

Faculty group backs 'minority college'

by Anne Houghteling

A "college within a college" for minority students is being promoted for next fall by a group of Asian, Chicano and black members of Canada's staff and faculty.

The proposed program, an offshoot of the present Student Development Program (SDP), would include extensive counseling services as well as basic classes and electives taught with an emphasis on the special needs and backgrounds of minority students.

The SDP Planning Committee, originators of the 'college-within-a-college' concept, met with President Wenrich Nov. 2 to discuss implementation of their new program.

Though members of the committee reported they sensed little support from the administration, Dr. Wenrich told the Weathervane he had "no inherent disagreement" with the plan. He did, however, express concern over "isolating" minority students in one special program.

However, many minority students need a special program according to Aida Hinojosa, English teacher and member of the SDP committee.

"A lot of students come from the ghetto," Ms. Hinojosa said, "and they don't know what it's like to be in college. They're confused about their role as college students."

The college within a college plan would teach what Ms. Hinojosa termed proper "collegiate behavior" as well as basic reading and writing skills.

The orientation to college behavior would, explained Ms. Hinojosa, direct minority students towards the extra-curricular activities, drama and student government, for example, they often miss out on.

Specifically, the SDP program would involve five teachers who would take on two courses each in the minority program while continuing to teach two standard course offerings. In addition, teachers would devote time to counseling minority students in special projects such as com-

munity works as well as in "appropriate college behavior."

Part of the value of the program, according to Ernie Rodriguez of the SDP committee, would be its emphasis on a "3rd World perspective" in the teaching of English and social sciences.

Current classes take little account of the contributions of minorities, claimed Rodriguez, head of the existing SDP program.

Social science, English, math, guidance courses, ethnic studies and electives in art, drama, music and humanities would be incorporated into the 'college-within-a-college' program.

The SDP committee's proposal stresses the classes would be "designed and taught from a

special perspective, one that orients itself to the minority and-or the disadvantaged student."

Along with Ms. Hinojosa and Rodriguez, minority staff and faculty members Ella Turner Gray, Don Harris, Amy Whitmore, Walt Owyang, Al Archuleta and Byron Skinner are members of the SDP Planning Committee.

When questioned about the minority college idea, student Luis Mendez, a member of the Latino Association and the 3rd World Coalition, expressed vigorous support of the idea. "We minorities are not a part of this institution as a whole," he claimed, "We're left out. We don't see our contributions in our classes."

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Students hurt By angered husband

by Desnee Flakes

Although Halloween is over, there are still some scary things going on here on campus. Friday, Nov. 5, at 2:30 p.m., a man named Alfred Lee Banks began an assault on a woman later identified as his wife Lynette Banks.

The assault began at the lower parking lot, continued in the lot behind the cafeteria and halted long enough for the woman to get free. Two students, Joseph Casan, and John Arrien, members of the Veteran's Coalition managed to hold Banks, who is approximately six foot three and weighs 195, off for awhile. Banks again in pursuit broke into the back of the media center and struck an unidentified student. Barbara Lindquist of the center stated she tried to lock him out but, "He was much too strong."

Mrs. Banks ran in the bookstore where Karen Filipas, the manager, led her into the bookstore office. Banks broke into

the office where he literally lifted his wife over bystanders by her hair. Ms. Filipas said later, "If I did have something in my hand I wonder if I'd have used it. He was so mad it would have taken five men to stop him." Fortunately the bookstore has a direct line to the sheriff's department, which they used in the confusion. After several warnings from Ms. Filipas, Banks fled. But, on his way out he found a large board that he used to crack the ribs of John Arrien, for his earlier involvement.

During this period Richard Ireland, a construction worker, was trying to get the sheriff on channel nine, an emergency station for C.B.'s.

At 2:45 the sheriff came. Sgt. McGuire, the arresting officer, booked Banks for armed robbery, burglary, auto theft, assault, and malicious mischief. Some of the charges stem from earlier warrants.

Sociology class pushes for Safer fire doors at Cañada

by Anne Houghteling

If a recent crusade of a Canada sociology class is successful, windows will soon be installed in the heavy fire doors that lead to the stairwells in buildings 13, 16 and 17.

The class, Introduction to Sociology, agreed with instructor Mike Hancock that the hard-to-open doors pose a problem to students hurrying up and down the stairs.

