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## Student Leader Witnesses Invasion of Kuwait

By Shon Williams

Wonder what it would be like to be in a Middle- Eastern country, say Kuwait, during an invasion from a neighboring country, say, Iraq? Well just ask Student Senate President Ahmed Darwiche-- he was there!

Newly elected to his position last May, Darwiche left for his home land on June 10 to visit his parents in the city of Hawalli 110 km south of the Iraq-Kuwait border. "Because I had been living in the U.S. for a while, I had grown ac-

customed to the U.S. way of life. Naturally I had some adjusting to do," he said. While things were a little strange at first, nothing foretold the fate that lay ahead for his beloved country.

"It was now August. I had been in Kuwait for nearly 2 months and had settled in nicely. Then on August 2 it happened. I was watching a movie on my VCR; it was about 1 in the morning, and I had no idea what was going on outside." While Ahmed sat, snacks in hand, Iraq was busy making a run for the border. The invasion was just too far away to be heard.

"The next morning a neighbor came over to tell us what had happened. We really didn't believe her. I left for work about 8 A.M. and as I was walking I noticed something strange. There were Iraqi soldiers in the streets everywhere." The answer became apparent. His neighbor hadn't been making it up. "They just told me to go back home. When I got back, my family was safe at home. But still, even after seeing the soldiers in the streets, it seemed like one big joke. I guess it finally hit home when I saw the Iraqi helicopters hovering over the city. They were waving to the people below, so I waved back.

Almost two weeks had passed since the invasion and businesses had begun to close down. "My father was out of work and it was time for me to enroll in school, so we decided to leave for Beirut." So on August 15, the Darwiches loaded up the wagon and moved 'em out. "The trip took just two days as we travelled through Kuwait, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, and finally I caught a plane to the U.S. There were no road-

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## Acting Pres. Not Easy Job

by Linda Fuentes

"It's not an easy job to fill," says acting President Ray Dondero. "Unfortunately, today's college administrator is often isolated, simply because of the bureaucracy it takes to keep a school running. As the world of work changes you need to reach new skills and stay attuned to the feedback from the community. Community Colleges no longer represent what you need to learn so much as what you want to learn."

Dondero explained the job of president does not require you be an educator or have a teaching credential, in fact a degree in business administration is the criterion for the position. "Emphasis has shifted more and more from administration of people to administration of resources, money that is. It's unfortunate, but a necessity."

"Community colleges are people's colleges. Their primary source of funds comes from the state government with a small negligible amount from the federal government. Therefore the curriculum

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## COLLEGE DAY OCTOBER 19

By Shannon Meyer

October 19, Canada will be celebrating its annual College/University Day. It will be held on the center campus lawn from 9:00 to 1:00. There will be approximately 30-35 recruiters representing State, UC, and private colleges. Every year Canada holds this important day to encourage students to look ahead towards their future.

In the past, students have used the information they've received and it has really helped them. The students go to the representatives and ask questions which are of interest to that student. This year a fact sheet will be available for students to refer to when asking questions.

This year in charge of College/University Day is Nonan Villanueva. He is trying to change things a little to make it more exciting. There will be entertainment and food available for the students. "It's important for the students to touch base with the recruiters as soon as possible," said Villanueva.

# Recruitment Effort Underway

## More Programs To Help Minorities

By Ryan Jones

The Canada student body is made up of only 6% Mexican-Americans, 3% Hispanics, and 4% Blacks. Canada is hoping to improve these statistics by recruiting more minority students from local high schools, and expand programs that are designed to help minority students at Canada. Bruce Edmonds, a former Sequoia High School counselor who is now at Canada, will be heading the high school recruitment campaign this year.

Edmonds feels the best way to get students interested in coming to Canada is to increase visibility and presence in local high schools, and focus on developing one on one relationships between the counselor and students. Edmonds also believes if students know they have someone at Canada to talk to,

they will be more interested in the opportunity of going to a community college.

Edmonds has started to talk to students and set up counseling appointments at every high school in the Sequoia High School District. By spending three or four hours a week in every school, Edmonds hopes to talk with hundreds of minority students and inform them of what Canada has to offer. Edmonds cannot reach all of the students however. More faculty recruiting and interaction with the students is a vital part of the progress. Without Canada staff members going to the high school campuses and talking with the students, the program will only have limited success. Edmonds also believes Canada students can play a big role in recruitment success. Minority student union groups in local high schools meeting with Canada students, Edmonds feels, will produce very positive results.

Vice President Olivia Martinez believes one of the best recruiting techniques is Canada students passing on their experiences and recommendations to friends. "The biggest hook for kids is word of mouth," said Martinez.

