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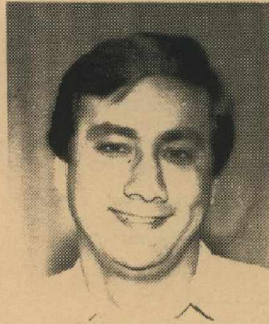
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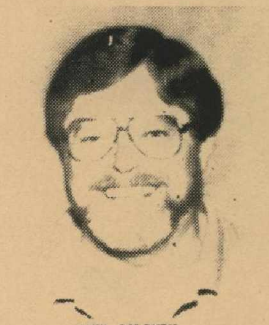
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PRESIDENT TUCKER ISSUES CHALLENGE



FRANCIS TUCKER
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As we begin our new year, much interest and concern throughout the nation has been generated regarding major "reforms" in education namely, "is school reform missing minority children?"

The leaders of 11 major educational organizations including the presidents of both teachers' unions issued a call to all educational organizations to work on behalf of the millions of school children growing up in poverty and facing the prospect of failed lives.

The leaders warned that the school reform movement which has led to stiffer graduation and promotion standards in many states, has not tackled the

problems of poverty, delinquency and drugs that plague the lives of disadvantaged children.

We in CASCWA must take the call and actively work toward state and federal legislation that will guarantee to each "at-risk" youth the array of necessary educational services which are reasonably calculated to result in graduation from high school.

This could include guaranteeing a quality "pre-kindergarten program" to all four year olds living below the poverty line, and guaranteeing a job or post secondary education to all high school students who perform above certain levels.

The group noted that 25% of children five and under come from families living below the poverty line and a growing number of public school children are Black, Brown or belong to other minorities, and that the minority children are "disproportionately represented among the poor" and enrolled in schools that "have been and continue to be, least successful."

During the coming year let's make one of our main goals the challenge of educational reform to insure that the reform of the past five years may pale against the requirements of the next 10 and to minimize the system that has well served those who are white, middle to upper income, well motivated and from relatively stable families. The critical mass of "at-risk" youth has grown so large proportionately that we are in some danger of being topped by our sense of rightness and righteousness.

Our responsibility as Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance is more important today than it has ever been in dealing with the success or failure of so many "at-risk" youth and as State President I am asking all members and co-workers to support the efforts of CASCWA and it's commitment to Child Welfare and Attendance.

Have a good year and I look forward to seeing you at our fall and spring conferences.

ATTENTION RETIREES AND LIFE MEMBERS!

OUT "N" ABOUT RETIREES
Living the Good Life
By Rich Davis



RICH DAVIS
Special Projects
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Sorry bout
that'.....
Breaker, Breaker
one nine.....

George Brumm,
San Joaquin County
Office of Education
S'84, is generally
"goofing off." He
works 3 days a month
in San Joaquin County
Office, and serves as
chairperson of the
Juvenile Justice Com-
mission. In his spare
time plays lots of
tennis, travels, and
relaxes. George says,
"retirement is the only
way to go."

Lawrence Weary, Compton Unified S'85, travels 3,000 miles to do his 20 days. Larry and his lovely wife are now living in Jayess, Mississippi. (I found it on the map, honest). When Larry passed through Sacramento recently, he said he is going back home. He's now fishing, hunting, golfing, swimming, and telling everyone back home what a good CWA officer he was in California. I hope to visit Larry soon.

Jim Milner, L.A. County Superintendent of School Office, S'87, is recovering beautifully from surgery. :Y'all" call him and wish him well. I say, "Hang in there champ." Bev is taking good care of him.

Steve Elish, Orange Unified, S'85, is wanted for failure to contact me after retiring. I still remember the fond farewell given to him and his lovely "child bride", Dorothy. We surely miss Dorothy's fine delicacies. I need to contact him - HELP!!

Tom Tryon, Oakland Unified, S'86, is working as part time consultant in Oakland. Tom also served on CASCWA State Executive Board last year. He's having the same troubles we all have...his wife won't retire.

Merlin Miller, Fresno Unified, S'73, has been working 80 days a year for Fresno Unified on a Vandalism and Burglary Task Force. Working part time for Guarantee Savings, selling deferred compensation. Merlin says, "Hang in there. The legislature may eventually put some teeth into the truancy laws."

Lee Angelich, San Joaquin Section, S'80, is currently working in Real Estate and giving good deals...if you need assistance in real estate, call Lee, not me!

Calder Hays, Alameda Schools, S'82, has been going to golf course regularly and enjoying everyday of retirement.

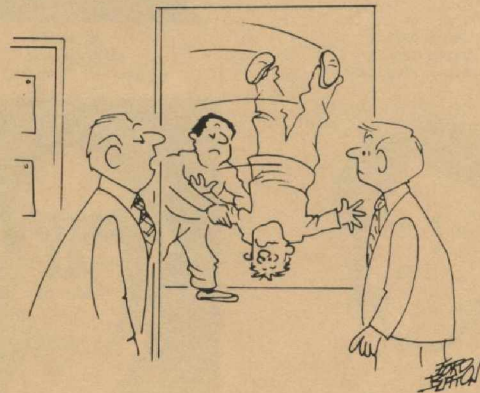
Art Suddjian, Fresno Unified, S'85, is still into Narcotics and Drugs. He has been traveling in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. He is also working 25 days in CWA. Art has always been an inspiration by reminding us that the center of all school district activity is in the CWA office. "You must think, act, and be a leader in your school/community."