As part of their assignment to explore the workings of a bureaucracy, a few weeks ago the sociology students decided to approach the various bureaucrats in charge of such matters about getting windows placed in the doors. Windows, they reasoned, would at least stop students from barging blindly into each other as they pushed open the weighty doors.

The class project recently received the OK of John Rhoads, Canada's "bureaucrat" in charge of grounds and maintenance. Now, says Rhoads, he has only to wait for the permission of the Minnesota manufacturer of the fire doors before installing 100 inch square windows in each of the stairwell entrances.

"He (Rhoads) seems to be all for it," commented Claudia Sluis, a psychology major enrolled in Hancock's Monday afternoon class. "Judging from the report we got, he was aware of the problem."

"Everyone sounded cooperative, but things still go slow," added student Scott Rotchy in another comment made during the class's Nov. 8 meeting.

The class project that's now hanging on the word from the door manufacturer started about a month ago when the sociology class divided into four groups. While one group planned its meeting with Rhoads, another went about defining the door problem.



photo by Isaac Stevenson

It's easy to bang into someone while rushing through the fire doors.

"We started with a map of the campus," explained a member of the "problem defining" committee. "We showed what doors were the problem: all the heavy doors. But we just used the ones in building 13 as an example."

A third group was charged with talking with the local fire marshal. "We told him (the Woodside fire marshal) the doors posed a problem," said Kathy Nishimura, a psychology major. "People are always bumping into one another. He said it was feasible

to change the doors."

However, the student project discovered that the Woodside fire marshal had to consult with his superior in San Leandro before passing judgment on the problem.

Though apparently the current doors, minus windows, don't violate any regulations, the state fire marshal in San Leandro concurred with the students' gripes.

"He was very helpful," recalled Rotchy. "He said it (the door situation) was very messy,

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New comedy opens

"The Miss Hamford Beauty Pageant and Battle of the Bands," the comedy play which opened last night, will again hold performances Friday and Saturday evenings, Nov. 12, 13, 19 and 20. All performances are at 8 p.m. and will be given in the Flex Theater.

The play is "an affectionate satire on small town beauty pageants and the people who are involved in them," according to director Kurtwood Smith. Much of the humor comes through the players speaking not only their lines in the pageant, but their private thoughts as well. The

pageant takes place in the auditorium of a fictitious California town.

The underlying idea of the play, according to the author T. C. Miller, is that "Most people seem to feel that their present situation keeps them from doing, or being, all they can. They feel they're on their way to somewhere. Hamford is a metaphor for that state of mind."

Tickets can be obtained through the humanities division and are \$1.50 general and \$1 student.

VOICES . . .

Newly popular C.B.'s Are serious playthings

by Doug Teter

A glance around any or Canada's parking lots, or a look at the cars on the road will reveal a growing multitude of what would appear to be fishing poles sprouting from various parts of the cars. These fishing poles are actually the outwardly visible signs of a rapidly growing form of communication. Though C. B. has been around for years it has recently enjoyed an immense growth in popularity.

C.B.'s rapid growth in popularity stems basically from a mixture of two national trends, specifically, upward mobility and better communication. The complete answer is not as simple as that thought.

The rest of the answer lies in part with the last American folk hero, the long haul truck driver. For a number of years truckers have used C.B.'s during their long runs to keep informed on road and weather conditions, friends whereabouts, or just while away the lonely hours. More recently, since the inauguration of the 55 m.p.h. national speed limit, truckers have used C.B. to keep tabs on police and avoid speeding tickets.

This aspect of the use of C.B. radio was recently brought to national attention by C. W. McCall's popular country and western tune, "Convoy," in which a group of truckers armed with their trusty two-ways, out-fox police on the highways. It is easy to identify with the mental image created by this song. After all doesn't everyone enjoy seeing one put over on the police occasionally?

Expense doesn't seem to be the paramount issue though, as C.B. equipment doesn't come cheap. Electronics manufacturers are having a field day, selling all the C.B.'s they can crank off of their assembly lines, for an average price of around \$150. That price does not include the necessary antenna, or unnecessary accessories. C.B. is a gadget freak's wet dream, with accessories and deluxe units available.

