to get accepted into a medical school, Armstrong switched directions and decided to teach.

She became a teacher's assistant at Skyline College in San Mateo while obtaining her teaching credential. She applied to one hundred and eight Community Colleges in California, receiving a job offer from Skyline College, where she taught chemistry until last year. She then became the Division Director of the Science Dept. at Canada.

Armstrong's philosophy about teaching stems from the encouragement and support she received from grade school and high school teachers. She believes that the "students can accomplish great things if they are not pre-judged: one must believe in students and be both positive and realistic in guiding students toward their goal." With these basic principles in mind, she approaches her department positively, being available to the students and faculty. She feels that students have changed and that the college's responsibility is to grow and change to be able to help students make it through. She sees changes in the attitude and preparation of students now entering the Community Colleges which will affect the programing and

curriculum of her department.

Encouraging women to enter the science and math fields has been a goal of Armstrong's. To this end she has been involved in a recruitment program aimed at

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Dr. Martinez College V.P. Loves Her Job

By Joann Graham

Dr. Olivia Martinez, Canada College's Vice President of Student Services, has been keeping herself busy. Besides her regular duties, Martinez has been taking on many of the duties that a full time registrar would normally be handling. Dr. Martinez spent a good part of a week in early March at a conference with others that have the same type of job.

With the President's position opening, Dr. Martinez was asked if she would be applying for the job. Dr. Martinez laughed and said, "Absolutely not. I love this position." Martinez is very happy in her job and is looking forward to some happy years in her present position.

She is also excited about the new positions opening up at Canada College. The college will be hiring a Vice President of Instruction, a coordinator for student activities, and several positions in the business office. "There have been some problems in the business office, but everything is getting back on track" said Martinez. Martinez is confident that things are moving in the right direction for Canada.

Dr. Martinez is interested in becoming involved with a bill that Sen. Gary Hart has introduced for the reconstruction of High School Education with the help of Community Colleges. She is also looking to find ways to recruit and encourage transfer students to attend Canada College. Counseling staffs will be going into high schools in April to test and register new students.

Martinez is also taking an interest in the program that is being instituted through the Psychological Services Dept. at Canada. In association with the California Task Force on Self Esteem, Canada will be conducting a Spring seminar that will focus on building a more successful you and deal with improving the way people perceive themselves.

As you can see, Dr. Martinez is quite busy with all the improvements the college is undergoing.

'Kate' Cast Talented

By Daniel Trecroci

It looks as if director Mel Ellett's declaration of a successful show a few short weeks back certainly rang true when Kiss Me Kate opened up on March 22. He said it would be the most talented group of players ever assembled on the Canada stage, and his opinion certainly wasn't exaggerated with what I and some 250 theatre patrons saw that night. What we saw was a near perfect chemistry of set, lighting, costuming, dance, and performing concepts that created one big spectacle.

It would be a prejudicial gesture on anyone's part to say that David McClellan as Fred Graham/Petruchio just outright stole the show. Instead we'll just say there was an awesome group effort highlighted by strong choral and dance numbers like "Another Opening/Another Show", "Padua Street Scene", "Tarantella", and "So Kiss Me Kate", accompanied with the comedic talent of John Musgrave and Guy Schmidt as the gangsters, which McClellan just seemed to take charge over.

He gave a powerful and compelling portrayal from the standpoint of a contemporary actor, Shakespearean actor, and singer.

Kathleen S. Young certainly held up her end in giving an equally pleasing performance in the role of Lilli Vanessi/Katherine. In duets like "Wunderbar", she was almost overpowered by McClellan, but was given ample opportunity to exploit a powerful soprano voice in solo's like "So In Love Am I", "I Hate Men" and "I Am Ashamed Women Are So Simple". This, along with her incredible stage personality defined her excellent performance.

In supporting roles, Karin Olsen gave a convincing portrayal of the ditzy dancer Lois Lane/Bianca who is in love with the Broadway hoofer Bill Calhoun/Luciento, played by Russ Bohard. In numbers like "Tom, Dick, or Harry," Olsen, along with the Suitors and Luciento played by Tim Bohle and Robert Tinker, give a strong blend of singing and comical showcase.

Technical Director Mike Walsh outdid himself with a multidimensional set; however for him, it's probably just another set.

The show, just over two hours long, was perfectly condensed, and at the end, I don't think there was one person who left the theatre that night without either singing, whistling, or humming "Brush Up Your Shakespeare."