Sara Ray, Compton Unified, S'84, is now the charming, beautiful Mrs. Roscoe Wiley, living in Pollock Pines, California (50 miles east of Sacramento, and 50 miles west of Lake Tahoe). Sara goes to the Lake or Reno, every Wednesday looking for the "Big One." She did 20 days work for Compton last year. Mr. Wiley reports that they will be "RV-ing" fulltime real soon. We wish them the best. She hasn't lost a bit of her charm.

Rich Davis, Sacramento County Office of Education, S'86, has been appointed by CASCWA State Executive Board to serve as chairperson for retired people. Since retirement Rich has been really doing what he's always wanted. "NOTHING!" He is now known throughout the community as the "sidewalk superintendent", and a "house-husband". He has been doing lots of traveling in his new motorhome. Dolores states she is going to retire this year to keep up with Rich.

If you know of any other CASCWA Retirees out there, please let me know. Please, sometime in the near future, let's have a luncheon at a state conference (Spring '88, Sacramento?).. Let's all stay in touch.

Roger....Over and Out!!....



"Mr. Hoyt is teaching an inservice course to substitute teachers."

SAN JOAQUIN SECTION PLANS FALL CONFERENCE



AL BAUM
San Joaquin
Section President

Personal and Professional topics, sessions, and issues, PLUS, Sessions for Classified personnel - certificates to be awarded, PLUS, Reduced hotel rates for weekend prior and/or after conference stay-overs.

What more can I say? Just come and get in on this fantastic Conference; don't forget there's a "Night on the Town" on Wednesday night - lots of neat fooderies in the area. Any Questions: Call Jake Colburn: (209)584-1441, or Al Baum, (209)488-3316. Flyers and registration forms will be out very soon so watch your mail. Also, for those Section people who might not be aware - Section Conference at Ducey's Basslake Lodge, on September 25, 26. Great program lined up, and \$50 covers food, lodging, and registration.

Congratulations to Verna Growdon as our new Section secretary. Verna's been a parent volunteer with Fresno USD's SARB for many years, as well as being in other organizations and groups that 'care about kids': glad to have you aboard, Verna. Thanks has to go out to Colleen Neary, past Section Secretary for a job well done. Because of her job, Colleen had to step down; hope you can stay with CASCWA, Colleen.

Last, but not least, a "mega thanks" to Bill Booth, Intercom Editor, and longstanding San Joaquin Section famous person. The Intercom is fantastic, Bill.

Well, hope to see you all in Monterey in November. Until then, my 'thought for the day': "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

BAY SECTION TO BE ACTIVE



WILLIAM WALKER
Bay Section President

Welcome back to the 1987-88 school year! Your CASCWA officers are planning a full year of activities and appreciate any suggestions for guest speakers, workshops, sharing of positive programs.

The Bay Section needs you so please contact myself (408-728-6448), Vice President Carolyn Scott (415-323-3403), Secretary George Yang, (415-471-2141), Treasurer Kathy Kirkendahl (415-657-2350), Legislative Rep. Angelo Mardrigal (415-276-3600), Scholarship Committee Chair Fred Dillemeuth (415-657-2350), or Past President Wanda Payton (415-784-2615) if you need or want services from CASCWA during the

year. Kathy, Carolyn, and Angelo are also membership contacts if you have someone who would like to join our section!!!

I attended the State Executive meeting in Sacramento, June 15, 1987, and will be there for the next meeting September 18. If you have any suggestions, improvements, communication you would like for me to share with the state board, please write (P. O. Box 630, Watsonville, CA 95077)

Well, it looks like a busy year for our Section. Our membership drive is going to put us on top. PLUS, we've got a "dyno-mite" Fall Conference coming up, thanks to Jake Colburn, Conference Chairman. For those who haven't heard - mark your calendars NOW for the best Fall Conference in the history of mankind:

WHERE: Monterey Beach, Monterey, CA., and I mean "On the Beach!"

WHEN: November 3,4,5, 1987

WHAT ELSE: Well, try this on for size:

Bring 3 new members into CASCEA, you pay half-registration, PLUS,

or call me before the date.

Goals and objectives for the 1987-88 school year were established:

1. Membership to increase (Carolyn and Angelo). Many members were not notified of meetings, did not receive INTERCOM, life members were not recognized during the year and we are now at 65 members for Bay Section.

2. Newsletter to be published three times during the year, "Bay Section CASCWA News" (George).

3. Honorary and life members to be better informed all activities (Carolyn and Angelo).

4. Workshops to be held by Bay Section. First one we will invite members is the Alameda County SARB Workshop to be held October 23, 1987, (Bill responsible).

5. Bay Section to establish a scholarship committee to begin awarding scholarship to continuation/alternative education student graduating from high school (Fred).

6. Bay Section will hold three meetings during the 1987-88 school year. First meeting will be October 2, 1987, in Palo Alto.

7. Begin planning for Fall 88 conference to be held in San Francisco, Fremont, Oakland, or Santa Clara (Carolyn and Bill).