The principle behind the Federal Communication Commission's (F.C.C.) founding of the Citizen's Band was to make available to the average person, reasonably priced, easily accessible, two-way radio communications for legitimate purposes. The F.C.C. does not consider the kind of idle chatter that now jams the band to be legitimate. There was a time when C.B. operators considered "chewing the fat" to be a no-no. The F.C.C. could, and sometimes did confiscate radios for improper use. Today, however, the frequency is flooded by people discussing everything from what was on T.V. last night, to who has a new girl friend. Turning on a C.B. is a lot like picking up a phone on a giant party line, sometimes fun to listen to, but damn hard to really use, because of all the other people on the line.

That brings us to the next reason for C.B.'s popularity, anonymity. People can fearlessly broadcast their thoughts and opinions over their C.B., for all to hear, without worry of being recognized as anything other than a funny name, the "handle" they go by on the air. Now instead of silently fuming at other drivers, or shouting insults that will never be heard outside their own car, drivers can pick up the microphone of their own personal radio station, and broadcast their feelings to the world, hurling insults at unseen opponents. The other side of the coin has C.B.'ers flirting with members of the other sex, without worrying how they look.

C.B. is not however, without its merits. F.C.C. regulations have set aside channel nine as an emergency frequency for use only by persons in need of help. Channel nine is monitored across the country by radio clubs, police stations, and truck drivers. This function of C.B. has been credited with saving many lives. Also when two or more vehicles are traveling together to a common destination, C.B. can serve as an intercom between the vehicles, to notify of engine problems, turn-offs, etc.

The Citizens Band is however, limited by its use. The F.C.C. issues some 250,000 new licenses for C.B. every month, and countless other operators are on the air without licenses. The result is that the band is so crowded that you literally can't get a word in edgewise. The F.C.C. has plans in the works for another 17 channels, bringing the total to 40 channels, but time will fill those too.

The solution it seems lies with the operators, they must limit their air time in order to allow others a chance to broadcast. I fear that like a kid with a new tricycle, they will be so fascinated with their new toy, that the kid next door doesn't stand a chance to get a ride.

Dear Editors

Dear Editors:

I have been deeply disturbed by incidents that I have witnessed and that have been reported to me, in which male students have behaved in threatening, intimidating, and —it seems to me—insulting ways toward female students and female members of the faculty and staff. My own observations and comments concerning such incidents have been received in mixed ways: one group, however, that has felt uniformly distressed, and that has demanded some action on the part of the administration to bring an end to such behavior, has been the women who were directly involved as victims. This is an appeal to the entire Canada College Community to become committed to eliminating the threats, intimidation, and insults that make many women on campus uneasy

and uncomfortable. I appeal to any person who witnesses any situation in which any person is demeaned by any other person on this campus, to report such an incident to the President's office, and to demand that action be taken to end this very real very distressing terror.

Thank you,
Kent Crockett, Speech

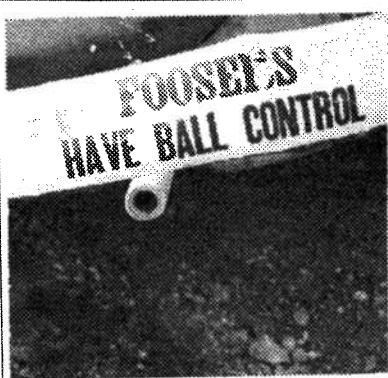
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Stickers reveal feelings

by Jim Smith

The bumper stickers on the cars in the Canada parking lot silently express the feelings and opinions of their owners. Plastered with our fender philosophies we express ourselves to the motoring world.

Protected by a 3,000 pound moving steel shield we are free to express our feelings and opinions. A sad commentary on interpersonal communications indeed. One can almost hear the messages. "Yes on 14" shouts a



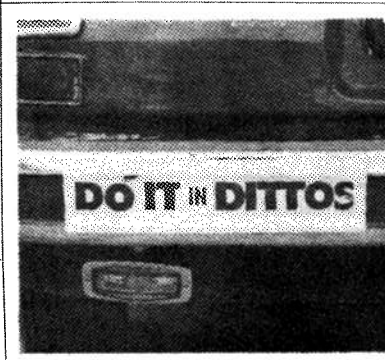
1965 Impala to no one in particular. "No on 13" a Dodge Coronet cried out. "Ford-Dole" said another Chevrolet. Politics no longer dominate the bumper sticker field.

