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## New Director 'Likes What He Sees'

By Ryan Jones

Canada's new Director of Admissions has only been in his position for a little over a week, but he already likes what he sees. Scott Thomas, who has ten years experience in the Los Angeles Community College District, is looking forward to the challenge of his new job, and working with Canada's "competent and experienced" staff.

Thomas came to Canada because he was interested in being close to the student body and working on a community college campus, something he could not do in his former position of assistant to the vice chancellor in Los Angeles. Thomas also admits that the

prospect of living in the bay area was a motivating factor. Thomas, who will be heading the Admissions and Financial Aid departments, is looking to utilize his experience and the experience of his staff at Canada to help these departments run smoothly and efficiently.

Thomas got his B.A. at Denison University in Bloomington, Indiana and then went on to earn his Masters at the University of Indiana. After earning his Masters, Thomas was involved in a program designed to help high-risk high school students improve their attendance and academics through counseling in the Indianapolis area. Thomas

had difficulty showing these kids the value of an education that could be achieved at a community college because Indianapolis did not have one to offer. This lack of resources prompted his move to California where he found one of the best community college systems in the country.

When asked if he had inherited any problems with his new position, Thomas said he did not, and went on to credit Vice President Olivia Martinez, and interim Registrar Herb Warne, for enabling him to make the smooth transition. "He (Warne) was the right man at the right place at the right time," Thomas said.

## Big Bucks For Books – A Fact Of Life

By Nicole Burleson,  
Bookstore

"Forty-eight bucks for one lousy textbook? What a rip-off!" How many times have you heard that cry in Canada's bookstore?

Can they really be taking us that badly? Hardly. Last year the Bookstore only had a profit of approximately \$2,000, which barely covered the cost of new cash registers. So where is all our money going?

To the publishers. When we buy a book from the

bookstore we pay not only the store but also the publishing house, the author or the text, printing and distribution fees.

Textbooks are expensive. "They always have been and they always will be because the publisher uses textbook profits to cover their other expenses." - says bookstore manager Judy Inouye.

The 25 per cent margin of profit that the bookstore takes in on the continues on page 3



## Opinion Child Care Needed

By Yvonne Moriarty

The need for child care at Canada has increased by more than 40 percent this semester. Twenty-five new students have enrolled in programs that help a parent pay for the increasing child care costs, and the number is growing. It's apparent that this issue must be addressed.

Students at a community college have numerous responsibilities. Fitting their college schedule into their daily routine is difficult, but constantly having to worry about their children is a burden that does not have to exist.

Canada should have a day care center on campus that is open to parents while they're attending classes.

Finding quality care can be as difficult as paying for it. Fortunately, Canada has an excellent Early Childhood

Education Program that offers more than 25 courses this semester. Finding quality workers should not be a problem.

Canada is not a big campus, but there has to be a location that can accommodate a childcare faculty. One proposed site was in building five, but that is reserved as a facility lounge. I watched the room from 11-1 and observed one staff member in the room for less than five minutes while she finished a cup of coffee.

The primary reason Canada doesn't have a child care center on campus is lack of funds.

Ironically, the San Mateo Community College District had a \$9.3 million dollar surplus last year.

A new President at Canada will be announced within the next few weeks, and he or she is only chance that Canada has of getting an on campus child care center in the near future. It's time to stop evading the problem and recognize the need for child care. Child care should be on the administration's "list of priorities". We have numerous resources so let's use them and open a desperately needed quality child care facility on campus!



## College President To Be Named

By Yvonne Moriarty

"The search for Canada's new President has been narrowed down to three finalists," according to District Chancellor, Glen Smith. "The new President will be announced soon."

Forty-four qualified candidates applied. Three were recommended to the Chancellor by the selection committee that consisted of ten people including administrators and instructors.

The three finalists were interviewed Feb 11-14. references were checked Feb 19-22.

After all interviews are completed and all references have been checked thoroughly, Chancellor Smith will announce his carefully selected choice for the new President at Canada. The date of the announcement is not definite, but will hopefully be by the end of this week.

## Announcements

THE LONG VALLEY GAZETTE IS LOOKING FOR ANY INFORMATION ABOUT CANADA STUDENTS CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE PERSIAN GULF. ADDRESS ANY INFORMATION TO LONG VALLEY C/O HUMANITIES OR BLDG. 3 RM 210

If you have a 2.0 GPA and have completed 12 units or more, now is the time to apply for scholarships. Application forms are available in Bldg. 8 room 303. If you have any other questions, phone Debbie Besnyi at 306-3274.

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## Books from pg. 1

books I also a factor. But the bookstore allows us the option of selling our books back for 50% of what we paid for them. So you could also take the viewpoint that the \$48.00 textbook was really only \$24.00, for an entire semester of learning. Think of how far twenty four dollars gets you in the mall! Maybe 1 1/2 compact disks or a 1/3 of a pair of Cavaricci's?

"I want to take them back," says Inouye about used books. The store makes more of a profit on buy-backs than it does on regular priced books. Used books must sell for the current new price in off-campus bookstores.

The reasons that you sometimes get denied the opportunity to sell back a book are actually quite logical. Professors place their text orders directly to the store. If they do not order the same book for next semester the store won't be able to sell them. The same holds true if a class is held every other semester. There is simply no room to store the texts in the bookstore.