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE BAY SECTION:

Bay Section Meeting October 2, in Palo Alto (Carolyn Scott arranging). Bring a Friend/New or Old With You. Guest Speaker: Superintendent Ravenswood School District. Alameda County SARB Workshop, October 23, 1987.

SOUTHERN SECTION TO STRESS MEMBERSHIP



MICHAEL JIMENEZ
Southern Section
President

Greetings from Southern California, the perennial "New Membership Champions" of CASCWA. To save some expense for the state, Southern Section has already had "Southern Section" engraved on the membership plaque for the 1987/88 year. I know the other sections won't mind, after all when you're hot, you're hot!

I would like to give special recognition and thanks to Past-President Steve Gocke. Steve will be a hard act to follow (he's more of the romantic leading man - whereas I'm more like a "character" actor type), nonetheless, I'll try to fill his cowboy boots as this year's Southern Section President (however, I do plan to wear socks).

I would like to introduce the others who will be doing all the work this year....

SOUTHERN SECTION CASCWA OFFICERS 1987/88
President Elect - Don Holton, Oceanside Unified
Vice President -- Cindy Wallace-Guerro, Brawley Unified
Secretary ----- Elizabeth Monson, Riverside County Office of Education
Treasurer ----- Humberto Lopez, Santa Ana Unified

Now for some important stuff. The Southern Section will be having its first meeting on September 11, at the Holiday Inn (Gateway Plaza). The Holiday Inn will probably be where we will hold our one day conference on January 29, 1988. The tentative theme is expected to be "Kids in Crisis". Those who attend and plan to spend the night will be minutes away from the beaches, Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, The Queen Mary, and many other attractions Southern California has to offer (no wonder we always win the membership plaque). Excuse me, the phone is ringing, so see you in the next paragraph.

Sorry, I had to leave and answer some questions on filling out the membership application. Well, that's about all I have time for. I would like to share more with the "Intercom" but I'M so busy sending out membership allocations, and answering questions from newspaper reporters on the secret of Southern Section always winning the membership plaque, I just don't have the time.

Before I go, I have one question -- do any of the other sections plan to do anything about membership?????

DELTA SIERRA PLANS FOR SPRING CONFERENCE



JESSE ORTIZ
Delta Sierra
Section President

Delta Sierra Section will be hosting the spring conference at the Woodlake Inn in Sacramento on April 27, 28, and 29. The theme for the conference is "California 2000 Preparing for the Future." Sessions on changing demographics, ethnic minority issues, home-school-community relations, new directions in staff training, and future policy making will be focused on. Two prominent speakers for lunch and dinner banquets have been contacted and details are being worked out. The Woodlake Inn room rates will be a reasonable \$49.00 single and \$59.00 double. Plan on attending an exciting and fun conference.

Other scheduled activities are:

- September 30, 1987 - Fall Workshop
Woodlake Inn, Sacramento, CA
Topics: School Climate, Immigration, and Education
Empowerment of Students, Educational
Leadership
- February 26, 1988 - Spring Workshop
Sacramento County Office of
Education, Sacramento, CA
Topic: Legislation Update and Review
- May 27, 1988 - Installation Luncheon with speaker

Officers for the 1987-88 year are Jesse Ortiz, President; David Neves, Vice President; Alicia Moran, Secretary; and Roy Brassesco, Treasurer.

HOME EDUCATORS WARY OF CASCWA'S LUNDBERG

THE PARENT EDUCATION AND FAMILY REPORT is a newsletter printed in support of the home school movement within which Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Moore are prime movers.

CASCWA has expressed and acted on its concern about what we consider to be a significant threat to public education and in some cases simply to avoid the inconvenience of mandated education. This newsletter indicated its concern about CASCWA efforts through Lee Lundberg in its May/June 1987 issue:

CALIFORNIA: The threat of Lee Lundberg, a Child Welfare and Attendance Supervisor, to propose legislation restricting home schooling to persons with a valid teaching credential has been set aside because he has decided that legislative energies should be put instead into the approaching funding crisis in schools. The Northern California Homeschool Association News indicated interest in how Mr. Lundberg will respond to questions and information directed to him from Dr. Raymond Moore regarding his assertions about "the value of social interaction, competition, and exchange of ideas gained by students in association with their peers in a school setting away from home" (the wording of the proposed bill).

The News cited an obvious reason for Lundberg's change of mind: Assemblyman Johan Klehs who was to sponsor the bill has become informed about home schooling through the efforts of concerned families and has dropped the issue "forever." In answer to his letter of protest, a similar message came to Guy Wood of Yucaipa from Assemblyman Bill Leonard who added his handwritten postscript that he is "opposed to further restrictions on home schooling." This, of course, does not guarantee that a problem may not arise from other sources. So, parent educators, remain vigilant!

EDITOR WELCOMES OUTREACH CONSULTANTS



BILL BOOTH
Intercom Editor

A welcome to the new additions to the Attendance Worker Corps of California! The provisions of SB65 have created some 400 Outreach Consultants serving throughout the state who are now our co-workers in the Child Welfare and Attendance field. CASCWA this year, and particularly in this issue of *Intercom*, is trying to make sure that these new compatriots have the benefit of our organization in terms of contacts, in service, and the sharing of knowledge. Enclosed in this issue for all OC's are a separate letter from the state president Francis Tucker, an outline of our purposes and blank. Each outreach consultant is receiving all this in a separate mailing to make sure

he or she "gets the word."