People relate their feelings on many taboo subjects, religion, sex, politics and even ethnic humor. "If you're Irish, Smile," "Mafia Staff Car, keepa U Hands Off," "Made in Poland," etc.

No good conversation is complete without some talk of sex and bumper stickers are no exception. "If this van's a rockin, don't come a knockin," "Bankers do it with more interest," "Skin divers do it underwater," and "Honk if You're Horny" have been seen recently in our area. I'm intrigued by "Honk if You're Horny." Will someone tell me if

that is a veiled proposition or is someone taking a poll of horny people? (I always honk.)

I am amused by stickers telling me where someone has visited. Like I really care. Of course there are the obvious, "Disneyland," "Marineworld," "Great America," and "Knott's Berry Farm." The ones I like though, sound like titles for movies, "The Snake Pit," "Shipwreck," "Confusion Hill," and "The Mystery Spot." I visited those places and found the names better. Are you feeling unwanted, "KSFO loves you," and who couldn't use the undying devotion of an entire radio station.



Presumably they love you even though you live in "K-N-E-W Country."

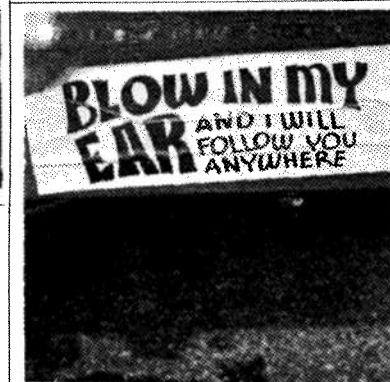
Cops benefit from bumper sticker-itis, "Support Your Local Police," "If you hate cops, next time you're in trouble call a hippie," "Beat Burglary" and all bumper stickers supporting police favored ballot referendums are popular. The opportunity to avoid or at least soften the blow of a ticket is not overlooked by the lead-footed few.

Bumper billboards call for the legalization of just about

everything. They announce coming events and decry past ones. Personalized bumper stickers have come of age. My favorite this election year was "Vote No on President."

For those interested in fender philosophy there is no end to the possibilities of information about people. They tell where a person eats, goes to school, works, plays golf, spent his vacation and what sports teams they support. Bumper strips even tell us such interesting details as who insures the car, what kind of oil is in the crankcase and the brand name of the transmission linkage.

Negative messages are conveyed such as, "Sit on It," "Sierra Club, Go To Hell," "Every litter Bit Hurts," and the popular "If you can read this, you're too close." They are countered by "Bless Man," "We Are One," and a new



one spotted at Canada, "Have you Hugged Your Kid Today?" "Honk if you Love Jesus," illicited an obscene gesture when a friend of mine complied with a friendly toot from his loving horn.

Soon communications classes will be needed to interpret this paper barrage. Courses in raising our "Chrome Consciousness" seem in order.

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Suicides jump Student Likes Challenges

by Jim Smith

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among San Mateo County's young people. **Suicide In Youth: Identification and Prevention**, is a Community Services program which will be held Thursday, Nov. 18 in Canada's Main Theater from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to address the growing local problem.

Suicide, not content with its second place position, is making steady yearly gains in the numbers of under-30 suicides. Bob Cole, deputy coroner from the San Mateo County Coroner's office, released figures showing in the under-20 category 1976 has equalled 1975 through the first ten months.

A dramatic increase was noted in the category of women between 21-29 years. Through ten months of 1976 an increase of 150 per cent has been noted over 1975.

Statistics are cold and impersonal. The workshop hopes to awaken a recognition of the problem and suggest methods to deal with the suicidal youth.

Joe Marchi, Canada's director of counseling, indicated his program portion would emphasize peer counseling. Many times suicidal youth never make it to a professional counselor. If friends or the general public had an awareness of pre-suicidal behavior they could be of greater help than the professional counselor. No statistics were available from Marchi or the Coroner's office on suicides among Canada students.

The program will be led by Charlotte P. Ross, director, Suicide Prevention and Crisis Center of San Mateo County; Rev. Walter Johnson, chaplain, Peninsula Hospital; Marchi; Dr. Jerome Motto, psychiatry professor, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco; secretary-general, International Association of Suicide Prevention.

