

NEW COURIERS DEBUT



WIDE-ANGLE NEEDED — Here are some of the new Couriers. The others were sticking their tongues out. From left to right: Paul Ramirez, Steve Martin, Doug Kelley, Cathy Martin, Robin Ricks, Bob Ibarra, Scott Hudson, Rick Hendricks.

Hendricks, Ibarra head new Courier

By Marc Bernier

Rick Hendricks and Robert Ibarra have been selected to share the editorship of the Evergreen Valley College Courier. The Courier will be published by-monthly.

To assist in organization editing and supervising will be assistant Editors James Madden and Sandra Tomasini.

Feature Editor, Art and Graphics Editor and Advertising Manager are Sue Rizzi, Doug Kelley, and Robin Ricks respectively.

The administration, through Dr. James Butzek, has supported moving the Journalism program from the evening to the daytime. They have approved a full time advisor, Mr. Van Phillips, and sanctioned the funds to adequately publish an informative newspaper.

The Courier has been published sporadically in the past by the evening students. Student enrollment and involvement has been minimal in the past. But this semester over thirty students are enrolled in the Journalism class.

Thatcher Nance to leave in EVC reorganization

By Rick Hendricks

Thatcher Nance will not be supervising student affairs at EVC after the spring semester.

Recent action by the Board of Trustees removed his position, reflecting the belt-tightening atmosphere of the district following the passage of Proposition 13.

In a related action the position of Dean Instruction, Occupational Education at City College was also abolished. Claude Herrick, who held that position, may resume teaching.

The EVC administration has indicated that the supervision of student government and activities will be shared by one of the Provosts and a faculty member released for that purpose.

Nance may stay on as a counselor, according to school sources, an option that he was guaranteed under his contract.

It was not immediately clear how much money is being saved by this series of cuts, though it was learned that faculty and administration have developed a series of priorities following the Proposition 13 approval.

New coordinator replaces Ticknor

Yolanda Reynolds, a counselor at EVC, has been appointed Coordinator: Continuing Education, temporarily filling the job of George Ticknor, who resigned recently to accept the Dean of Instruction's position at Tahoe Community College.

Reynolds will serve until June 8, when it is expected that the position of Aide to the Provost: Continuing Education will be filled permanently.

Board of Trustees leans toward 175 day calendar EVC and SJCC clash over construction funds

By Bob Ibarra

A major battle seems to be shaping up over the 1979-80 calendar and the expenditure of capital construction monies, as the Board of Trustees and CTA failed to reach an agreement on the calendar, and joint faculty-administration meetings between EVC and SJCC indicate a split over where monies should be spent.

The calendar fight was carried over since the January 16 Board meeting, when Pat Butler, President of CTA, maneuvered a bargaining unit confrontation which subsequently ended in an impasse.

The Board's representative in collective bargaining, Alyson McKensie, has stated that the Board's only position is a 175-day calendar, it was learned from a reliable source, despite the possibility of the issue being tied-up in court if the Board acts unilaterally.

Strong sentiment against the present 160-day calendar was expressed by several Board members at the January 16 meeting, even though the faculties and students at both institutions strongly support the present calendar.

The February 20 Board meeting may be the scene of intense confrontation, as the Board is scheduled to discuss priorities for construction in the district.

At issue is the choice of completing Cluster B at EVC or several projects at SJCC. The in-fighting between the two campuses broke out into the open recently at a meeting to discuss priorities. The EVC faculty and administration have indicated that Cluster B is vital if EVC is to grow and offer needed programs, while SJCC argued just as strongly for projects that are needed to upgrade the campus.

According to Dale Debold, Faculty Council President at EVC, the faculty and administration are prepared to present a strong case to the Board of Trustees for the construction of Cluster B at Evergreen, emphasizing EVC's growth and the District's commitment to providing facilities at the new college.

The Board's decision is critical at this time, since the passage of Proposition 13 makes it unlikely that the State will offer construction monies as liberally as in the past.