CASCWA for all of us is a necessity if we are to keep up with the expanding interest and action in the area. Our conferences are zeroed in on matters that directly and immediately concern us. The wisest investment you can make is to join your professional organization, CASCWA. You need what we can provide, and we need you to provide your input, knowledge, and support, for the benefit of California's kids. Once again--WELCOME TO CASCWA.

CALIFORNIA'S FIRST SCHOOL CRIME REPORT

The Standard School Crime Reporting Program is bearing fruit; portions of the State Department's report to the Legislature are as follows:

"This report is a summary of data reported by California public school districts in implementing AB 2483 (Chapter 1607) for the school year beginning July 1, 1985 and ending June 30, 1986. In the first reporting period, July 1 through December 31, 1985, 999 out of the 1026 California school districts reported, which represented a 97.4 percent return. In the second reporting period, January 1 through June 30, 1986, 992 out of 1026 districts reported, which represented a 96.7 percent return. The returned school crime data revealed the following:

1. Districts reported a total of 162,734 incidents of crime and violence on school grounds or at school-related events.
2. Of the total incidents reported, 74,700 (46 percent) were crimes against property. The districts reported total losses of \$23,538,028 due to these crimes.
3. Districts reported a total of 60,270 (37 percent) "other" crimes, including acts of violence against students, school personnel, and others on school campuses or at school-related events.
4. Districts reported 27,764 (17 percent) crimes that include incidents of substance/chemical/alcohol abuse, (possession, use or sale thereof) and incidents of possession of guns, knives, explosives, or other items.
5. Of the 15 homicides reported, two involved student victims and one occurred on school grounds in the daytime. The other reported homicides included the discovery of homicide victims on school grounds, although the crime had been committed elsewhere, or homicides committed against adults by adults or unknown assailants in the evening."

The report lists several significant "caveats":
"We urge that great caution be exercised in making comparisons among counties, districts, categories or population, because this is the first year of the statewide effort to gather data on school crime from a truly divergent school population which contains innumerable variables. The accompanying data comprises the first information available from the crime reporting program. No trends can be inferred because there are no previous data available."



THE COURTS

MICHAEL G. CASE NEARS DECISION

According to authorities, Michael G. had not been involved in crime, alcohol abuse or other delinquent activities that too often attract today's teenagers.

But the boy adamantly refused to go to school, defying his mother, counselors, and finally, the order of a Fresno County Juvenile Court judge. Exasperated, the judge found Michael in contempt and order him held in a juvenile facility for 48 hours.

The judge's unusual action resulted in a dispute that came before the state Supreme Court last week, presenting a sharp conflict between the judiciary's well-established power of contempt and a legislative ban on incarcerating minors for truancy.

A county prosecutor told the justices that incarceration is permissible when other efforts to get a habitual truant to go to school have failed.

"There does come a point where you have someone who's simply incorrigible," Fresno Deputy District Attorney Kenneth Hahus said in his oral argument before court. "He did thumb his nose at the court. At that point, what's left?"

But lawyers for the boy, now 18, said the Legislature clearly had intended that truants remain in the custody of their parents, and that even through the power of contempt, judges could not jail a youth for truancy. A fine or temporary detention during school hours in a "non-secure" facility should have been tried as alternatives, they said.

Regardless of the frustration of the court, that is the law," Fresno Deputy Public Defender Jose R. Villarreal told the justices.

Villarreal also raised concern that school officials, prosecutors and courts would turn to incarceration as a "first resort" against truancy if the justices decide to uphold the action ordered against Michael.

But the boy's attorneys ran into a barrage of questions from court members reflecting deep concern over any intrusion on a judge's authority to order incarceration, if necessary, to enforce an order of the court.

"What is the court going to do?" Justice John A. Arguelles asked at one point. "Just give up?"

The case arose in 1964, when the youth, after repeatedly missing school, was referred to juvenile authorities and subsequently was ordered by Judge William H. Sanderson to undergo counseling, perform work in a community service program and "attend school regularly and not to be tardy or absent."

Still, the boy would not go to school. Judge Sanderson, exercising his power of contempt, ordered Michael to be held in Juvenile Hall for a 48-hour period over the weekend. "I certainly wouldn't want to place the court in the position of depriving the minor of the opportunity to attend school," the judge said wryly.

The order was suspended while attorneys for the youth brought an appeal, citing a state statute that says that no minor who becomes a ward of a juvenile court because of truancy "shall be removed from the custody of the parent or guardian except during school hours."

In a one-hour hearing before the justices Wednesday prosecutor Hahus contended that the statute was not intended to affect the inherent power of courts to ensure that their orders are obeyed.

Hahus said that Michael had rejected all other attempts by his mother, juvenile authorities, and the judge to get him to go to school—including a refusal to perform the community service work. "Less-restrictive alternatives were tried first," he stressed.

The prosecutor denied that upholding the judge's order would invite widespread incarceration of habitual truants. "You have to trust your judges," he said.