The all-day program costs \$4, coffee is provided and for further information call 364-1212, ext. 236.

by Shirley Ward

Bart Schulze, third year Canada student, is a most unusual man. Born with cerebral palsy, Schulze never lets his handicap hold him back.

For the last few summers he has hitch-hiked around the country. Laughing, he remembers a night at Yellowstone, falling asleep in the rain and waking up in the snow. "All I could think of was why isn't there someone around to take a picture of this crazy guy sleeping in the snow?" he chuckled.

Later, on that same trip he stashed his gear in an old bathroom while he explored "Old Faithful." However, when he returned, he couldn't find the same bathroom. His good humor and perseverance finally led him to the right place and he continued his trip.

The east coast was his destination. After several warnings from the police, he decided to take the bus. He traveled to Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and New York City.

Schulze bravely slept one night in Central Park and almost had his shoes stolen. New York apparently lived up to its reputation, however, and his camera was stolen.

Last summer he had planned to explore the southwest. Armed with only "The hitch-hiker's handbook," he set out on his journey. First he visited Lake Tahoe Junior College and stopped to say "hello" to Dr. Duke, former Canada president. One evening, he fell asleep on a grassy beach. In the middle of the night, the sprinklers went on.

"I just got dressed, got into my sleeping bag and stayed there," laughed Schulze.

Alas, the journey ended when he got stuck in Las Vegas with third-degree sun burns. "Hitch-hiking is a waiting game," lamented Schulze.

Schulze didn't quit there. After he recuperated at home, he was off again for northern California and Oregon. He says the Oregon caves were the most beautiful things he has ever seen.

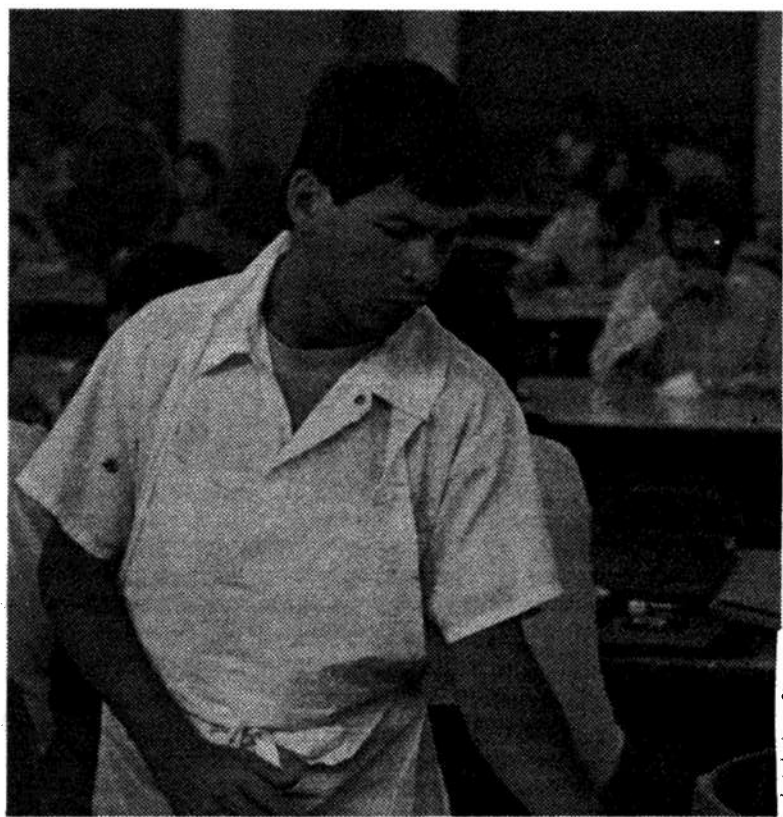


Photo by Isaac Stevenson

Schulze is a familiar face in the cafeteria where he works.

Next summer he will go again, only this time he plans to stay in California. "It's a hitch-hiker's paradise," claims Schulze.

"When you're sitting out there you only see machines, not people," expresses Schulze sadly. "It's like a toyland. I'm like a puppet and there are all those toy cars racing by."

"Sometimes I regard myself like a machine around here," adds Schulze, a cafeteria employee, "I do the same thing every day."

