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Soccer Team First

Women's Sport Program Underway

By Joann Graham

Cañada's Vice President Dr. Olivia Martinez is on the forefront to bring women's soccer to Cañada. This summer the college will have a six week session which will teach skills and give players an opportunity to play competitively in a league format. The summer session is open to anyone interested. Anyone interested in signing up is encouraged to see Mike Legarza, Cañada's basketball coach. Recruitment

will also be going on for the team.

The addition of women's sport programs is only the start of what Martinez has in mind concerning expanding athletics at Cañada College. "Our campus is too beautiful not to be using our playing fields," says Dr. Martinez. Summer sessions will also include men's basketball and women's softball camps. Realignment of budget priorities is where funding for the sports program is coming from.

Cañada College will be the first college in San Mateo County to have a women's soccer program. Martinez is confident the college will have a coach for the soccer program by June, but is keeping options open for volleyball, depending on the strengths of the coach. The push for soccer exists because there are volleyball programs in the county for college students.

'Kiss Me Kate'

Musical Opens March 22

By Daniel Trecroci

Rehearsals are well in progress for the Cañada College Drama and Musical production of Kiss Me Kate. The show is to open on March 22 and run Thursday - Saturday the first weekend and Friday through the Sunday matinee on April 1. It will be under the stage direction of Mel Ellett, who holds an impressive lineup of past Cañada College theatre productions under his belt, including such renowned works as Hamlet, MacBeth, and Oedipus the King, to name only three of the some 90 productions he has produced or directed over his career.

The story is a musical version of the Taming of the Shrew, and will star David McCellan and Kathleen S. Young in the leads as Fred and Lilli, once married, now divorced, Hollywood big names, who are slated to do the lead roles of Petruchio and Katherine in the musical rendition of the Shakespearean classic. The two are still in love but are constantly going at each other's throats, in and outside the play within a play, out of jealousy and misunderstanding.

The show's lead company will also include Karin Olsen and Russ Bohand as Lois/Bianca and Bill/Luciento, the two young lovers in both aspects of the play.

The show will also include John Musgrave and Guy Schmidt to add a little comical support as the two gangsters.

"In my eyes, this has to be by far the most talented group of performers put on this stage to do a production in this college's history. I don't want to compare it to any of the past successes Cañada has staged, but I

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Food Service

Still Uncertain

By Cindy Granados

In May, 1989 ARASERVE, the management vender for the San Mateo Community College District's (SMCCD) food services program notified the College District of its decision to cancel their contract. Since 1982 the District has contracted with four different vendors to provide cafeteria services for all three colleges, Cañada, San Mateo, and Skyline. The district contracted the management of the food services but kept the employees under the District and its union.

With both the district and vendors operating at a loss for the last decade, some serious thought had to be put into the next type of food service. The District surveyed 23 districts in California to seek solutions. The outcome of this was for the SMCCD Board to of Trustees to no longer subsidize the food service programs. The thirteen employees were then laid off. The District is now in negotiations with the union which represents the 13 employees. Until these negotiations are resolved, there can be no other type of food service offered to the colleges. Lynn Pontacq of the SMCCD Business Services said that "negotiations with the District and the union had reached an impasse. The California State has been called in to provide a mediator."

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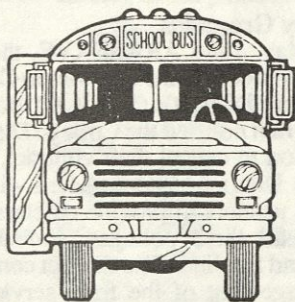
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Student Body Declines 4%

Enrollment for the spring semester at Cañada College is relatively the same as it was last semester. However, there is still a 4% decline in the aggregate student body as compared to the figures this time a year ago. The 7,303 day and evening students this year are down from the 7,586 day and evening students a year ago. However, with the transfer rate at 15% and a decline in new students this semester, the figures are understandable.

Of the approximate 7,300 students, 45% are continuing students, 27% are new students, and 26% are returning students.

The average age of the student this semester is 28, and the average G.P.A. is 2.90 among the males, and 3.00 among the females.



Cañada is still a predominantly Caucasian campus, with Caucasians making up a 70% majority. The percentage of Mexican-American and Hispanic students is at 12%, but President Bob Stiff is someone who sees that as an improvement.

"There really has been a significant increase in the number of Hispanic and Asian students. We need to start recruiting more minority students, because soon, the minority students will make up the majority population."

Stiff however, feel disconcerted over the decline in black Non-Hispanic students at the campus to a new low of 4%.

As usual, the majority of the students reside in the Redwood City and Woodside Hills area, with others coming from San Carlos, Menlo Park, Belmont, or San Mateo. Only 15% make the commute from the outer San Mateo County region.

'My Heart is with Cañada' College President Retires

By Daniel Trecroci

When you walk through the doors of the President's office and look to your left come next fall, you will not see the benevolent figure of Robert Stiff sitting behind his desk. The college president of seven years, and administrator from the days of the college's incorporation back in 1968, has announced his intent to resign as head honcho of the campus.

