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## 'Chalk Circle' Opens; A Parable Of Revolution

War, revolution, and justice are the elements of the theme of Cañada Drama Department's first play this year, The Caucasian Chalk Circle, which opened last night.

As the curtain rises an explosive scene of fighting between palace servants and

soldiers is revealed. The ruling aristocratic family appears on stage as the disturbance is quelled. The governor and his family are seen only as shallow, cruel figures behind gaudy masks, whereas the servants are seen as troubled human beings caught up in the turmoil of war and revolution.

Through the use of black humor and irony of situation, the play quickly moves through a series of quick scenes to make a statement on power, corruption, and the nature of justice in such a way that it is easily applied to contemporary trends. The statement is made primarily

through the drunken, shiftless person of Azdak, who is elevated to the position of a powerful judge, thanks to the fortunes and misfortunes of revolution.

Azdak, the village scrivener is assigned the role against his objections. "The (former) judge was a bugger, now a bugger will be a judge," orders a soldier at sword point. Thus Azdak assumes this position and travels through the countryside administering a rather bizarre form of justice to the tune of bribes and booze. But in the final scene, quite unexpectedly, Azdak becomes the ultimate witness for the possibility of justice in a chaotic world. "Almost an age of justice!" exclaims one of the characters at the closing of the final scene.

During a civil war the deposed governor's son is rescued by one of the palace maids and carried beyond the mountains for protection, at great risk and embarrassment to the unmarried girl. It proves to be a deed of kindness filled with danger for the doer, for, as the chorus sings, "Terrible is the temptation of Goodness." The civil war, through a fluke, makes a powerful judge of a drunken rascal who proceeds to turn justice upside down. In the

course of events, the new judge is asked to decide on the custody of the governor's son; should he and the estates be awarded to the governor's widow and the actual mother, who abandoned her child in her haste to pack her dresses, or to the adopted mother, a lowly servant girl who has loved the child and shielded him from all danger. The judge renders his decision somewhat in the manner of Solomon, but from a different point of view. There are many scenes of vivid and colorful action, humor, and character: the overrunning of the palace; the chase through the mountains; the combination wedding-and-funeral feast, and the series of trials presided over by the rascally judge. The role of the judge, Azdak, is one of the richest in modern dramatic literature.

Tickets are now on sale at the Cañada box office for \$.50 for students and children, and \$1.00 for non-students. All seats are reserved. Advance reservations may be made by calling 364-1212, extension 312, between 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets will also be available at the door. The play will continue until Saturday, November 4. Curtain at 8:00 p.m.



Gena Freschet, as Grisha, appears before Michael Hill, as Azdak the drunken judge (left) to plea for the custody of her adopted son. Dan Moran (center) is the Fat Prince.

## English Class Involves Students In Politics

"I'm finding out for the first time how apathetic people really are," Simone Suggs, member of a rather unusual English 1A class remarked. "People just don't want to get involved, even the most so-called liberal."

How is it that Suggs learned something like this in an English class? Not by reading the traditional tomes, that's for sure. She is participating in a class which is designed to involve students in political activities; campaigning, debates, manning information booths, distributing literature, writing letters to newspapers and politicians, and fund-raising. The class is taught by Robert Curtis and Jack Swenson.

At the beginning of the semester class members decided, by voting, what propositions they would like to work on. They choose three: Prop. 17, the death penalty, which they are against, Prop. 19, the marijuana initiative, and Prop. 20, the coastal initiative, both of which they would like to see written into law.

So far, the class has raised approximately nine hundred dollars for the campaign measures, and several activities have been planned to bring in more dollars. The reaction of students,

faculty and administration to this class has been less than encouraging, however. While there has been no real opposition, the group of political activists have been met with the eternal American attitude: apathy.

An information booth located in the cafeteria does not attract many people, and often the only persons around the booth are class members. The one measure which has had some student and faculty support is the marijuana initiative.

Mark Apton, a proponent of Prop. 19, says there has been some static from newspapers. "We see article in The Times and The Tribune which oppose the marijuana initiative," he says, "but we have had support from the students and faculty. I think the initiative has a chance, at least, of passing."

Bill Harper, another English 1A class member who is working on Prop. 20, the coastal initiative, said he thinks that concentrated efforts should be made to inform the public about this measure.