EVC enrollment up 9%; day students total 3297

Evergreen Valley College's enrollment jumped 9%, according to Robert Brown, District Director of Admissions and Records.

The largest increase is in the evening, where 2980 students registered, representing 16% over last spring. Day students number 3297, a jump of 4% and close to the highest number of students to enroll at EVC.

High enrollment at EVC contrasts sharply with the decline at City College, where a drop of 11% has been reported, most coming in the evening, which fell 13%.

Reasons for the decline at City and the increase at EVC are speculative at this time, according to Brown. But he did indicate that periods of high employment tend to effect school enrollments negatively, and that the newness of EVC and its convenient parking facilities may account for its showing.

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Student voices unheard on calendar issue

Evergreen Valley College is presently on an experimental 160-day calendar which is currently under review by the San Jose City College District Board of Trustees. There are two other calendars under consideration, the 175-day (similar to a High School calendar) and a 170 (a compromise between the 160 and the 175).

A reliable source informed us that Alyson McKensie, the board's designated representative in collective bargaining, stated that the board's current position is only the 175-day calendar, as they feel students are being short-changed with the 160. Pat Butler, President of the CTA, said that the two major arguments against the longer calendars are that finals would be after Christmas, and that the 15 days of staff development during the break would be curtailed.

Both Faculty Councils, as well as both Student Governments at EVC and SJCC, voted in favor of the 160-day calendar. We strongly support the present calendar, as we feel the other calendars under consideration are not in our best interest. The 175-day calendar does not insure that the students will be guaranteed a better education. What it does insure is a lack of continuity between instruction and finals. The 160 gives students the opportunity to enjoy Christmas with their families, instead of trying to study for finals in January. And it allows students to work during the semester break, coupled with earlier job opportunities at the end of the spring semester ending in May, and not in June as proposed in the 175. The board has forgotten that a large number of students are married, work and have families of their own.

Our opposition is not that the 175-day calendar is longer, but that the scheduling does not reflect the needs of the students at either campus. On this issue certain members of the board feel that they know what is better for students than students themselves.

According to Pat Butler, the board may take unilateral action if it cannot come to an agreement with the CTA. The 1978-79 calendar for the San Jose Community College District is on the Feb. 20th agenda, and hopefully when you read this, the right decision affecting the lives and education of all students will have been made.

The Prowling Pollster

How can the COURIER serve you?

Earl E. Boyd III
Age: 19
Major: Business Administration

It should cover the school itself, the problems it's having, the benefits it has. Let them know what it has to offer because most students don't know. It should cover all of the special services and have surveys done of the students to find out what their interests are and then report on those interests.



Linda Taylor
Age: 19
Major: Drafting

I would like the paper to find out why students cannot post anything they want on the kiosks with out the approval of student activities, where all of the student money is going to, why I had to buy a student body card and there is no use for it on campus, why fewer than 200 students voted for ASB officers and how many of those people are still going here.



175 DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS

Gift-giving in Africa-- social interaction its reward

By Nick Baxter

Traditional African societies have historically stressed communal living. As a matter of course, then, social interaction has always assumed a tremendous role in the maintenance of stability in these societies. An integral factor of the communal structure is sharing, or gift-giving, as it is called by traditionalists. Gift-giving is predicated upon three principles.

Obviously, selflessness is most germane to communalism. The very base of communalist societies is the surrendering of oneself, materially and spiritually. In traditional African societies, refusal to give is a sure sign of miserliness. And ostracism is the inevitable result. Gift giving often involves total *prestation*, a fancy term for wholesale community gift exchanging. Included in Total *prestation* is the abdication of an entire community's possessions for another community's belongings. This exchange is demonstrative of an unflinching reverence for and appreciation of one com-

munity for another. (Perhaps the so-called First and Second Worlds ought to take note of this ritual).

Gift giving, then, has political inferences. The more expensive the gift, the more political and social leverage one has in one's community. In this respect gift giving in traditional Africa is not unlike our own political system wherein aspirants to political office offer "gifts" to influents, thus enhancing the former's chance for election. There is not evidence, however, that corruption in traditional societies have reached the epidemic proportions found in the U.S. In any case, gift-giving in the latter case, while not wholly altruistic, is a positive good.

