Nicaragua peace activist speaks and sparks debate

By Nancy Kergad

Heated debates over the situation in Nicaragua between two students and a member of the Friends of Nicaragua Culture, ended after their loud arguing disturbed surrounding classes March 21.

The lecture sparking the debate was "Nicaragua: Nation Under Siege" and was presented by Tanja Winter, a peace activist who has been involved in the anti-nuclear movement since the early 50's.

One student argued that what's happening in Nicaragua is the same thing that happened in Cuba 20 years ago. He asked Winter if she saw any similarity between the two countries. Winter replied, "Only because they have the right to choose the government they want.

She went on to say a big difference is the people have a very strong tie with the church in Nicaragua and the Sandinista government is made up of a lot of poets, writers and priests.

The debate started when Winter said there are a few Marxists involved in the government. One student grumbled and Winter said, "Don't turn red when you hear the word Marxist. It only means they believe the resources should be equally divided among the people."

Last July, Winter went to Managua to attend a conference, "In Response to the Crisis in Central America." Winter said the food, health care and education has greatly improved since the present government has been in control. The children are healthier and more than 1,000 new schools have been built. Land once owned by the Somoza family has been distributed among farmers, Winter said.

On the other hand, Winter said the U.S. government and the CIA are preparing 12,000 men in Honduras for an invasion of Nicaragua and El Salvador.

"Recent bombings of a civilian airport and chemical plant have convinced the Nicaraguan people that a full scale invasion by U.S. backed troops is imminent. They are preparing for a war they don't want. They don't understand U.S. hostility towards their country."

"Nicaragua is only the size of Wisconsin. What threat does this country pose to the U.S.? What right does the U.S. government have to use our tax money for murders of innocent people?"

Some of the slides showed Nicaraguans waving at the camera and smiling. Winter said it is a friendly country. She said, "The Nicaraguan people want peace. They say they don't want to be friends with the U.S. They don't want to be friends. They don't want to have a war."

Clown around in this class

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by Meri Simon

Four years ago Sue Shirra was bored. It was summer and she had some free time on her hands. As a Junior of MiraCosta Community College, she signed up for a class at a community college in La Jolla called "Clownology".

Now her face is pink, her hair is orange and her nose is round and red. She is known as Soomi the clown and she's passing along her knowledge of clownology to students at MiraCosta.

In the MiraCosta clownology class this semester, the second time she has done so at MiraCosta. She started teaching because she felt there was a need for a clown group in North County. The closest one was the San Diego State Clown Club. Shirra felt there was no better way to bring out hidden clowns than to teach a class in clownology.

A large portion of the class is devoted to the proper application of make-up. There are three types of clowns and they can be distinguished by their face make-up. Students learn to apply make-up in all clowns.

Patrick Shay applies white-face clown make-up at the clownology class offered by Miracosta's Community College's community services program. (Photo by Meri Simon)

Shirra's classes have drawn housewives and computer operators, and men as well as women and children. This semester her class is filled to capacity.

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Financial aid sets deadline at May 1

by Salvacion D. Worth

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Recruiting for Olympic jobs at MCC April 4

What's the next best thing to participating in the 1984 Olympics? For students it may be helping with one of the Olympic jobs available on either a volunteer or paid basis.

The Olympic Organizing Committee will be recruiting on campus Wednesday, April 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The recruiters will be looking for at least 16 enthusiastic people who are eager to contribute to the success of the games, said Jane Luelling of Student Services.

Job assignments will be from July 28 to August 12, with some functioning two weeks before the start of the games. Paid positions include bus driver, security guard, housekeeping, food services and concessions.

Volunteer opportunities include valet and sedan drivers, language interpreters, escorts and spectator services.

Selected applicants will undergo two interviews. The first will consist of a skills assessment questionnaire which will be fed into a computer to match the applicant's interests with the available jobs. Applicants who seem to be likely prospects will be called for the second interview and fingerprinting.

The persons chosen may work in either the Anaheim or San Diego area. There will also be an equestrian competition held on Fairbanks Ranch near Rancho Santa Fe.

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Campuses to invade campus library

By Andy Mauro

A state-of-the-art library index system that uses computer terminals and a data bank to replace the typewriter card catalogue files will be installed at MiraCosta College. The system, says Leland Russell, director of the college's Learning Resources Center.

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Financial Aid expects no cutbacks

"Scholarship aid is an individualized program designed for self-enrichment for those who need them," said a spokesman for MiraCosta College. "Scholarship aid is not meant to support a student's lifestyle. It is meant to support a student's academic progress."