"The five million dollars it would take to implement the coastal initiative has already been raised," he pointed out several

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## Jane Fonda Speech May Be Cancelled; Duke Fears Too Many People Will Show

A series of meetings have been held between Cañada College President, James Duke and Vietnam Veteran, Frank Milatzo, concerning the scheduled appearance of anti-war activist, Jane Fonda. Ms. Fonda will be on campus on Oct. 31.

Her appearance, sponsored by Vietnam Veterans Against the War, is to be held during College Hour next Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A number of speakers are scheduled for the event, and films will be shown in the Main Theater. The gravel area below the parking lot closest to the freeway has been chosen as the site for the happening.

Early in the meetings between Dr. Duke and Milatzo, it became evident that the main problem was the number of people expected to come to Cañada. President Duke expressed an immediate concern over the size of the expected crowd, and threatened to cancel the gathering.

Duke told veteran Milatzo: "Cañada can't absorb 2000 extra people. I just can't handle it." Duke added, "The only reason I would cancel it would be if I was assured that three to four thousand people were actually coming."

Duke also stressed that he would be forced to cancel the happening if any outside soliciting, leafletting, or advertising was used for promotional purposes.

"We expect students from the three college campuses," Duke said. "We cannot bring on triple the number of people, and not disrupt the normal instructional program."

Milatzo agreed to Duke's no-advertising stipulation, saying: "As far as I can control it, I will not do any outside organizing. I will make agreements with Cañada's VVAW. If they go out and leaflet in San Francisco, I cannot stop it. I can only hold to my agreement."

When Milatzo questioned

Duke's right to cancel the affair whenever he so wished, Duke replied:

"You'll just have to trust my judgement. You are, in that respect, at my mercy. Under the present law, I have the right to cancel."

Milatzo asked Duke for a definite yes or no decision on the rally, since it was apparent that Duke could cancel it at the last minute, making the VVAW preparations useless. Duke declined to give a definite yes or no, saying that he would cancel if the number of people expected became too great.

After no definite answer was given to Milatzo, he told Duke:

"I have agreed to the conditions. I agreed there would be no off-campus soliciting. The only leafletting done, has been on the three campuses." Milatzo added that he felt an injustice had been committed by Duke.

"Any time he (Duke) thinks

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# Editorials

## Cadillacs For Nixon

It has come to our attention that Cadillac owners support Richard Nixon as our next and same President of the United States. This valuable information has been obtained by the Car Buyers Association from a recent survey they conducted.

Cadillacs for Nixon is not a very surprising phenomenon. It is only expected that anyone who can afford a Cadillac can also afford a Nixon. Those who can shell out the cash for the initial cost of a Cad, must then continue to let their dollars fly for gas, repair work, and insurance. Yes, indeed, a Cadillac owner can afford just about anything. Even a Nixon.

The cost of a Nixon includes higher food prices, higher rent, and higher taxes due to an unwanted war. These costs are not too threatening to the Cadillac owner. He comes up with the bread in the grocery store, he never worries about the landlord because he is the landlord, and he supports the Vietnam War.

Nevertheless, there are some people who simply can't afford a Nixon. These are the folks who cringe at food prices, are astonished at the never-ending rise in rent and property taxes, and are tired of spending half of their tax money on a war which they don't even want.

At Canada, there seems to be very few Cadillac's for Nixon, and very many Volkswagens Against Nixon. The Car Buyers Association, although they presumably polled accurately, failed to poll everyone. Had they polled Canada College, they would have found that many students simply cannot afford four more costly Nixon years.