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She Competes With the Pros

By Daniel Trecroci

Have you ever had a parent or an elder give you that retrospective of how, when they were growing up, they went to school or played organized sports with or against somebody who is now, 20 to 30 years later, making it big? Have you ever stopped and looked around at someone who you think 20 to 30 years from now will be in the headlines? Someone who you can do your bragging about? For students at Canada this semester, you may very well start your bragging now. Suzy Walsh, a 23 year old part-time student at the college, has made and is continuing to make quite a name for herself on professional tennis courts all over the U.S.

The blonde-haired, deeply tanned Walsh is really a Political Science major at UC-Berkeley who is taking three General Ed courses at Canada so that she can graduate in May. In her "spare" time, she competes professionally in tennis tournaments, having just completed in the Virginia Slims Tournament.

Suzy didn't start playing tennis until the summer before her first year in high school, where she signed up for a tennis camp. She met up with Coach Frank Gampert, who transformed her from the tomboy that she was, to a respected player on the professional tennis circuit.

She has participated in the U.S.T.A. Circuit, Penn and Rolex, and the 1986-87 U.S. Opens to name a few. She has played against the likes of Chris Evert (5 times). She has beaten Pam Shriver, played doubles against Billie Jean King, and faced others including Kate Gampert, Katherine Lindquist, and Anne White.

It is certainly Suzy's aspiration to play tennis; however, right now she wants to focus on her academic curriculum.

"After I take my LSAT's in June, I'll do some team tennis playing in L.A. and Florida throughout the summer. Right now, I'm also considering a career in hotel management, and hope to attend law school, if



Campus News

Broadway Star Here April 6

The Canada Center for the American Musical will be co-sponsoring "John Raitt: Encore!" on Friday, April 6 in the Main Theatre at 8 p.m. The Broadway star will be entertaining the audience with songs from several great musicals. John Raitt has won acclaim since his first New York performance. The show will be a benefit performance for the Center. Tickets will be sold at the door \$12 for general and \$10 for students and seniors. Further information can be obtained by calling 363-1516.

In addition to the retirement of President Robert Stiff come next fall, Canada will also be in a bit of administrative expansion. Through the retirement of Registrar Jesse Guerrero, and Director of Services Ella Turner Gray returning to teaching, there will be vacancies. This, along with positions created through funding, will provide us with a new Dean of Admissions and Records, a new Dean of Special Services, a new counselor, a director of EOPS, and a Vice-President of Instruction.

"We have a chance to bring in some dynamic and visionary people, to add to the ones we already have," stated Vice President Olivia Martinez. "It is giving us a good chance to look at how we organize, and how we can serve the students effectively."

Film Review

'Pretty Woman'

By Joann Graham

Julia Roberts may not have won an Academy Award for her performance in "Steel Magnolias," but she has a way of entertaining an audience.

In "Pretty Woman," Roberts plays an Los Angeles hooker, Vivian. Vivian has experienced life through the streets while her co-star Edward, played by Richard Gere, has been motivated by revenge and a lust for power. At one point in the movie, Edward says to Vivian, "We both screw people for money." They both have found ways to distance themselves from other people so they can't be hurt emotionally.

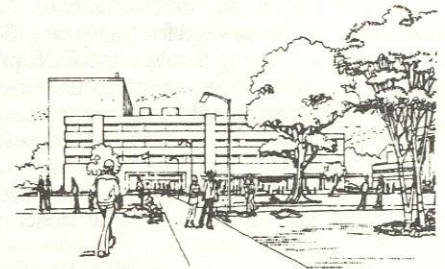
Roberts rejuvenates the Cinderella complex for women, while Gere proves that he can play a good guy on the Big Screen.

The chemistry between the two is second to the humor that is throughout this two-hour flick.

On Wednesday, April 4, don't be surprised to see several high school students scavenging around Canada College. Approximately 30 students from Sequoia High School will be taking part in a hunt to find such things as a resistor from the science department.

The Great Canada Chase II is being run by counselor Mary Schenky. The participants will have a list of about 25 things to find around campus and would probably appreciate your help. After the hunt, whoever brings back the most items from their list will win a prize. All of the students who attend will enjoy a lunch provided by the Associated Students of Canada College.

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Luckily for parent Valerie Hanepea, another student at Canada, she was able to get her child into the College of San Mateo's child care center. The program provides sliding scale assistance, based on income. Last year she paid \$.90 an hour for her son's care. This year she is paying a little more. Hanepea is taking ECE units at Canada, with the hope of providing day care in her own home.