He likes challenge and is constantly testing his abilities. He has walked the entire length of Canada road several times and from San Bruno to San Mateo, "just for the heck of it." A two time

student of Sil Vial's physical education class, Schulze says "His challenges let me explore my potential."

Schulze kept a diary and wrote some poetry on his trips. Poetry is one of his hobbies. He lives alone in a Redwood City apartment. His parents, he says are over-protective. A shy man, he admits "I often feel insecure, even though people might not notice it." His handicap has not held him back but it has kept others from getting to know him. No one visits him or takes trips with him. He is a loner.

What keeps Schulze going? "People thinking I can't do it. I want to prove I can," concludes Schulze.

Cañada teacher Leads orchestra

John Krueger of Canada's music faculty will direct the new 80-member San Mateo County Orchestra in its debut performance in the Main Theater on Friday, Nov. 12 at 8:15 p.m.

The new orchestra combines the former Canada and College of San Mateo Community Orchestras.

On the free program Friday night will be Symphony No. 8, by English composer William Boyce. The 18th century concerto grosso, like all Boyce's symphonies, was written after the composer completely lost his hearing.

Also on the playbill will be selections from English Folk Song Suite by Vaughan-Williams. The Overture to "La Gazz Lacha" (The Thieving Magpie) by Rossini and Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 5, opus 107. "Reformation" will round out the program.

Flu shots Scheduled

Last chance for swine flu shots: Friday, Nov. 12-1 to 4 p.m.—Public Health & Welfare Bldg., Multi-Purpose Room, 225 West 37th Avenue, San Mateo; Monday, Nov. 15 — 1 to 4 p.m. — Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1455 Madison Avenue, Redwood City.

Child care Finds home?

Canada's Child Care Organization is looking at the First Methodist Church on Brewster and Broadway in Redwood City as a likely site for the Child Care Center's new home.

The organization will know for certain after the church board's meeting on Nov. 21.

A state inspection last month determined that the Center's current site on Topaz Street in Redwood City wasn't up to state standards due to improper fencing and an inadequate playground.

Therapist To appear

Bob Hoffman, author of the just released book, "Getting Divorced From Mother and Dad," will speak on negative love and healing at an author's party to be held Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

His book is an introduction to the Fischer-Hoffman Therapy. Reportedly this revolutionary approach to emotional and psychological healing was developed by Hoffman and the ghost of psychiatrist Sigfried Fischer.

Time Magazine, in an Oct. 11 review of how-to-cope books, defines his theme as "Love of self is the basic task of life. It brings a sense of wrath and immunizes against sorrows, even the death of a friend or relative."

Hoffman, a former business man, is a psychic lecturer and a teacher of psychic therapy in San Francisco.

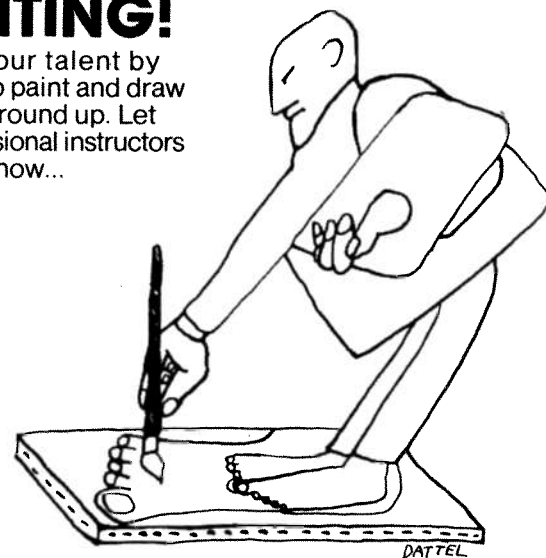
The event is being sponsored by the parapsychology class.

The Vets Coalition will have a general membership meeting Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 11 a.m., Rick Serra, the group's new vice-president announced recently.

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Colts pursue title

by Gary Shreier

It's time to get serious for Canada's soccer team when they host the third place finishers of the Golden Gate Conference in their playoff opener tomorrow (Nov. 13) at 1 o'clock. Their opponents, whose finish was undecided at press time, will either be West Valley, Foothill (ranked No. 1 in the state), San Francisco City College, Chabot or DeAnza who were all battling for playoff positions in their conference.