## Cheap Thrills

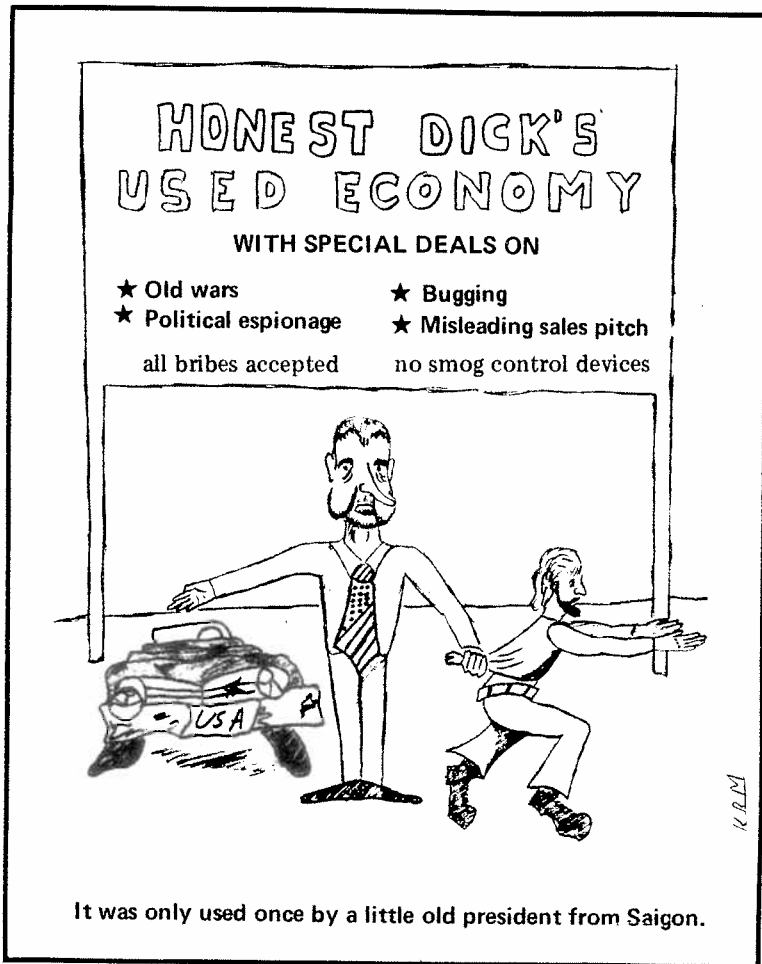
Still in the Bay Area, Ike and Tina Turner are performing this Sat. at 8 p.m. at the Greek Theatre in Berkeley. Tickets range from \$3.75-\$5.75. I'm sure you've heard that President Nixon loves ITT. Go see what he's raving about.

The all Electric Symphony Orchestra will make their World premier tonight and tomorrow in the Zellerbach Auditorium at UC Berkeley. Contact the ASUC box office for information about the \$2.50-\$4.50 tickets. They'll give you a \$.50 discount if you can prove your studentship.

The Fifth Dimention, a group that "Has lost most of their appeal", as the Variety story went, is playing the Circle Star

Theatre in San Carlos this Sat. and Sun. Every seat in the "Star" is a good one, but the management there is asking a little too much for this gig. Six bucks minimum. Woody Allen will play for as little as \$3.50 a head (or straight) Nov. 2-5.

This one isn't for a month, but for all you Rock Revival freaks, tired of Flash Cadillac, and waiting for the real thing, here's your chance. Sha Na Na is coming to Winterland on Nov. 24-25. Swing on by if you can muster the \$4. Bill Graham wants you to pay to hear them play. If you can't handle the boodle, save a penny a day and hear them play in the Spring.



EDITORIAL FEATURE

## Nixon Club Objectives Made 'Perfectly Clear'

The Re-Elect the President movement has reached Cañada College in the form of the Youth For The President Club. Rich Simpson, chairman of the club, made perfectly clear the objectives of the club when he said, "We're not trying to convince anyone as to how they should vote, but rather we want to have literature available to make students aware of both sides."

The war in Vietnam is an issue that most everyone has an opinion on, and people voting for Nixon are no exception. The pro-Nixon opinion was pretty well summed up when Simpson said, "I believe he's (Nixon) doing his best effort in ending the war." Simpson, 22,

stricken at birth with polio-myelitis, sympathetically said, "I've never been to Vietnam, but if I were physically able I would have enlisted when I was 18."

President Nixon recently granted the three largest coffee manufacturers the right to raise the price of their coffee nine percent. This overt act of non-compliance with the price wage freeze didn't alter the opinion of Simpson, as he put it, "Maybe Nixon was trying to stabilize the coffee industry because of crop failure." Nixon voters probably don't do much shopping, because the majority opinion as stated by Simpson is, "The price-wage freeze is helping

the majority. The minimum wage has been increased and prices have been held stable."

Simpson wants the club to continue operation after election day, in the form of discussing the Presidential Administration, and local leaders and issues.

### Meditation Taught

Introductory lectures on the principles of Transcendental Meditation as taught by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi will be held on Thursday, November 2 from 1:30 to 2:30 in room 111, building 13 and on Tuesday, November 7 from 11 to 12 in room 109, building 17. Lectures will be given by Peter Hooper, a teacher of Transcendental Meditation.