If you don't already use child care, but plan on having children and working in the future, be prepared for the cost. Child care programs in Redwood City for school age (K - 5th grade) children run from \$25.00 to \$65.00 a week. Some of these programs are subsidized, and for many of these centers or homes, there are waiting lists.

Child care provider Sharon Springs, whose program is located at Encinal School in Menlo Park, says that the hardest part of her job is the salary and the image of "babysitter." Springs, director/teacher, has been working in the field for four years. She received her training through the ECE program at Canada. Springs started out earning \$4.50 an hour as an aide, and has increased her salary to \$8.00 an hour as Director. Along with increase in salary, she now has the added weight and responsibility of planning, shopping, administration and teaching of the program.

According to a wage and benefit survey done on San Mateo County by the Child Care Coordinating Council in 1988, the average starting salary for Springs' position would be between \$7.86 and \$13.84. The higher end of the scale is what teacher/directors in school districts make. The average is between \$7.86 and \$9.53. Springs, like many of her co-workers, is concerned with being able to stay in the business and pay the bills. Eyer knows that the salaries are a large factor in the willingness of people to enter into and stay in the profession. She tells her students to get second jobs, until the salaries reflect the cost of living.

Kristen Anderson, a consultant for the Redwood City School District, has been working on projects for child care in the communities. She reports that there are



currently 8,676 children in need of child care with the existing child care spaces for full time care at 2,039. The job growth by the year 2005 is estimated at 18,000 children who will be in need of care. The need for child care providers will grow. But will there be people still willing to make the sacrifice? Whose responsibility is child care? How will children be affected by care in centers and other people's homes? Will the providers be given salaries which are reflective of their responsibility? What is quality child care? Should business and government play a role in child care? There are many unanswered questions. What can community colleges do to train, provide and educate communities on child care and its issues?

Next issue we will explore some current programs in colleges which help parents and children with their child care needs.

Colts Get Win Over Skyline

Canada's baseball team ended the first half of the season on Tuesday, March 27th with a win against Skyline College. Pitcher Mike Goddard kept the lead through nine innings, to win 9-4.

The turnaround for the Colts occurred in Monterey March 17th. Maybe it was the sun, water, or the promise of dinner out. It worked as the Colts stole the game with a winning score of 9-1. Pitcher J.J. Baron had the winning touch in the March 15 game against Hartnell College, 6-5.

Coach Mike Garcia's goal is to make the league playoffs. Spring Break for the Colts will be spent in Sacramento, playing in a tournament. Don't feel bad for these guys; they like playing ball for there is always the hope of someday playing in the major leagues, or getting a good scholarship to continue playing ball and their education.

Question Man

What do you think of the service at the Cañada College Bookstore?"

- C.D. "What service?"
- T.S. "I don't know: It's fine."
- L.Z. "It's like going through customs."
- V.J. "Nothing. I don't think of the bookstore."
- J.W. "They're doing the best they can with what they've got."
- W.S. "At least you don't to stand in line to get coffee."
- S.A. "I wish I could get my books elsewhere and cheaper."
- E.T. "Are they trained to serve?"
- B.L. "They are helpful."
- R.L. "The service is on backorder like the books."
- L.K. "It's better than at the Universities."
- K.S. "It doesn't matter what I think."

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high school girls, which takes place every March at Skyline College. Recruitment is also a part of the plan for her department. With several teachers retiring at the end of the semester, she will be busy finding replacement staff.

In Armstrong's free time, she enjoys reading, from scientific journals to novels. When she was new to this country, she became familiar with American culture through reading such authors as Willa Cather. She is interested in history and the humanities, and would love to see a course

designed which could include man's history with the environment combined with a scientific history and direction man is taking. Realizing that this would be difficult to teach, the idea is appealing. She was asked, if she could take a class at Canada, what would she take? "Calculus, because they are teaching it now with computers which makes it more visual and you could play with the concepts. You could see the trees before the forest." She would also study "Fitness for Life" which is a supportive program combining physiological and physical exercise." She smiles and says,

"Now the faculty will be after me to take these classes!"

In a field dominated by men, and at a college where the majority of the Science and Math staff are men, it takes a unique woman to lead the way and still be liked by the faculty. Jim Stoney had this to say about Elizabeth Armstrong, "She's a great gal, she knows her stuff." Robert Batch said, "When Elizabeth has given you her time, you have her full attention; she is right with you!"

Armstrong's comment about leading a department: "I listen and have learned to give and take."