If the Colts should win tomorrow another playoff game will be held next Tuesday (Nov. 16) at Canada. That game will start at approximately 2:45. A victory then would advance the Colts into the Northern California semi-finals. More about that in next week's issue of the WEATHERVANE.

"The playoffs are like a new season," said coach Sil Vial. "It is our second goal. Our first was to win the conference title. We still have a tough road ahead of us and we won't be able to take any breathers."

The Colts hope history won't repeat itself as Canada was defeated by West Valley 1-0 in last year's playoff opener.

Canada bid farewell to the Camino Norte Conference with a 3-1 victory over Alameda Nov. 2. It was the Colts final appearance in the CNC as Canada will be joining the GGC next year. The win gave the Colts its fifth unbeaten conference season in six years.

It, however, wasn't one of their easiest. Alameda took a 1-0 lead at halftime. The Colts though rallied for three goals of their own in the second half. Rafael Miranda scored twice and Pat O'Malley once to pace the attack.

Harriers Place

Canada's vastly improving cross country team overcame the smog and captured sixth place in the Camino Norte Conference championship meet held in Fairfield Nov. 6.

The Colt harriers also improved their team time by over five minutes in that meet. That meant that each runner improved his individual times by approximately one minute according to coach Mike Ipsen.

Tom Bales led the parade of Colt runners with a time of 22.14, good enough for a 28th place finish. He was followed by Steve Honey who finished 30th with a time of 22.27. Next for Canada was Mark Merry who finished 31st with a time of 22.36. Newcomers Dan Elder and Tony Zollar finished with times of 24.02 and 24.08 respectively. Ipsen feels that if Elder and Zollar had been with the team the entire season, it would have made a big difference. Vince Ketchens finished 50th with a time of 25.30, Dave Crevelt finished 51st with a time of 25.32 and Pat Crimmins finished 56th with a time of 27.34. Diane Saunders, Canada's female runner, was entered in the women's division and placed 25th with a time of 26.02.

"It was a good team effort," said Ipsen of the performance of his runners.

Next up on the Colt's schedule is the Northern California meet Nov. 13 at Belmont's Hallmark Course. Starting time is set for 11 a.m.

"Alameda is an excellent team. I am quite proud of the character we showed. We were down 1-0 and came back," said Vial of the victory.

In another close one, Brendon Hennessey scored two goals to give the Colts a 2-0 victory over Santa Rosa Nov. 2.

Vial was displeased with the play of his team in that game. "It was a very lack-luster performance. I think it's inevitable that something like that was going to happen. Whenever you get as high as we were for USF (who they played a week earlier) you're bound to have a low," he said. "We're lucky we came out with a win."

Vial had these thoughts about the season. "We had a very good year. I'm happy to have yet to be embarrassed. That includes the USF game."

Vial also praised his team's defense. He pointed out the Colts have posted 11 shut-outs, nine one goal games, and one two goal game and believes this to be a college record.

Offensively, the Colts have scored an unofficial total of 55 goals. Miranda has 22 of them, Hennessey 10, Steve Biddle nine, Scott Patrick four, Luis Sandoval three, O'Malley two, Joel Perez, Mark Zylker, Jose Prieto, Gustavo Valdez and goalie Jim Amos each have one.

Ted Gasior, Barry Coyle, Victor Bustos, John Geenen, Tim Nixon, Tom Holland, Max Reynaud, Bob Holland, Jose Chavez and Carlos Correa who round out the team have also had their moments of glory.

College Plan

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Mendez thought a separate curriculum for minority students the quickest way to correct what he saw as a white bias in instruction at Canada.

The SDP proposal is now being studied by the instruction office. Despite Wenrich's tentative expression of agreement on the program's goals, neither Ms. Hinojosa nor Rodriguez were optimistic about getting the administration's final go-ahead for their program.

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but that they had to keep the doors on for protection. The only thing to do was to put on the windows."

The final group placed themselves in charge of gauging student feeling on the door issue. They distributed around 130 questionnaires.

"Most of the answers were positive," reported Barbara Valdes, a member of the small sociology class who helped compile the poll results. The majority of the students surveyed answered 'yes' to the question, "Have you had any 'problems' with the big doors off the stairway?"