The bookstore also sells novelty items, paperbacks, pens, notebooks, and general supplies. The store marks them up 30-50%. However, when the store buys these items they get together with 42 other stores and buy in bulk, getting a cheaper price. The quality of the supplies they buy far surpasses that of drug stores where they mainly carry mass produced items of a cheaper make.

Clothing such as sweats is a good buy at the

mainly the Russell brand name. A sweatshirt will run you somewhere between \$15-\$30, not bad for a name brand with your college's insignia.

Other good bets are the engineering products and architectural supplies.

Some products such as art supplies are so vast in quantity and quality that the bookstore may not be the answer. As Inouye says, "We are not here to pretend we can be all things to all people, we're too small."

Art majors may want to shop around before purchasing. A good place to try is University Arts, in Palo Alto, "We always tell people where they can find better deals and if we have the better deal," sympathized Inouye.

Prices for books are outrageous, but they have stayed with general inflation. There are other places to shop around for texts. Ones to try-Green Apple, City Lights and Mega Books. But once again the first and foremost price hike comes way before the bookstore.

## Promote Health Prevent Illness

By Chris de los Santos

The Health Center on campus has an itinerary with events for the rest of the spring semester. Student involvement with the programs is adequate, but it is felt by Joyce Herrington, RN that attendance to different functions would improve with more publicity. The Health Center uses flyers and handouts to inform the

they will be holding. Most of the activities are free of charge to students and the activities are geared to enhance awareness on health issues.

The Health Center holds monthly activities. February is National AIDS Awareness Month. A series of lectures on AIDS were presented by Jonathon Messenger of the San Mateo County AIDS Program. Lectures were presented for day and evening students.

The Fifth Annual Health Fair and Open House will be held February 27 from 11am to 1pm in the cafeteria. It is sponsored by Canada's Health and Psychological Services Center. This year's theme is Promote Health, Prevent



Illness, Participate in our Health Fair. Various testing and information booths will be set up offering free services or information. There will be a cholesterol and body fat composition testing booth that will require a fee. Various organizations and health specialists are scheduled to participate. Information is available from the Health Center, in the Career Center.

The week of March 11 will have presentations on breast and testicular self-examination clinics in physical education classes. Then on April 10 is the Spring Blood Drive. Students are urged by the Health Center to participate and keep

## Basketball

Colts Notch  
Victory #20

By John Kenny/Shayda Ashrof

The Colt basketball team defeated los Medanos on Feb. 6, 80-51 to gain their 20th victory of the season.

Serra grad Vern Hubbard, El Camino alum Frank Hurtarte, and Dale Horton each scored 13 points.

For head coach Mike Legarza this was a big win as he is in only his second year at the helm. This victory virtually ensured a spot in the state playoffs for the Colts, according to Legarza.

On Feb. 8, the Colts made a valiant surge at the end but came up short against visiting Skyline, 62-58.

The loss dropped the Colts to 11-5 in the conference, 20-7 overall and in a tie for third place in the Coast Conference with Hartnell behind De Anza and Skyline.

Skyline came in looking for revenge after the Colts upended them Jan. 9 by a score of 63-61. In a carbon copy of the first game, ferocious defense was played by both teams as they battled to 33-33 deadlock at half time.

Skyline came out in the second half with 18-3 run to take a 51-39 lead.

The Colts were down but not out as tough defense held Skyline scoreless for 5:24. In that span, Leland Rubin scored six points and Frank

pointer as the Colts scored 11 straight points.

Rubin led the Colts with 12 points and six assists, and hit a layup to finish the run off, giving the Colts the lead 55-54 with 4:33 remaining.

Hurtarte also scored 12 points nailing four three pointers and Kahsan Jenkins added 11 points and 10 rebounds. Dale Horton matched Jenkins' rebounding effort with 10 boards.

## Baseball

Colts Win 2 - 1  
Over Skyline

By Chris Palmer

Last Tuesday, Feb 12, the Canada baseball team opened the season against their arch rivals the Skyline College Trojans at Canada. The weekend before that Skyline had won the third annual Canada diamond invitational. They won it, but they did it without having to play the Colts, who beat Marin College but lost to Oxnard College of Ventura County twice. Skyline eventually beat Oxnard for first.

Coach Mike Garcia is a local out of Woodside High School played at Canada before going to Cal State Fullerton where he was team captain of the 78-79 college championship team. He also played in the Atlanta Braves' minor league system for five years, making it to Triple A, which is one league below the majors. He has coached the team for six accomplished years and is aiming at the coast conference championship which they won two years

disappointing season for the Colts, who ended with a 18-21 record, 10-10 in the conference.

Nine players are returning from last year's team. Pitcher Jim Mercurio and lefties Jason Talavs and James Wallkvist. Center fielder Gary McNamara, first basemen Mike Ruane, second basemen John Rocklin, shortstop Donovan Sinton, third basemen and left fielder Pat Bumpas are also back. New to the team are Tony Edayan, Matt Hansen, Bryan Nelson, Tim O'Brien, Pat Truby, Marcus Hendry, Joe Zamagni and Jose Valenzuela.

Well, if their first game against Skyline is any indication of what lies ahead it may be a very good season for the Colts.

It was a pitching duel right from the beginning as Canada had James Wallkvist on the mound matched up against Travis Walters of Skyline.

The Colts were able to get some men on base, one in the second inning and they loaded them up in the third inning but were unable to score. Skyline, on the other hand, was held hitless by the superb pitching of Wallkvist and some great defense by the rest of the team until the last inning.