The presence of Stiff on the campus, however, will not be missed next semester. He has asked for a post-retirement contract that will allow him to teach classes part-time for the next three to five years. So instead of controlling law and order from the confines of the admissions building, he will be seen giving the occasional lecture and homework assignment from the Humanities Building.

"My heart is, and will always be, with Cañada," stated Stiff.

For those select few who do not know of Robert Stiff as College President, then perhaps you may know him as saxophone player, author, English teacher, sports en-

thusiast, or the tall gentleman walking around campus bearing a striking resemblance to Jimmy Stewart.

Stiff came to Cañada back in 1968. At the time, he was a teacher at C.S.M. but can recall in a somewhat nostalgic respect, the first days of the campus.

"I lived close by, and actually got to watch the college being built, which was a big thrill, knowing that I would be one of the first to come here," stated Stiff.

Before coming to Cañada, he taught at C.S.M., Mills High School, and Hillsdale. His education at University of the Redlands and S.F. State did not start until well into his twenties, as he spent much of his post high school days on the road, playing saxophone with such renowned band leaders as Bob Strong, Tommy Reynolds, Joe Sanders, and Rod Rafelli, during the 1940's. At the age of 23, through the encouragement of his colleagues in the band, he decided to put his sax back in the box and embark upon his collegiate career.

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Stiff's advice to all those young people out there, who are in the midst of their dreams to become the next Joe Montana, Kevin Mitchell, Dustin Hoffman, or Mick Jagger, is best quoted with Thoreau in saying "You should never discontinue your dreams, and yet, you should build a foundation to fall back on!"

When Stiff came to Cañada, he was given the position of Language Arts Chairman, and later founded the Humanities Division of the college.

In 1974-75, he acted as the interim president of the college before moving on to the district office for the next six or seven years to act as Dean of Educational Services until coming back to Cañada in 1983 as

President, where he has been since.

A true patriot to the campus, he looks back on the past 21 years and smiles, from the nostalgic first days, to the establishment of the Language Arts program, to the 20th anniversary celebration of the college in 1988. He has always had immense respect for his faculty.

"I advise a personal approach to instruction. I feel it imperative getting to know the student body both inside and outside the classroom. That is the distinction that Cañada faculty has over other community college campuses," stated Stiff in appraisal of his teaching faculty.

In his departure, he also sees some disconcerting statistics in the transfer rate of Cañada students being only 15 percent.

"I would like to see that statistic become higher over the years, but regardless of the time they are here, whether it is for two years, for job training, or just for the thrill of it, I feel each student is given ample preparation for whatever it is they are to embark upon," concluded Stiff.

As for retirement, Stiff intends to spend more time with his wife Joan (who incidentally is the Mayor of Woodside), he plans on playing a lot more tennis, and definitely a lot more sax playing. His advice for the next president,

"Get to know the culture of the school, the staff, and district, before implementing his or her decision."

Alma's Son College Mourns Loss

Former Phoenix Cardinals reserve wide receiver-kick returner Darryl Usher, A San Mateo High School graduate, was shot to death Saturday, February 24, at his eastside apartment, police said. Darryl was the son of Alma Usher, Cañada's chief switchboard

operator for the past 15 years.

Police believe that a man entered Usher's apartment and shot Usher and a woman in the apartment and then may have turned the gun on himself, said Phoenix police spokesman Andy Anderson.

Anderson said Usher, 25, died at Maricopa Medical Center. The dead woman was identified as Chiquita Burt, 24, who was believed to be Usher's girlfriend. Authorities said she died at Good Samaritan Hospital.

The unidentified man, believed to be the attacker, is in critical condition at Maricopa Medical Center. His identity was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Anderson said the police believe the attacker was the former boyfriend of Burt and that he shot her and Usher because of jealousy.

The apartment complex is located directly behind East High School, the Cardinals training headquarters since the NFL team moved to Phoenix from St. Louis in 1988.

The 5-8, 170-pound Usher was signed as a free agent by Phoenix in mid-November after he was released by the San Diego Chargers.

He played in three games for Phoenix, catching one pass for 8 yards, returning one punt for 10 yards and returning 17 kickoffs for 33 yards.

He was not protected February 1 by the Cardinals and was made an unconditional free agent.

Usher, a second-year pro out of Illinois, was a seventh round draft choice of the New England Patriots in 1988. He was signed as a free agent by the Cleveland Browns in February 1989 after spending his rookie year on the injured list with a knee injury.

The funeral was held Saturday at the Pilgrim Baptist Church in San Mateo.

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know we now have a larger group of talented people, and I look to it being a very even and exciting show," stated Ellett in an optimistic tone.

Kiss Me Kate features such cherished musicals as "So in Love Am I," "Wonderbar," "Always True to You in my Fashion," and the show-stopper "Brush Up Your Shakespeare."