With the questionnaire results tabulated and approval gained

from John Rhoads and the state fire marshal, the project is almost

Soccer is a way of life for Winning coach Sil Vial

by Shirley Ward

Sil Vial, Canada's extraordinary soccer coach believes "Soccer is a way of life in a nutshell."

"The record is not important, it is only a yardstick. It's too easy to get lost in winning and losing. Winning is doing your best," says Vial.

Canada's soccer team's record, however, is unmatched and the players agree Vial is an important part of their success. In the past eight years the team has won three state championships. Vial's 8 year record of 116 wins 22 loses and 16 ties is indeed impressive.

This years team record in the Camino Norte Conference is 9-0 with an overall record of 14-3-1. They are gearing for the playoffs which they have qualified for every year. Vial is looking for another state championship.

Vial has a reputation of being a tough and demanding coach.

"Young people like it tough," says Vial. "They don't like someone who is like a wet noodle." His team's practice seven days a week, two to three hours a day. If late for practice, a player has to run a hill for every minute late. Rumor has it that if a player misses practice, without a good excuse, he might have to run 90 hills.

"Nice guys are a dime a dozen, nice guys never win," quips Vial, echoing the sentiments of a breed of coaches cast in the mold of Vince Lombardi, one of his idols.

"Education is more than facts. It's the attitude with which you approach the subject which creates an environment prepared for a turn-on," says Vial. His attitude is one of enthusiasm and of never quitting. He sets high standards and believes in goal oriented challenges.

The key to the team's success is his approach of total commitment, dedication, mastery of the fundamentals and discipline.

"In soccer I have the opportunity to work with a unique group of people. Motivation is no problem," said Vial enthusiastically. He sees the team as something bigger than self, an expression of harmony, love and

sacrifice.

Vial, born in Susanville, a logging town in northeastern California, lives with his wife and three children in Atherton.

He developed a lasting love for soccer when he first became acquainted with the sport at 12 while living for a year with his parents in Italy. However, soccer was not popular here when he returned. Attending Serra High School and the University of Idaho, he played football.

He remembers playing football against Washington State, the two year Rosebowl winner, while at the University of Idaho, and being physically beaten. "There was no way I was going to quit" resolved Vial. He contends this attitude of mastery and never quitting transfers to other areas of life. "It happened in my life when I transferred to the Stanford Masters Program." He took the intellectual challenge "like a football game." For three months he studied the meanings of ten to fifteen words a night. After the first semester it became easier as he took the skills he learned and the competitive spirit he had acquired playing football and applied them to academics.

Vial taught and coached high school gymnastics, football and basketball. He began the soccer program at Carlmont High School. The College of San Mateo recruited him to coach soccer there twelve years ago. He came to Canada in 1968.

For several seasons the impeccable coach demanded conventional grooming of his players. "I never once had a boy resist me," contends Vial. "When you tell them, people won't believe you."

His students and fans believe him though. Vial's warmth and depth of conviction often convince them of the validity of his ideals.

Emotions are part of the game and Vial believes it takes an emotional person, sensitive to the human touch, to be a good athlete. He speaks of love as a foundation of the team. Soccer is a test of human capacity as he understands it, involving the emotions while testing integrity, loyalty and persistence.

He sees himself as primarily an educator. Vial wants to impart to his students attitudes of success, a wholesome way of life and an American competitive spirit.

Former students do not write to Vial about soccer records. They write to him from boot camp, the marine corps and Universities



Coach Vial urges his players on during a recent match.

about the changes in their lives. They speak of renewed goals and an outlook on life faced with confidence and determination as a result of their soccer experience, says Vial. Often they thank him for the hard work he demanded. They know hard work because of him and are not afraid of it.

Safer fire doors recommended

over. Only one step, the writing of thank you letters to the various officials that helped, remains.

What did this lesson in negotiating with the system teach the sociology students?

One class member, Susan Moore, reflected, "It was simpler than we expected."

In another vein, a classmate of Ms. Moore felt working in a group, each class member was shielded from the uneasiness he or she might feel about "attacking" the establishment alone.

In addition, some students expressed concern over being labeled troublemakers if they took

on more controversial matters. So while the students watch for the appearance of the 100 square inch windows in the fire doors, it seems unlikely, to judge from class discussion, that many will be tempted to do battle with the establishment again soon.



Double cross a friend.