Interim President Ray Dondero is counting on bi-lingual faculty members having the extra communication skills necessary to persuade more Chicano and Hispanic students to pursue a college education. With the English Institute as a solid base, Dondero believes that Canada offers minority students an excellent chance to develop their English skills.

Canada has plans to introduce more trade and technical courses that will focus on the occupational goals of the students. Giving increased support to programs such as E.O.P.S. (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services) which provides things like grants, tutoring and books, in addition to implementing new courses, Canada's plan to recruit more minority students should be a success.

## Ted Lempert Visits

# 'Young Voters' Subject of Talk

By Daniel Trecroci

Ted Reller's 11:00 A.M. political Science class and numerous other students of curiosity, were treated to a slice of legislative representation on Oct. 5 in the school's Lecture Hall, when State Assemblyman Ted Lempert addressed a classroom of 50 plus students and faculty members.

Lempert, the 1989 freshmen assemblyperson of the year, addressed the classroom with a speech that was to focus on young voter participation and political involvement. Lempert spoke for about an hour and then fielded some questions by journalists and curious others, but through the bulk of his lecture, Lempert seemed to get side tracked from what he came to speak to the students about.

Lempert, the true portrait of a modern day liberal, promoted his stand on a number of issues ranging from ethics reforms, environmental questions, the issue of gerrymandering, and even possibly extending Bart down the Peninsula, with access stops near vari-



ous Community Colleges and Universities. He, in a way, played the part of a lobbyist, with many pertinent ideas, however the students he was addressing were not the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington D.C.

When he was finally asked to speak up on the problem of young voter participation, he answered as if he were hoping to evade the question all along.

Lempert attributed the problem to reasons ranging from the U.S. having no heroes today, lack of inspiring govern-

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## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

# The Time For Change Is Now

By Kristin Rock

Tim Haenny, the new student activities coordinator, wants to put the "community" back into "community college". He feels that with the help of the faculty and the involvement of students, Canada can change from just a school into a college.

Mr. Haenny, who received his Masters Degree in counseling and guidance at Cal Poly, believes that with all of the new changes in faculty, staff and administration we shouldn't stop there. "The time is now for some incredible changes."

Among many outstanding ideas for Canada, Mr. Haenny has four main goals that he is working on. He wants to reinstate "college hour," a system that most colleges already use. This would entail not having any classes from either

11-12 or 12-1 so there can be rallies, activities, club meeting, etc. "It would be a welcome addition to the college environment."

Mr. Haenny believes that the newspaper is another important factor in college life. He believes that the students should be able to communicate with each other as well as the faculty. "It is important to be able to know the same thing as someone across campus."

"The time has come to take a serious look at child care," says Mr. Haenny. He is presently working on having an on-site child care facility.

The last of Mr. Haenny's four main goals are the campus food services. He want Canada students to be able to have a healthy lunch on campus between or after classes.

All four of these projects are being

worked on at this time. These things are needed to bring Canada from the "commuter college" level up to the "community college" level.

Tim Haenny has worked in student services at San Jose State, Skyline College and College of San Mateo. He loves to work with students because "they challenge everything and it's never the same job from day to day."

"When I die, I'd like to come back as Bill Graham (concert producer) because I love to work with people and I love to have fun." "I need student involvement, they need to let me know what they're thinking." He welcomes visits from students at any time. You can find him in building 2, room 10.

"I loved community college, it helped me a lot. I feel like I'm finally paying back the loan."

## Lempert Talk

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ment leaders, to the media who tarnish these leaders' images.

"To have someone like Spiro Agnew say, 'I would never let a young person to get involved in politics' or to have Ronald Reagan say 'America's problem is the government' is a sure way to turn off young voters," stated Lempert.

He also felt that the media is to blame just as much for their tireless efforts to degrade political personalities for sex scandals and such, and for never giving equal attention to those silent legislators who actually do their job.

He feels such things as advertising can encourage the young voter to show up at the polls every first Tuesday in November.

"If they could show the good aspects, and that your vote really does count, then there could be a significant turnaround," concluded Lempert.

## EI a Model Program

By Yvonne Moriarty

With over 500 students enrolled and more than 25 courses designed specifically for non-native speakers of English, the English Institute (EI) at Canada College is a model for the community colleges throughout California.

The program began in 1973 with 12 students. There wasn't any program designed for immigrants at the time, and the few immigrant students that did enroll at Canada had a tendency to drop out quickly.

The EI Program is an intensive language program that provides English-language training for students whose native language is not English. The program is four semesters of intensive English language studies in grammar, listening/speaking, reading and writing in preparation for entry into academic or vocational-occupational

courses.

There are three times as many English Institute courses offered as there are in the regular English department.

Most courses at Canada have a class size of 20, but EI courses have a 30 student limit, and are filled to capacity. The courses have an average waiting list of 15-20.