## Letters To The Editors

### Identity Needed

Dear Editor:

What in hell is going on around here!? How much longer are we going to polarize people on this campus? Whether it be the rights of Peter Sears or the presence of recruiting personnel on Canada's Campus makes no difference. Canada is in desperate need of something that will give it identity. It certainly does not need more apathy, mistrust, lack of communication, and, more important, lack of purpose that is worth while for

its own sake.

Be it Jim Woodhall, or Pete Sears, student government or campus administration, it is becoming very apparent to all that nothing of any significant worth is being done by the agencies supposedly equipped to do these things.

Student government seems to be deteriorating to something less than the nothing it already is. Campus administration is more and more concerned with its own petty function than with effective administration.

Bob Fryckman stated, "We can't

just disregard the Education Code..." hence planning halts for fear of offending our all-powerful board of trustees - all hail to her majesty. For those of you familiar with the board's activities you'll know what I mean.

Dr. Duke laments the lack of communication between himself and student interests, yet no one seems to be able to solve the problem.

Bruce Robinson worked on a new constitution, rejected by last year's student government. Everyone cries out at the need for change - to create an effective representative structure for student interest, yet nothing is done.

People ask, "Who is Dr. Duke? My God, if they don't know, do we need a student government, much less an effective, representative form?"

Yes, people are becoming polarized on issues that have a far more remote impact on us than on the campuses of four year institutions. It seems that we of the commuter campus can't get it together enough to start working on issues relevant to us at Canada, before attacking the alleged trampling of student rights in general.

There is rising sentiment to dissolve student government completely. We all know that students here would be

outraged at this infringement of their "rights" as students. If it happens, one might well ask, after the smoke clears, "Did anyone really give a damn?" As it stands now, I don't think so. Time and what's left of concern for this school and its student body are running out.

All I have to say is this, when time does run out and this school becomes a set of classrooms with no identity, or purpose, very few will mourn its death. The community function of Canada is fast becoming just a memory in the minds of its students. Does anyone care enough to help stop the dying - I hope so, because if this is the feeling we carry into the world, we might as well push the button now and get it over with. There'll be a lot less pain and suffering for our fellow man.

John W. Morshead

### Sears Responds

The Editor and Student Body:

Once again, I feel the need to respond to a letter you published, this time from one Simone Suggs, appearing in your October 12 issue.

I was not arrested for obstructing traffic, it was for Vehicle Code 16. Originally it was Section 20 "Refusal

to move my vehicle," but because that charge had no chance of winning in a courtroom battle, namely because I don't own a vehicle and was not near one, nor was I near the street when arrested, it was changed to "Refusal to obey the direct order of a traffic officer." That charge also will not stand up under scrutiny either, because in fact I obeyed said order and was arrested anyway. I must say Simone Suggs has more guts than did Brent Anderson though. She at least showed me her letter ahead of time and we did discuss our differences. Venceremos.

In the struggle  
Peter E. Sears

### Marijuana Issue

Editor:

This letter is concerning Proposition 19, the Marijuana Issue. As a member of the student body, and as an appointed (by the board of supervisors) youth representative to the Criminal Justice Council of San Mateo, I would like to state my endorsement of Prop. 19 and I urge the students of this college to vote yes on Prop. 19 on Nov. 7.

Yours In the Struggle  
Charlie Riche

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# Local McGovern Force Fights To Beat Odds

From their humble store front headquarters in Redwood City, volunteers fight to beat the odds and elect a man president who they feel represents noble and progressive ideals, George McGovern.

Most of the McGovern force is neither young nor radical; they seem to represent a cross section of the country, according to San Mateo County campaign coordinator, Diarmuid McGuire. "A lot of working class people feel the campaign is run by radicals," he observed. "You can see for yourself that it's not," he added. About a dozen volunteers were shuffling through the cluttered room answering phones and addressing stacks of mail. Among them, were a few students, a Chicano, and several housewives.

McGuire pointed out that they have a large number of first time volunteers as well as a core of experienced campaigners who had worked in the campaigns of Kennedy and Stevenson.

But not as many students had turned out to work for the campaign as had been expected, notes McGuire. "We're disappointed in our response from Cañada," he said. He noted that although students stand to lose a lot if Nixon is elected in the way of financial aid, there has been very little effort coming from the students. "They are going to have their opportunities restricted," he said. "People don't realize that these things are coming. But," he added, "they'll find out." The activism that was apparent during the primaries has not yet returned. However, McGuire does

expect more volunteers to come forth as the campaign reaches its final days.