Los Angeles Deputy Public Defender Susan L. Burrell, appearing as a "friend of the court" in Michael's behalf, called the incarceration order a "sham use" of the contempt power and an attempt to "engage in judicial lawmaking."

"The Legislature says you can't lock a kid up for truancy," Burrell said.

But several of the justices appeared skeptical. The raised questions about how it would appear to Michael and the other habitual truants—200 of whom were made wards of the juvenile court system last year—if it became clear that judges could not force them to obey a court order.

"A kid they goes out on the street and says to his friends, 'Don't worry, the judge can't make you do a thing,'" observed Justice Edward A. Panelli, a one time juvenile court judge in Santa Clara County.

"I don't see any 'sham' in the order," said Justice Marcus M. Kaufman. "If an order is willfully disobeyed, that's contempt, and a court has every right to enforce it."

Kaufman expressed concern over the effect on a juvenile of a court's inability to enforce the law. "If a judge sitting in juvenile court can't make an order stick, that's just wonderful for the kid's development, growth and image of the law," he remarked wryly.

According to the state Bureau of Criminal Statistics 218 habitual truants were made wards of the juvenile court system last year in California.

There also was a negative reaction to defense attorney Burrell's suggestion that, as an alternative to incarceration, courts could order parents to personally deliver their children to school.

"Isn't one of the problems that parents aren't doing their jobs?" asked Justice David N. Eagleson. "If they were on their toes, we wouldn't be here arguing this issue."

L.A. Times, June 14, 1987

STUDENT CAN'T CROSS EXAMINE ADMINISTRATOR . . . IN OHIO

According to West's Legal Alert, a student's right to cross-examine school administrators at expulsion hearing is not an absolute, at least not in Ohio. Arthur Newsome was told by his high school principal that unnamed students had reported that he had offered to sell marijuana to them at school. Following informal and formal hearings, Newsome was expelled from school for the balance of the semester.

Newsome appealed to the Board of Education. His lawyer addressed the board on Newsome's behalf, but he was not permitted to question either the school principal or superintendent.

Newsome sued in federal court, claiming that his inability to cross-examine the principal and superintendent was in violation of his process rights.

The court denied Newsome's claim, stating: "Due Process does not confer on (Newsome) the right to cross-examine his accuser in a school disciplinary proceeding." The court added: "The need for anonymity of student accusers who might otherwise be the victims of reprisal from fellow students could prevail over the right to confrontation."

POLICE MAY APPREHEND SUSPECTED TRUANTS . . . STATE SUPREME COURT

Police may stop youthful-looking people during school hours to determine whether they are truant from school, the California Supreme Court ruled recently.

The decision appears to support a Los Angeles program under which 12,731 students were picked up by police last year. Officials hailed the decision as a boon for enforcing anti-truancy laws all over California, and Attorney General John Van De Kamp called truancy reduction "a key to crime reduction."

But State Deputy Public Defender Thomas Havlena said the decision "seems to create a class of citizens who are subjected to close police scrutiny and perhaps repeated

police detention because they happen to be youthful in appearance."

"This could be people up their mid-20s," he said, as well as those who may be 16 or 17 or 18 and legitimately not attending classes"--such as high school graduates.

The 6-1 opinion written by Chief Justice Malcolm Lucas came in one of three cases involving children decided by the court Tuesday.

The decision came in the case of a youth identified in court papers as "James Edward D." A 17-year-old high school graduate, he was enrolled in college classes in Fullerton when two police officers stopped him in 1985. Suspecting that he was skipping high school classes, they asked to talk to him, and he agreed.

During the conversation that followed, the youth dropped an envelope containing LSD. The officers arrested him and charged him with possessing the drug. The trial court threw out the charges, however, saying the police officers had no good reason to detain James Edward D. in the first place.

The Supreme Court held that it was unrealistic to expect police to know in advance which young people were truant and subject to detention under the truancy laws.

"Detention for the purpose of investigating whether a person is a truant is, as a practical matter, the only effective means of identifying and locating truants and hence, substantially advances the state's compulsory-education goals," Lucas wrote.

Youthful appearance, along with other unspecified factors, can be a basis for a truancy detention.

The court held, however, that a truancy detention must be "strictly limited to the purpose of the stop....to return the absent student to school as expeditiously as possible." It may not be used "as a pretext for investigating criminal matters." (FRESNO BEE)

TEACHER'S PROFANITY NOT TOLERATED

Byron Ware, a tenured teacher in the Morgan County School District (Colorado), used profanity in the presence of student. Following complaints by parents, a written directive was issued Ware, directing him to discontinue the use of profanity. Ware had previously used profanity on several occasions during the tenure of his teaching. In a subsequent incident, Ware used extreme profanity in reprimanding a student, which was overheard by other students.

The school board initiated proceedings to discharge Ware for insubordination for failing to follow its directive. The hearing officer found that Ware's conduct was not inadvertent or accidental, but was an act of insubordination. However, the hearing officer did not recommend dismissal. The board, although accepting the officer's findings of evidentiary facts, dismissed Ware.

Ware sued, claiming that insubordination requires a persistent course of willful defiance. The Colorado Court of Appeals upheld the dismissal. The court stated, "Ware argues, in effect, that he was allowed at least 'one free bite' after he was warned. He had his 'free bite' before he was warned."