Also of significance is the "religious", that is, spiritual, component of gift-giving. It may be hard for a Westerner to comprehend but the gift given, more often than not, is invested with great personal meaning that transcends what the item costs. The gift has spiritual significance, in that it is not just an object sequestered in a drawer or safe but

Figures show women outdo men in GPA

Men, the women have done it again. Figures just released show the females edged out the males in the grade point average race. The girls have 49% of their gender doing B work or even better compared with the boys' dismal 39% showing. Other exciting figures have been compiled by Registrar Bob Brown, for instance . . . Did you know?

- (1) More males (56%) attend the S.J.C.C.D. than females (44%).
- (2) The majority of students are single (60%).
- (3) The median age is "approximately 27 years".
- (4) Evening students have a 3.0 G.P.A., or better (47%) compared to 38% for the day.

rather is a very real part of the giver's daily life. It is a part of that individual. Therefore, the giving of such an item assumes a heightened meaning, both for the person conferring and receiving.

Perhaps paradoxically, the gift has anti-materialistic implications in addition to those stated, this despite the fact that gift-givers do attempt to "out do" one another in the elaborateness or the expensiveness of the gift given. Destruction of material (furniture, houses) signifies contempt for material possessions.

Thus, gift-giving in traditional African societies serves to bind together communities. Its coalescing effect pervades all spheres of community life politically, socially, and spiritually. Predicated on quasialtruism, it is an institution and attitude almost completely alien to the U.S. and Europe.

Might not the West, vanguard of the Space Age, benefit from the concept of giving with no strings attached?



Mary Rapa
Age: 18
Major: Physical Therapy

It should inform the students of social activities, promote sports and carry ads, especially for students who want to sell their books back and don't get to the bookstore in time. It should have a good amount of photography in it because it makes it more interesting and easier to read.

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Botanical Gardens-- a reality within a year

By Monalisa Prussia

"Within a year one should see a young California desert community becoming established" indicated Mr. Gene Morris, Botanical Garden Director. The desert community, the first to be completed of EVC's Botanical Gardens, will be located east of the Yerba Buena parking lot.

The gardens have been in the developmental stage since their conception by Mr. Morris four years ago. Mr. Gene Morris attributes the slow start of the Botanical Gardens to the "lack of materials, sufficient funding and other tangible support".

Mr. Morris received a state grant for \$20,000 in 1978. Most of the grant was exhausted to pay Mr. Morris' salary to supervise the project. Plants, seeds, fencing and various equipment were purchased, leaving a balance of approximately \$5,000. In this age of "Prop. 13" a second request for the monies late last year was rejected by the state. In a continual search for new avenues of financing Mr. Morris has joined several horticultural organizations which may prove fruitful in this endeavor.

With the \$5,000 remaining of the initial grant Mr. Morris' plans to hire 12 to 15 students this Spring to begin cultivating, helping to design basic plots, propagating plants and planting. There is a possibility that five to six students may be retained throughout the summer to care for the garden.

The gardens will be a "living laboratory" for students, "a place of solitude and an animal refuge". Mr. Morris further emphasized he wants people to be "aware of the purpose of the gardens", which is "to recreate California's plant communities for use by students, garden clubs and the general public as a living laboratory, a learning tool, never to be closed to the public".

Once established the gardens will exist on the natural rainfall of the area. This will demonstrate to visitors the feasibility of landscaping with native California plants, to minimize water usage.

Evergreen's Botanical Gardens will consist of a complete cross section of California's plant communities such as: a Sierra foothills and coast range chaparral, a small fresh water lake community, various evergreen forests, a poisonous plant garden with native and exotic species. Additionally, a telescope pad, two amphitheatres and a sensory garden for the visually handicapped are planned.

Informative signs describing plants will be strategically placed. Signs will be in English and Spanish. Within the sensory garden signs will also be in Braille.