The show will feature an Elizabethan costuming concept that has been designed by Kate Irvine. It will also feature a 25 member chorus and dance ensemble that will be choreographed and directed by Cheryl McNamara and Carl Sitton, with Eric Kujawsky as orchestra director.



ASCC Wants you!

Student government of the Associated Students of Cañada College (ASCC) needs you to join in the activities, meetings, or just to share your ideas and opinions. Senatorial positions are open in the student government. The Associated Students of Cañada College meet on Wednesdays at 12:15 in their office which is located in the cafeteria.

This is also the place any student can go to purchase a photo ID. Hours the office is open to purchase your photo ID are posted on the door. Bar-B-Ques, Health-Clinic Days and Student/Faculty Forums are a few of the activities the ASCC will be sponsoring this month. Dates and times for these activities will be posted around campus.

Safety Tips

You can help keep Cañada College a safe campus by being concerned and taking time to be cautious:

- 1) Walk with someone whenever possible
- 2) Bring and use a flashlight if you walk by dark or poorly lit areas
- 3) Take your keys out before leaving the classrooms
- 4) Get to know your classmates and keep an eye out for one another
- 5) Park by lights if you know you'll be coming out after dark
- 6) If you see anything unusual, report it to you teacher or campus police
- 7) lock you car
- 8) Be careful!

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The Associate Students Of Cañada College (ASCC) put out a survey in January, 1990, to determine the effects the food service program has had on students. After interviewing 287 students, they concluded that the lack of food service at Cañada affected students by 67%, their ability to study by 50%, the quality of the vending machines to be below average by 80%, and that the importance of food services should be a higher priority was stated by 47% of the students.

The ASCC concluded that the students still wanted a service besides the vending machines. Several members of the ASCC approached the District in January with the

results of the survey. From this meeting an advisory board was established, consisting of members from the three colleges. The Food Service Advisory Board will now meet with the District to help move toward a solution to the cafeteria problem. According to Lynn Pontacq, the advisory board's role "will be to explore food service alternatives for each of the schools, so that upon agreement with the union, the District will have a plan of action to implement."

ASCC member, Scott Bitton, who is on the Advisory Board, is also part of a six-member student committee which will be doing the ground work. The committee has a three part goal. First is to prepare reports with facts, which will help move toward an

agreement. To do this, the committee plans to conduct a poll among students seeking ideas for food service. With this information, a survey will be taken from a large sample of the student population. The results of the survey will help the Advisory Board move in a direction after a settlement between the District and the union has been made. The District is committed to finding a workable food service program; to this the Advisory Board will play an important role.

If you are interested in helping find a solution to the cafeteria problem, contact the ASCC Office. Committee members are Scott Austine, Scott Bitton, Asa Heine, Francisco Lopez, Elham Moradeshaghi, and William Sandoval.

'Miracle' Colts Make Playoffs

By Joann Graham

The Cañada Colts basketball team, that almost did not exist, came out and proved that they were a contending team. In November, the team without a coach met up with Mike Legarza from San Diego. Coach Legarza came to the Colts and led them to outstanding accomplishments.

The team ended their season in the playoffs on Saturday, February 24, losing in the state championships 80 - 66, to American River. Ending in 5th place in their con-



ference is quite exciting for a team that only had one returning player. Kyle Kerlegan, the team's only player from last year, led the state in three point baskets.

Other starting players in the team include, Craig Henderson, Francisco Hurtate, Dale Horton and Daniel Meade. The team had ten wins this season and is looking forward to more next year. Coach Legarza, who has already started recruiting players for next year, says, "We had a great year considering the circumstances."

Baseball Team

Cañada Begins League Play

By Cindy Granados

Cañada's baseballers go kicking into the Coast Conference League Games, which begin Saturday, March 3. After last weekend's games, Coach Mike Garcia has hope for his mostly green team. Prior to this the team performance was up and down. The pre-season games, which started February 2, left the team with a five win record out of 11 games played. Two of those wins came from last weekend's solid ball playing.

In Friday's game against Laney College, Freshman Jason Talvas pitched seven innings with a lead. Freshman J.J. Baron finished the game and held on for the save against Laney, to win 5-3. Once again pitching played a big role in Saturday's double header against College of the Red-

woods. Sophomore pitcher Mike Goddard threw the 7 innings, striking out 10 batters, for a 3-2 victory. Goddard's 2 and 2 so far, making Coach Garcia smile.

Saturday's game against Mission College should be hot, now that the Colts have warmed up. The league games include 11 colleges and will run through April 28, with league playoffs following the season games.

Returning infielder Jim Perkins feel positive about the team, noting that "Last year we had some up and down times in the beginning, " but that didn't stop the Colts from becoming the Coast Conference Champions. To see the Colts play their first big game Saturday, be at Cañada by 12:00 noon to meet Mission College.