Ware v. Morgan County School District Re-3, 719 P.2d 351 (Colo. App. 1985).

\$100 DAILY FINE FOR TRUANCY

A court has ordered a LaVerne woman to send her truant daughter to school, setting a precedent for attendance enforcement among local school districts.

In a hearing in Pomona Municipal Court, Commissioner Marc Lauper ordered the woman to pay a \$100 fine for every day she does not send her daughter, a ninth grader, to school.

"It shows the courts are trying to work in the best interest of kids, and it holds parents accountable if they don't think about attendance," said Ron Lackey, information officer for the Bonita school district.

Lauper ordered the woman in the case back to court. At this time the district will report on the student's attendance.

Although the California Education Code has always allowed for prosecution of parents who allow their children to remain truant, procedural requirements made the process difficult until recently.

A January 1985 change in state law allows a district to pursue parents and children in the same legal actions. Prior to 1985, districts had to take separate courses of action against students and their parents, wasting time and money.

"It's so exciting," said Marge Bromfield, Bonita's welfare and attendance officer.

Prior to the new regulations, "by the time you took a youngster through the various steps, it was usually the end of the year and you had to start all over the next year," said Bromfield.

In the case decided Wednesday, the School Attendance Review Board met with the mother in November. She signed a contract stating she would work to improve her daughter's attendance. When the situation had not changed by January, the district filed charges against the mother with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office.

Bonita faces serious unexcused absence problems abetted by parents with only three or four students each year, Bromfield said.

"Now that we have a test case that ran, we're going to move on other ones," Bromfield said.

"Next year we are going to start early."

When a district believes a parent is adding to an attendance problem, the case can go before a hearing officer. "That usually turns them around," Bromfield said. "This woman didn't even show up for the hearing."

Bromfield said the girl in the current case had attended first three days of school in September, and has been absent ever since. Neither she nor her mother offered health-related, religious, or other acceptable objections to her attending school.

In many cases of non-attendance, the district cannot take legal action against the parents if they claim to be doing what they can to make their children go to school.

GRANDFATHER DOCTOR ADVISES ON AIDS

CWA Workers, you may find this letter useful in dealing with your students. It has been widely circulated, but just in case.....

Dear John: I am writing to you as a loving grandfather and as a physician.

During the past week in the office, we have been asking our patients, "Have you talked to your children or grandchildren about AIDS?" "Have your children talked to you about AIDS?" "Have you talked to your spouse about AIDS?"

In 1971, five (5) young men were seen with unusual infections, previously found in cancer patients, whose immune system changed during their treatment. Some of the young men developed lesions of a rare tumor, Kaposi's Sarcoma. The immune system of all these men was defective, now known to be due to the AIDS virus. All have died. These young men were homosexuals and since 1979, many have acquired the disease and died. The homosexual patients we see in the office are concerned, however they are informed, and have changed their sexual practice with multiple partners to a pattern of safe sex with a single partner.

AIDS has spread into the heterosexual population and in all ages, but young teenagers are vulnerable. Some are uninformed. Some believe, "It won't happen to me." Teen pregnancies do happen. I expect some girl in your school has been pregnant. In some families, this is an embarrassment. In some families, it's a tragedy or a financial burden. Each time it happens, the life of the boy and girl is someone who may or may not know they have AIDS, the virus may invade their body. About half of the infected persons acquire the Immune Deficiency Syndrome and die. There is no treatment for AIDS.

People will continue to die with AIDS unless sexual practices change.

As I told you at the beginning of this letter, we are talking to our patients hoping that they are talking with their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and all their loved ones, to help them make their sexual decisions wisely.

John, grandmother and I want you to make the right choice.

Love, Grandmother and Grandfather.

This letter was sent by Dr. Alvin Sanborn, physician with Kaiser Hospital in Fontana, to his teenage grandson. The format may be of interest to both parents and professionals dealing with the problem of teenage sex and AIDS.



LEGISLATION

CASCWA'S SARB BILL IS LAW

Here is a listing of legislative actions thus far - hot off the press. After the bills's number its current status is listed:

CH - Chaptered, now law.

GOV - Now on Governor's desk

2 yr - 2 yr Bill; still alive, to be considered in next session.

This information is as of September 19th, the Governor will have acted by the time you read this.

At any rate, your legislative committee under the tutelage of Lee Lundberg has made a significant impact on the process of Sacramento. If you have any doubt about the value of your CASCWA dues, this CASCWA function alone is worth the price many times over.

Bill #	Author	CASCWA Position
AB56	CH 383 O'Connell	Support
	This bill would expand the grounds for permissible suspension or expulsion to include attempting to commit robbery or extortion.	
AB93	CH O'Connell	
	Will extend pilot attendance districts to 1993-94.	
AB134	GOV Clute	Support
	This bill would develop provisions for a comprehensive drug and alcohol abuse education program.	
AB226	GOV Felando	Support
	This bill would create a task force for the purpose of evaluating compliance to health services. In addition, it would examine the maintenance of the level of school health services at school sites.	
AB285	CH 640 Leonard	Support
	This bill would specify that representatives of Child Protective Services may interview pupils on school premises. It also allows a child to select a staff member to be present during this interview and make certain other changes to support the effective investigation and support of Child Abuse Reports.	
AB295	CH 597 Tucker	Support
	This bill would make it a criminal violation for any person to possess a replica of a fire arm or machine gun, as defined, on any school campus.	
AB380	GOV Maxine Waters	Support
	This bill would codify "Crisis Counseling" as conducted by Child Assault Prevention (CAP workers) at the conclusion of children's workshops as provided for under AB2443 (Waters).	
AB382	CH 343 Leonard	Sponsor
	This bill is sponsored by CASCWA. This bill provides for the establishment of a State School Attendance Review Board to support the efforts of local and county SARBS and to make recommendations to the S.P.I. to serve high risk youth. S.P.I. would convene at least 4 times per year.	