The student movement has apparently deteriorated in the last year. McGuire noted that there is no longer any visible anti-war movement on the campuses since students are no longer "getting their heads blown off."

To accomplish their goal, an upset bigger than any ever seen in American politics, campaigners have launched a three phase strategy. The first phase entails massive voter registration. Since Democrats are in the majority, it is to the advantage of the McGovern people to register as many voters as possible, especially in areas where there is likely strong McGovern support.

In the past, the labor unions



McGovern volunteer mans phone to answer questions and encourage voters to cast their ballots for the Democratic candidate.

have served as a major source of voter registration, but this year they have put off the effort; thus, the burden has rested on the campaigners.

The result of the voter registration drive has been a record number of registered voters in San Mateo County. McGuire noted they registered over 2500 more Democrats than ever before, whereas the Republicans are only 500 above election year par.

Now that the deadline for voter registration has passed, their efforts are now concentrated in the second phase of their strategy which is voter contact. The object is to contact every potential McGovern voter either by phone, through the mail, or street canvassing.

The volunteers are also working on fund raising projects such as an art fair, wine tasting sessions, as well as the traditional dinners. But most of the fund raising campaign involves the sending out of letters which ask for small donations. "The response has been fantastic," McGuire noted. He pointed out that although the donations are small, sometimes the same people send in donations more than once. This has not been our stumbling block," he added.

Phase III efforts are made on election day. The volunteers do everything they can to get voters to the polls. McGuire noted they would even send someone down to give rides or watch children, if it was necessary. Again, a large

turnout is to the advantage of the Democrats.

McGuire sees McGovern's chances of winning the election as not being as bad as some would make them out to be. He attributes his optimism to the voters who have not yet decided which candidate they will vote for.

He feels if enough of the undecided vote for McGovern, there is still a possibility of a McGovern landslide. "I'm working for McGovern because I think he has a chance to win," he added emphatically. He feels the unfavorable polls can actually be an advantage since Americans tend to rally behind the underdog.

In defending McGovern's chances of winning, McGovern people like to use Truman's 1948 and Kennedy's 1960 victories as analogies. In both cases, the candidate not favored actually won. However, in neither of these campaigns was the opposition an incumbent president.

McGuire strongly disagrees with those who feel McGovern is inconsistent or changes his mind too much. "Who's inconsistent? I would say it is Nixon," he said after relating to the president's 1968 promise to end the war.

McGuire accuses some of his opponents of "Sticking their head in the sand; they believe what makes them feel more secure." He feels we need to "Turn the country around and create a foreign policy, and economy based on stability, not expansion."



Volunteers Nancy Fritz, Sheryl Stephens, and Helen Jin stuff envelopes at the McGovern for President headquarters to be sent out into the community, delivering messages which plea for votes and bucks.

## Class Involves Students

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times. "But I don't think people realize this. Also, the big corporate bucks are behind defeating this measure, so we really are having money problems."

To aid the dollar doldrums endured by people who wish to see the coast preserved, Harper has held a garage sale, which raised over \$100, and has solicited donations during a "Bucks for the Beach" exhibit at Woodside Plaza.

Suggs, who is advocating the lesser-publicized death penalty initiative, says she has learned a lot from the class. She has worked at an information booth, and organized several activities to raise both political awareness and money. A make-believe gas chamber was brought on to campus last week.

Several activities planned by the class for the weeks prior to the election are: a drawing, fifty cents per ticket, the winner of which will become the proud possessor of a down sleeping bag. The drawing will be held on

November 6. Tickets may be purchased in the cafeteria, or from Suggs. Profits will go to the campaign for Prop. 17.

On Sept. 31, the class is sponsoring a debate between Attorney Keith Sorenson and a class member. Also on that day, the class is sponsoring two movies, to be shown in the theater. Donations, for the movie will be made at the door. Several folk singers are also tentatively planned for that gathering.

An information booth will be set up at the Stanford Shopping

Center on Sunday, the 30. Class members will be available to answer questions about the propositions, and will collect donations.