At present there is not a completion date. The task of transforming 16 to 20 acres of land into fourteen different plant communities is an enormous one, requiring many years to complete. "An all out effort must be launched to bring this ambitious venture to the desired fruition," explained Mr. Morris.



Rainy day blues. Where do you go when it rains at EVC? The cafeterias are packed and smoky, and the hallways are not covered and seem like massive shower heads.

This student may have the answer. Lean against a building and dream, perhaps, of far away places. McDonald's? Burger Pit? A Student Union?

CHRIS'S CINEMA CORNER

By Chris Hay

CALIFORNIA SUITE

A friend of mine told me I would laugh all the way through Neil Simon's "California Suite". I was a little disappointed. Don't get me wrong, it is a funny movie but there are a few short, serious interludes that become long, serious interludes. The movie seems to have no plot - just five couples on a weekend vacation at the same hotel. The cast is full of well-known actors and actresses such as Alan Alda, Jane Fonda, Michael Caine, Bill Cosby, Richard Pryor and Walter Matthau. I thought they all played their parts well, but I could find little originality in the film itself. The white half of the cast played parts such as an oscar nominee, a homosexual husband, and a divorced couple fighting over custody of their daughter, to name just a few. The black half of the cast played the parts of fools, almost destroying each other by an epidemic of accidents. Neil Simon has not run out of jokes, but "California Suite" is like a (two hours for \$3) version of "Love American Style". If you need a good laugh this could be your movie, but don't see it to get mentally stimulated.

INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS

If you have seen the original "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" you may be wasting your time on the San Francisco-based version.

A few of the people I talked to said they saw little or no change in the story line between the two renditions of the film. I have not seen the original and I thought "Body Snatchers" was a real treat. The photography was imaginative, the special effects were realistic to the point of gruesome, and the cast (Donald Sutherland, Brooke Adams and Leonard Nimoy) fit together like a Chinese puzzle.

Legislation opens

'truth in testing'

Landmark legislation, which for the first time opens up the books of the standardized testing companies, was signed by the Governor last September.

Authored by Senator John Dunlap (D-Napa), SB 2005 requires producers of standardized tests to disclose both detailed financial and "truth-in-testing" information to students, independent researchers and the public.

Sponsored by the UC Student Lobby, SB2005 requires testing corporations to disclose:

- copies of old tests which are equivalent in content to those tests currently in use, and the corresponding correct answers;
- technical data bearing on the quality and validity of the tests;

'Body Snatchers' carried off well-- 'Cal Suite' draws a line

The invasion starts when a mass of alien entities are carried off on cosmic winds through seemingly endless miles of space until they are finally caught in Earth's gravitational pull. Like many other aliens, these transparent bubbles land in San Francisco. They soon take root and grow into pod-producing plants. At this point there is no stopping them.

I like science fiction and this movie; it is well done. The movie is both funny and frightful, warm and wormy. Donald Sutherland is a polished actor, Brooke Adams is as good an actress as she is beautiful, and, even though he is aging faster than the average Vulcan, Leonard Nimoy seemed at home in his role.



What happened to the tree?

A sculptured answer by students

Somebody for some reason cut down the tree in the lower quad at Roble.

Who knows why? Suddenly it was gone, leaving a mound of dirt and some scattered leaves. But Walt Soellner, Jewelry and Art instructor, moved fast before environmentalists noticed.

Walt has had an idea for some time now that student-designed communal sculptures would pretty-up the place. His students of the past two semesters designed

and created one, so Walt moved it onto the space.

You can't miss it if you round the corner of the Jewelry lab or dash for the elevator. The sculpture is a series of three-dimensional squares, each designed by one student, fastened onto a tall, rectangular pole-like structure. Describe it yourself when you see it.

Meanwhile, look around. Walt says the next one will be circular.

- reports on the predictability and standard error of the tests;
- financial data detailing test costs and revenues;
- all available "truth-in-testing" information to both students and California postsecondary education institutions that use the tests.