AB1172 2 YR Harris Support

This bill would provide for the appointment of district and school site safety liaison officers. It is intended to assist school districts to implement the provisions of the "Victims Bill of Rights" found in Article 1, Section 28(c).

AB1218 2 YR Mojonnier Support-Seek to Amend

This bill would authorize the governing board to permit persons 15 to 19 years of age to enroll in continuation classes. We have recommended that this bill be joined together with AB1019 (Statham) which would call for the 9 - 12 configuration rather than an age.

AB1369 CH 99 Polanco Oppose

This bill would renew the sunset provision to allow students 15 years of age or older to have leaves of absences for the purposes of supervised travel, study or training. We believe that Independent Study currently meets this need and this legislation is no longer needed.

AB1425 2 YR LaFollette Support

This bill would authorize the establishment of "public schools of choice" as proposed by the statewide organization LEARN.

AB1497 GOV Chacon

Would establish counseling and guidance programs in grades 1 - 6.

AB1803 GOV Clute Support

This bill would authorize school employees to report known or suspected instance of controlled substance abuse by a student to the parent or guardian of the student. These staff members would not be liable for false reports unless it was demonstrated that there was a reckless disregard for the truth. This bill would allow freer communication between parents and school staff if they feel youngsters are potentially having problems with controlled substances or alcohol.

AB1945 CH 95 Quackenbush Support

This bill would encourage each school to include representatives of the business communities as school site members participating in motivation and maintenance programs advising committees pursuant to SB65.

AB2387 VETO Clute Sponsor

This bill is a re-introduction of the actual attendance concept to allow an additional one hundred schools to participate in the pilot program to field test the actual attendance system. It also establishes a cadre of 25 professionals to support these districts and school sites. This is similar legislation to SB2365 which was vetoed by the governor last year.

AB2496 2 YR Friedman Oppose

This bill would require that schools use probable cause rather than reasonable cause for student searches and seizures. This bill would potentially be in conflict with the United States Supreme Court T.L.O. versus New Jersey decision.

AB2590 GOV Eaves Support

This bill would generally prohibit a student expelled from a school district from establishing a legal residence in a second school district and enrolling in a school in the second district during the term of expulsion. The bill would authorize the new governing board to review the terms of expulsion and enroll if they deem the student would pose not danger to other students or employees of the district.

SB646 GOV Watson

School security departments cannot be law enforcement agency receiving child abuse reports.

SB998 GOV Hart Support

This bill would change the compulsory education requirements under 48200 to include all students up to age 18. This would preclude the separate section for continuation by including continuation in 48200.

SB1112 2 YR (Presley and Keene) Watch

This bill is the High Risk Youth Education Act of 1987 emanating from the Senate Select Committee on Children and Youth convened by Senator Presley. The initial drafts included the provision for a secure detention for truants. Later drafts have taken this provision out of the law. It generally establishes high risk youth education projects through the county offices of education. Funding is through county juvenile court schools and community schools. Dispositions would be made by multi-disciplinary assessment teams.

SB1475 2 YR Mello

Increase penalties for providing controlled substance on school grounds to person under 18.

SB1657 2 YR Torres

Provide immunity to principal or designees from liability for reporting an ADW.



RICHARD C. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

The California Association of Supervisors, Child Welfare and Attendance, Delta-Sierra Section, in May of 1986, established the Richard C. Davis Scholarship Award. An award of \$300.00 will be given annually to a "Recovered" high school senior planning to attend college or a vocational training school.

A "Recovered" student is defined as a student returning to and graduating from high school, continuation high school, regional occupational program, community school, or the juvenile court schools.

To be eligible for the award, a student must have attended a school in the Delta-Sierra Section (Sacramento County, San Joaquin, El Dorado, Placer, Yolo, Yuba, Amador, Sierra, Nevada, Solusa, Sutter, Plumas, Siskiyou, Shasta, Glenn, Tehama, Lassen, Modoc, Alpine, and Calaveras County) of the State Association, and is planning to continue his/her education, or pursue advanced training to develop entry level skills towards gainful employment.

To apply for the award, the student must submit an application, a letter of recommendation from an attendance supervisor, principal, vice principal, counselor, or teacher verifying the "Recovered" student's status towards graduation, acceptance in a college, or a planned program for advanced training.

Ed Note: This project is an exemplary one; any other section care to copy?