The tuition for out of State and foreign students at Canada is \$100. About 73% of the students enrolled in EI are Hispanic, but their backgrounds vary. There are students with less than a fifth grade education and there are also students with PhD's.

Spring, 1990, 507 students were enrolled in the EI program; 96 of the students were enrolled for 12-15 units. 100 students carried more than 15 units.

There were 46 EI students on the Dean's list Fall '89. 10 EI students had a GPA of 4.0.

## KUWAIT

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blocks along the way, the trip was very easy."

Upon Ahmed's return he found that his friends and fellow senators alike had been concerned for his safety and even wondered aloud if he would or could ever return.

Finally he did. While Darwiche is thankful for his safety, he doesn't look back on this as a frightening experience. He thinks of it as a learning experience. "I've learned that freedom is a precious commodity. We as Americans shouldn't think something of this nature could never happen here. Because I made the mistake in Kuwait and look what happened!" Good advice indeed.

## DONDERO

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the federal government. Therefore the curriculum must fluctuate with the need of the industry around us. For instance, we found that in our tourism curriculum hands-on experience was missing, so United Airlines gave us computers and tied them into their real data base in Denver so that the students could experience real life situations instead of simulated ones. This is a big boost to our program and tourism is a big industry in San Mateo County."

Dondero comes well equipped to make these observations. Starting at Fullerton College down south, then at Contra Costa College, Dondero started his career as a teacher of physical sciences. He then went on into life sciences, ecology, astronomy to name a few then on to president of Contra Costa College, where he retired six years ago.

Presently Dondero is doing consulting work for Professional Personnel Leasing, the firm that placed him here. "The chancellor needed someone quick, he called my firm and here I am," said Dondero. Though he might rather be fishing, he'll be here as long as it takes the headhunters and the board of trustees to find another president for Canada.

# Tough Loss For Women's Soccer Team

By John Kenny

The women's soccer team at Canada fought hard but came up short in a rough road loss to De Anza in the season opener of Coast Conference play on Thursday, Oct. 11 in Cupertino.

De Anza came out strong and looked like they would dominate early when forward Christy Bell sidestepped and fired a goal with 41:04 left in the first half. Canada's defense toughened up and relentlessly pressured De Anza to keep the game at 1-0 until the end of the first half.

Coach Frank Magiola didn't feel that De Anza had been dominant in the first half and that the Colts could still pull this one out. But the first half took it's toll on both sides. I saw at least five players go down grabbing at twisted, sore ankles. One of those was Canada forward Darcy Jackson. Approximately 15 minutes into the second half, Jackson went down again after a sliding attempt to advance the ball. She had to be carried

off the field by Coach Mangiola and team trainer Bryan Gerbig. The extent of the injury to her ankle wasn't known at the game, but Jackson left the field after the game on crutches.

Even after losing Jackson, a key element to Canada's game plan, Canada's defense stuck to their guns. Key plays by Kathleen Murray, Gretchen Kerwin, Teri Cereghino, and Kelly Sullivan to name only a few, thwarted De Anza's offensive surges in the second half.

Canada's offensive attack maneuvered down field and got close a number of times but couldn't convert. When the final whistle sounded, De Anza was on top 1-0.

Future Canada games are as follows:

Oct 16 at Foothill, 3pm  
Oct 18 Home vs. Ohlone, 3pm  
Oct 30 Home vs. De Anza, 3pm  
Nov 1 Home vs. Foothill 3pm

## Free Music Program Today

"How music is produced in the 90's" is the subject of a free demonstration to be presented by Eric Petersen, Director of the Music Engineering program at Cogswell Polytechnical College and some of his students. The program will take place on Friday, October 19 from 9 to 11 A.M. in 3-142 (the orchestra room).

Mr. Petersen will be bringing MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) equipment to facilitate the "hands-on" demonstration of the technical equipment available to composers, perform-

ers, and musical engineers today. This includes an Apple 2ci and media sound equipment. The event is sponsored by Ruthie Warren's Musicanship and harmony classes.

A one-day hands-on exposition and demonstration called Midi Expo '90 will be hosted by Cogswell College, 10420 Bubb Road, Cupertino (behind De Anza College) October 20, from 11 to 6. The fee is \$5. It is open to the public and will feature the latest, "hot-test" advances in the field. Questions? Call Mr. Peterson at (408) 252-5550.

### announcements

- \* Six new picnic tables will be purchased and placed at various points on the campus.
- \*College and University Day will be held Oct. 19 from 9-1.
- \*Canada has received permission to keep open the back road entrance from Canada road by the City of Woodside.

\*Canada College's Student Body Newspaper, The Long Valley Gazette, has opted to let its student readers advertise for free in the bi-weekly newspaper's classified ad section.

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