### Bottom Scratchers

The Canada Bottom Scratchers scuba diving club will hold their second meeting tonight at 7:30 in the Faculty Dining Room. Plans for future dives will be discussed, along with election of club officers.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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## Premier Game Victory For Happy Field Of Female Hockey Enthusiasts

The Canada College Women's Hockey Team trotted to victory in their premiere performance by defeating San Jose City College 2-1. It was a special triumph for the team because the Hockey Team is the first organized women's team on campus. Captain Caroline Lindholme started the team because "there were no team sports for girls at Canada and it was about time they started something."

The Colts success was attributed to their tricky 4-2-4 defence system and soccer star Peter Reynaud's expert coaching. The 4-2-4 defense system is a formation most commonly associated with soccer. It proved to be effective strategy because it enabled left half-back Cheryl Kanthal to plough through the San Jose Jaguars' defensive line and score within the first 20 minutes of play. The Colts had a set back when the Jaguar's ran away with the ball and scored. But they bounced back tightening their defense and dominating the play with their fierce offense for the remainder of the game. Within

the last 6 minutes of play right inner Linda Crevett whipped past the Jaguar's defense and scored the second goal. Other players to be noted for their performances are left wing Caroline Gardi and center full-back Alison Bowen. Coach Reynauds said, after the game, "considering the little practice and the no game experience the girls played

fantastically," and then added emphatically, "deserved their victory."

The team is composed of P.E. majors and students involved in academics related to recreation and physical education, and some who learned about it by word of mouth and poster.

Many of the women had never participated in a Hockey game before. The reasons for joining the team were varied. A few players had boy friends on the soccer team and wanted to involve themselves in a similiar activity.

Others joined out of curiosity. One woman joined because she "craves competition" and another because she wanted to "keep in shape for her boy friend." Some played on their high school hockey team and missed the excitement.

The Hockey team is determined to continue the Canada sports tradition of winning, and with their outstanding playing ability they probably will.

Their next game is scheduled for Nov. 6 against West Valley at 2 p.m. on the Canada soccer field.

### Meet The Candidates

A political awareness day entitled "See the November Ballot - Live" is scheduled to be held on October 28 on the College of San Mateo campus.

All of the county candidates on the ballot have confirmed their appearance, and tentative interest in attending has been shown by vice presidential candidates Spiro Agnew, Sargent Shriver, and Benjamin Spock, according to Steve Plancheon, chairman of the Political Awareness Day Committee.

Funding for this event is by the Associated Students.

## Undefeated Colts Near Title

Cañada's soccer team can clinch the Camino Norte Conference title with a victory over last place Alameda Nov. 2. The Colts 2-0 victory over West Valley last Friday set the stage for the Alameda game.

For the first time this year the Colts were held scoreless in the first half. Second half goals by Mike Ferem and Eddie Avakian upped the Colts season slate to

7-0-2. Coach Sil Vial praised Fred Cesano and Ron Watson, both coming up with an assist and strong defense by Harold Whitmore, Greg Osborn and Bob Koch. Koch, who was not expected to play because of a bruised knee, gave a very gutty performance despite his injury. Goalie Peter Reynaud had an outstanding game and came up with a fantastic save.

## Sears Sends Resignation

The Student Council accepted the resignation of Peter Sears last Wednesday. They received Sears' formal resignation in the form of a letter from Napa State Hospital. Mary Brouhard, according to the Cañada College constitution, accedes to the presidency. It was then Ms. Brouhard's responsibility to appoint someone to the office of Vice-President, which she vacated. Ms. Brouhard appointed Sharon Johnson who, if you remember, was elected Treasurer last semester, but the Council voted to allow more time for other people to find out about the vacancy.

In other Council actions, they decided to set up a free box for

the exchange of clothing. It would work on the honor system of taking what you needed and giving what you could afford. Also, the Student Council is going to recommend to the Administration that College Hour be changed from Tuesday and Thursday to Tuesday and Wednesday. The logic behind this action is that, there are more people enrolled in classes on Wednesdays than Thursdays thus the College Hour could better affect a larger majority of the students. Both of these actions, if accepted by the Administration, will take affect during the Fall Semester, 1973.

# 'Dry Life Is Better,' Ex-Drinker Says

By Vicki Perris

"The worst thing in the world you can do for an alcoholic," says Charles Sams, 54, a Cañada student, "is to push him to stop drinking. Until that person has admitted to himself that he is sick and needs help, there is nothing in the world anyone can do for him."

If you are looking for advice on this subject, Sams would be a good person to listen to. He is an alcoholic. "A recovered alcoholic," he is quick to add, "and that makes all the difference in the world."