Witness sought in robbery

According to Judy Strattan, the victim's mother, "I think the witness is very important in the investigation."

A young woman wearing a backpack was walking home from class near MiraCosta College when she was robbed at gunpoint. The suspect was described as a male in his late 20s, wearing a black jacket and blue jeans. The incident took place near the 1st Street exit of I-5 in Oceanside.

The suspect fled the scene with a silver-colored backpack.

If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact Oceanside Police Department at 757-2121.

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Campus Calendar

1. The MiraCosta College-Community Orchestra will perform at 3 p.m. at the MCC Theater. Donations will be accepted at the door. For information call 757-2121 or 755-5155.

2. Many business oriented Fast-track courses will start during the week of April 2 at MCC and the Del Mar Shores Center. The courses, which are offered tuition-free to California residents, allow students to earn a full semester of credit in six or eight weeks. For information call 757-2121.

3. Art classes are offered in the James Curney Gallery at MCC. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to noon, 1-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Admission is free. For information call 757-2121 or 755-5155.


5. "Relating to the Inner World" is the subject of a two-day workshop at MCC. The Friday session will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the Saturday session will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $5. For information call 757-2121 or 755-5155.

6. Signs Annie Allman, Kathleen O'Brien, Thomas Oberjat and Philip Larson will perform "Blues, Lieder, Waltz" at 7:30 p.m. in the MCC Theater. Also included in the program will be duets, duets and trios from Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Donizetti and Rossini. Donations for admission will be taken at the door. For information call 757-2121 or 755-5155.

7. "Relaxation, intuition, and Mysticism" is the subject of a one-day seminar at MCC's Del Mar Shores Center. The seminar, taught by Carmita Callio, will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the auditorium. Admission is $20. For information call 942-1352.

8. The MiraCosta College Jazz Band will perform at 4 p.m. at the MCC Theater. Donations will be accepted at the door. For information call 757-2121 or 755-5155.

9 & 23. "Creative Vegetarian Cooking" will be the subject of a two-day workshop at MCC. The Friday session will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 9 and 23. Cost is $25. For information call 942-1352.

10. Publicity tips for volunteer organizations will be discussed from 2-5 p.m. at MCC's Del Mar Shores Center. Admission is $5. For information call 757-2121 or 755-5155.

Board OKs leases, five retirements

By Edward Karlson

About half of a residential lot east of the athletic practice field is being offered for lease to the highest bidder. This and several retirements were discussed at the college's Board of Governors meeting held on March 21.

The property up for bid was to have been graded for overflow parking space at major athletic events, with an exit on Johnson Drive. The necessity for such use never came about. The exit area is between two neighboring residences and one of the neighbors requested a lease on it.

The Education Code requires that any school property must be advertised to the public for leasing. A written bid must be accompanied by a deposit of not less than 10 percent of the bid, and an oral bid must be at least 5 percent higher than the highest written bid and backed up by a similar deposit.

A public meeting will be announced at which written and oral bids may be presented. Final acceptance of a bid will be by a resolution of the college's Board of Governors.

A more personal development on campus, is the decision of several teachers and a Student Services worker to retire.

James Crawford, Chairman of Biological Sciences, has applied for retirement effective at the conclusion of this semester.

Instructors Neil Devitt, business administration, and Michael McRobb, physical science and mathematics, have applied for early retirement. McRobb has taught at MiraCosta for 28 years. Allison Gilbert, health and physical education, has applied for early retirement and a limited service contract.

Margaret Kinder, manager of the bookstore, has also applied for early retirement.

All the applications for early retirement have been approved by the Board of Governors meeting, said board president Henry Hallows.

Daniel M. Camp, art instructor, and Jeffrey A. Sell, music instructor, applied for and were granted sabbatical leave.

The board also decided students with learning disabilities are going to receive special help. According to a report prepared by Ronald Baker, a coordinator/enabler, "The Learning Disability component was added to the Handicapped Student Services program starting Fall, 1984. To date we have identified and served approximately 25 learning disabled students. This program enhancement was accomplished by reorganizing existing MiraCosta College staff."

Meanwhile, plans for a southern campus site in Encinitas, blunted by fiscal austerity which threatens existing facilities, has not been forgotten. The Curriculum Committee voted to hold a public hearing at which interested community members may share the college's concern about implementing the site.

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For information contact Health Services at 757-2121 ext. 351.
BECOMING FAMOUS - MiraCosta Community College will be featured on the cover of this year's Luskey brothers Tri-city phone directory because the campus is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. Photographer Joe Dirosa, left, climbed into a tree in front of the gym to get his photo. Students, right, were invited to pose with the MiraCosta College sign that hangs on the bridge leading to the gym. (Photos by Meri Simon)

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computer, will push the total cost con- siderably higher.