"Every high school, college, and graduate student in California is virtually at the mercy of standardized tests," said UC Student Lobby Co-Director Bret Hewitt. "Our hope is that SB 2005 will help both students and the public to understand the shortcomings of these tests."

As postsecondary education institutions have become increasingly reliant on test scores for admission and placement purposes, a number of significant issues have arisen about test validity, reported cultural bias, alleged excessive costs, and domination of the industry by one testing agency.

Most of the tests are produced by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) which controls about 80% of the testing market. Tests manufactured by ETS include the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), and the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

Board kills 160-- students object Courier staffers are there-- with cameras



New Course - ASCENT OF MAN
By Doug Kelley

"I liked the openness, the informal casual atmosphere of the class."

This was but one of the favorable comments students had about the popular television course "Ascent of Man". Other students reacted favorably to having a different instructor each week. The series is being repeated again this semester as a one to three units interdisciplinary course. The class may be added up until the last month of the semester.

Originally developed by Jo Brownowski, the TV series is the development of man from beginning through his scientific and artistic development.

Each Tuesday the class meets to view one of the 13 programs. Thursdays are reserved for general discussion of questions raised in the programs.

However, a short written assignment will be required at the end of each three-week period.

Eleven faculty members joined the team to teach the course: D. Gutierrez, A. Aton, J. Strelitz, B. Grimm, R. Fisch, R. Baird, S. Blades, S. Ibrahim, J. Butzek, W. Jacobs, J. G. Coordinator M. Chaves.

SPORTS

Softball team strong--but tennis team is broke

By Paul Ramirez

The women's softball team will be the strongest in four years, according to Coach Evonne Davenport. Though the Hawks are experienced, they need to develop as a team.

The team features Sandy Mucenel and Becky Little as fast ball pitchers, with Cindy Flower and Sandy Vogel serving in relief.

The Coast Conference season will open February 22 in Monterey. The Hawks first home game will be Tuesday, February 27 at 3:00 PM against Gavilan College.

MEN'S TENNIS

Patrick Dougherty, coach of the men's tennis team, is confident in their having a winning season. One of the reasons for his confidence is the ability of his number one player, David Archer, who starred at Silver Creek High School.

The Hawks will battle Merritt College from Oakland at EVC on February 23 at 2:00 PM in a match consisting of six singles and three doubles.

WOMEN'S SELF-SUPPORTIVE TENNIS

Prop. 13 has not stopped Women's tennis at EVC. Alex Reves says that the team has purchased its own equipment and is covering its own expenses. They practice daily at 2:30 PM and aren't ashamed of wearing last year's uniforms.

The season opens on February 26 at 2:30 against San Jose City College.



No gym

By Robin Ricks

A recent survey indicates that that Evergreen Valley College, like everything else in life, has its ups and downs. Evidence of the "see-saw principle" came to light as this reporter curiously roamed about campus on special assignment, and asked students: What do you think about this school?

Jeanette Willis, a second-year student, had some thoughtful and interesting comments. "I have to give Evergreen College a lot of credit. It is a fairly new school that is developing very fast. The quality of the education that I've received has been excellent, and most of my teachers are warm, sincere individuals who treat everyone fair and are concerned about their jobs."

Student Henry Carrillo had a different point of view. "Why don't they have no sports activities, man? And what about a gym, man? How can we play basketball without no gym? What's good about this place? The people, man, especially the ladies. We got some fine ladies, but we still need a gym?"



OPERATION SHARE By David Chelemer

Operation SHARE, the tutoring program for children, has many activities to enlist new tutors, some of which have been offering cookies and coffee, loans, bookmarkers, suckers, Flash Gordon movies. Operation SHARE is also sponsoring a contest regarding Elvis Presley's first recording. The winner of the contest will receive 100 free records and roll singles.

Silvia Brown, the internationally known "trance-medium" psychic, put on a show for SHARE at James Lick High School Wednesday, February 21. Brown has appeared on the "M Douglas Show" and "In Search . . ." She also claims to have contacted Elvis Presley from grave.