"Recovered" since 1966, Sams, a construction worker, drank for many years, but regards those years as wasted time. Since quitting the bottle, Sams says he has learned to live life to the fullest, and his only regret about kicking the habit is that he didn't do it sooner. He is looking to an even brighter future, having just started work toward a college degree.

Sams was not always so optimistic about his life, and about the future. He drank compulsively for several decades, and encountered many of the problems that come with alcoholism.

"I was killing myself," he recalled of the years he drank. "I think I must have been insane not to seek help sooner than I did. It was a terrible life, which got worse every year."

Describing that life, Sams commented on some of the problems which many compulsive drinkers face. He was arrested 19 times for drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and several other charges. He was in and out of jail for these charges, although the longest stretch he served was 42 days. He described himself as being "on the edge of living" during those miserable years.

Sams' wife Bernice also had a drinking problem. They drank together, compounding the problem. Their marriage was shaky, though. "We were just existing together," Sams remarked. "Not really dealing with each other. The drinking was hard on both of us."

In 1948, because his drinking problems had become so bad, Sams' wife had him committed to Napa State Mental Hospital. While in Napa, Sams met for the first, but not last, time a representative of Alcoholics Anonymous. He did not join that self-help group of abstainers, however.

"I had not admitted to myself that I was an alcoholic," Sams recalled, "and the man from AA didn't push it. He just said that when I decided I needed help, I could join. That's all."

When released from Napa, Sams still had another 18 years of drinking to live through before finally admitting to his wife, Bernice, and more importantly, to himself, that he could not manage his own life and was in need of help.

"All through those terrible 18 years, I had a terrible feeling of impending doom," Sams remembered. "I was going downhill, and rapidly becoming unemployable, as all alcoholics do sooner or later."

By the time Sams decided that he must do something about his drinking problem, his wife had already managed to go on the wagon. In 1964, she had quit drinking, using sheer will power to stay dry. She did not complain to Sams about his continued drinking problem, though, knowing from experience that her arguments would probably do more harm than good.

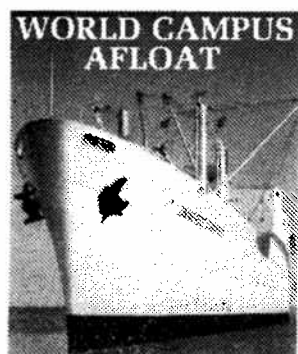
In 1966, Sams joined Alcoholics Anonymous, because he "just couldn't see going on the way I had been for so long, just barely hanging on to things." At meetings, Sams found that other AA members, also grappling with drinking problems, understood implicitly what he had been through.

### Female Forum

The Cañada women's group meets on Tuesdays in Bldg. 3 on the blue carpet at 11 a.m. It was previously announced by the Newspaper that the meeting was being held on Thursdays.

If you have a gripe or would like to talk, don't be bashful, go sit in and express yourself or just go listen. The group welcomes anyone interested.

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Although the stated purpose of AA is "To get people dry and keep them that way," Sams says that AA members never preach to one another, to new members; nor do they try to coerce people to give up drinking.

Membership in AA entails meeting only one requirement: a desire to stop drinking. There are no membership fees as the group is self-supporting through donations. There are no rules to learn and obey, no mandatory meetings to attend or conditions to be met. No being thrown out for disorderly conduct, or for coming to meetings drunk, as members sometimes do. There is no pressure to remain in the group either, and members are free to quit when they choose. A basic premise of AA is the alcoholics own willingness to seek help.

Sams joined. He resolved to stay dry, and kept his promise to himself. Since 1966, he has not touched a drop of alcohol. Being on the wagon is a one-day-at-a-time proposition for most alcoholics, and that is how

Sams still fights the battle against alcohol; one day at a time.

"In a way, working on this has added to my life," Sams says proudly. "Every day I don't drink, I gain a little, and I'm stronger for having won the battle that day."

Though his first few years as a sober citizen were somewhat tentative, Sams became increasingly more confident of his ability to take care of his own life. As his confidence grew, he began helping others.

He joined the San Mateo County Service League, an organization which gives aid to men who have been jailed, and to their families.

He and Bernice, now married for 27 years, have adopted two children, a son and a daughter. He is more secure in his job and in personal relationships, with his wife, their children, and friends.

"Just look at me," Sams says, grinning from ear to ear. "Fifty four years old, and I'm starting college. And I think that the best years of my life are still ahead."

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