"We're doing this with money that was appropriated two years ago," says Russell. "If we were just getting under way today we'd probably never get it off the ground."

If all of this seems a little threaten-
ing to those who have struggled to master the sometimes perplexing li-

brary filing system they've been taught since grammar school, Russell can sym-
pathize.

"We're fast approaching the zero hour, and it's with some trepidation," he admits. "This is all new to us as well. We'll have all kinds of (how shall I say it?) workshops for the faculty and stu-

dents."

The Virginia Tech people will be from MiraCosta from April 4 to 6 conducting a training seminar for the Learning Re-
sources staff. The new system is ex-
pected to be ready for use shortly after the training seminar.

Users of the new index system will be able to "punch in" traditional source infor-
mation - title, author or subject

matter - and view a display listing descriptions and locations of available material.

Despite the advanced technology of the new system, students and faculty will still have to jot down notes by hand. The only terminal with printer hook up will be located in a library workroom and accessible only to li-

brary staff. This is mainly due to the size and noise of printers, as well as cost considerations, says Russell.

For now, the new catalogue system won't replace the various periodical indexes at the library, although Rus-

sell says in a few years that will be routine as well.

A number of other changes at the Learning Resources Center either have been accomplished or are contem-
plated as the library continues in its efforts to "20th Century", says Russell. A new device called a BataPHONE, provides for automatic book ordering through a push-button phone system, and eliminates typing, mailing and much of the waiting for new books.

One of several new computer data banks the school now subscribes to, OCLC, has an inter-library loan sub-

System. Within 10-14 days, MiraCosta can find out which libraries in the nation have a particular book and receive the copy on loan.

Another change on line for the Learn-

ing Resources Center involves the copy-

ing service. After several months of

study, the school has decided to sub-

contract the copying to an outside firm which will be responsible for pro-

viding new copy machines for students and faculty use. Basic costs will raise from $5 to 10 cents per copy, but copy quality will be greatly improved, says Russell.

Changes in library services and pro-

cedures have accelerated at a tremen-
dous rate in recent years. But the library is sensitive to the dif-

ficulty some will have facing the new computer terminals, and the transi-

tion will be a little more gradual.

"We won't pull out the card cata-

logue for several months," promises Russell. "We will, however, 'close out' the catalogue (quit updating the cards). We won't be able to continue the dual system indefinitely."

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by Andy Mauro

OCEANIDE — Several of the players on the Men's tennis team at MiraCosta have had plenty of experience. Unfortunately, very little of it has been at the college level.

Ron Elgart, 19, architectural engi-

neer, is at once the youngest and most experienced player on the team. He was the No. 2 singles player for San Diego State last year and is the only Spartan to have played high school tennis. He says he has no problem being the veteran on a team of older guys.

"I like it a lot," says Elgart. "I've matured in many ways. I hope to stay another year and play for Bonnie (coach Maccao) next year."

Wade Elgart, 19, is a good back-
ground you might expect to find a-
mong players competing in intercolle-
giate tennis. Vic Mora's story is proba-

bly a little more typical on the Mira-

Costa team.

Meta, 23, English, bought a racquet about two years ago while in Japan with the Marines. When he came to MiraCosta this year he enrolled in "competition tennis." He says he found out he was a "class," and he's satisfied with his bache-

lor's degree in business management and Spanish.

Rob Roberts, 21, is an aspiring phys-

iotherapist from Virginia who works on a boat out of Oceanide in his spare time. He also has a market out of Mora-

cao as one of the more rapidly impro-

ving players at the half-way mark in the season.

Gary Placke, 36, is a captain of the team. He's not satisfied with his bache-

lor's degree in business management and Spanish, so he's currently enrolled in a new career at the University of California. He says he's going to play tennis for his divorce, and coach

Gary Placke — serving it up

City of Oceanide. Now he's teaching and is interested in coaching in someday coaching tennis. The men's team is as a group of individuals as you're likely to find. There are differences in age, skin levels, interests, and commitments, their one common denominator seems to be tennis.

The lack of tennis experience has definitely taken a toll on the team's record so far this year. The only two wins have been in unofficial scrim-

mages matches. But with a year under their belts, those who decide to return next season should find the picks a little easier.

Besides, as Maccao points out, just competing on an intercollegiate sports team can be a thrill of a lifetime. With a diverse group like this, it's bound to be an experience.

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