SOME INTERESTING RESEARCH FINDINGS

Periodically the Fresno Unified School Office of Testing and Research distributes a summary of research. Your editor finds some interesting material--for example:

PRAISE: According to an article on classroom management in "What Research Says to the Middle Level Practitioner" (NMSA, 1986), in many teaching situations, there is a shortage of genuine and sincere praise. Most teachers' comments may be considered affectively neutral. Praise and approval can be useful in managing young adolescent classrooms provided that the praise is neither effusive nor perfunctory. Praise is most effective when it is related to a specific, identified behavior and when it is task oriented. Given the peer pressure of young adolescents, it is sometimes wise to give praise privately.

FEMALE DROP OUTS: Sixty percent of the females who drop out of school do so for reasons unrelated to pregnancy, reported a recent study conducted by the National Association of State Boards of Education. Further, the study stated that most schools currently do not address the female drop out rate beyond providing teen pregnancy programs. Many factors for dropping out apply equally to males and females. These include poverty, minority status, urban settings and undereducated parents. However, low self-esteem and poor academic performance especially lead to females dropping out. The study recommended that school administrators broaden their drop out prevention programs to address the unique risks of female students. It encourages attention on self-esteem, teacher awareness of how they respond to female students, and extra assistance and encouragement in subjects (e.g., math and science) and skills (e.g., independence) in which females face inequities.

OUTMODED BELIEFS ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING: In a recent article in Educational Leadership, the authors examined research that challenges 15 popular beliefs about student learning. Basically, the beliefs have to do with students' individual learning styles. What follows is a brief summary of some of their findings:

Fallacy 1 - Students learn best when seated upright at a desk or table.

Two recent studies both indicated that for some students, learning is enhanced when they are taught and tested in more informal types of seating (e.g., cushions, pillows, couches, and carpeting).

Fallacy 2 - Students perform better on tests and learn more from their homework in an absolutely quiet environment.

For adolescents, many think and remember best when studying with music. Interestingly, approximately 20% of one elementary population earned significantly higher reading scores when tested in a noisy environment. Conversely, a few students perform more efficiently on tests when wearing earmuffs or earplugs.

Fallacy 3 - Students learn difficult subjects best in the early morning when they are most alert.

Research states that no matter when a class is in session, it is the wrong time of day for almost one-third of learn subjects in their preferred time of day, their behavior, motivation and scores began to improve.

Fallacy 4 - Students who do not sit still are not ready to learn.

Fifty percent of one junior high school's seventh graders needed extensive mobility while learning. When permitted to move from one instructional area to another to learn new information, those youngsters achieved better than they did when required to learn while remaining seated. Twenty-five percent of the students needed to sit still and the other 25% needed to be able to move about only when not interested or motivated.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ACADEMIC STANDARDS: A survey of principals and students by the National Federation of State High School Associations confirmed Gallup poll findings that most people support academic standards for extracurricular participation but also feel that those same activities are essential to the development of self-confidence and a sense of citizenship in high school students. How do educators set minimal academic standards and still provide valued activities to those who might need their benefits the most? The study suggests that one solution might be to establish "satisfactory progress towards graduation" as a more appropriate standard than overall GPA or a single failing grade. Also, some types of activities such as service clubs or intramural sports might be kept available to all students regardless of their academic performance.

FALL STATE CONFERENCE
 MONTEREY BEACH HOTEL
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MONDAY

7:00 pm State Board Meeting

TUESDAY

9:00 am Registration (available all day)

State Board Meeting

2:00 pm Current Court Decisions

John Burton, LA County
 Office

3:00 pm *Review of LA Co. Handbook

Del Royer

4:00 pm *GAIN & its Effects on Schools

Bill Dominguez, State
 Dept. of School Services

5:00 pm Presidents Reception

Dr. Peter Mehas

7:00 pm Banquet and guest speaker

Governors Office

WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Registration (until 12:00)

SRA Associates

9:00 am Evaluation of Drop Out Clinics

D.A.R.E. (Substance Abuse)

*Lions Quest

Al Baum, Fresno County
 Office

Personal Financial Planning

C.L. Zuk & Assoc.

10:30 am C.A.R.E. (Child Abuse)

*School Preparedness for Teen Suicides

Here's Looking at You 2000 (Substance Abuse) Tom Del Torre,
 San Francisco P.D.

12:00 pm *Time Out Rooms-Elementary & Secondary

Surprise!!!

Luncheon and guest speaker

Jane Martin, Consultant

2:00 pm Legal Education for Youth Foundation

Monterey County

*District Attorney Mediation Program

School/Law Enforcement

Schedule Appointments with CADRE members

CADRE

*Police Helping with Schools

Clovis, Fresno, &
 Hanford

3:30 pm Alternative Education in Transition

Carl Drow, Clovis USD

*Effective Attendance Accounting Systems

Bernie Hanlon,

Elementary & Secondary

Insulation from Liabilities: Risk

West Park S.D.

Management Strategies

Lee Lundberg,

5:00 pm *SARB-Alive and Well!

San Leandro

Program Presenters Reception

Joe McGee, SDE

On your own for the evening

THURSDAY

8:00 am Registration (until 9:30)

9:00 am *Laws You Should Know Direction of Legislation

Donna Clontz, National

10:00 am *Game of Documentation

School Safety Center

Legislative Committee Report

Lee Lundberg, Chairman

11:00 am *Your Importance to CWA

Lilly Wilson

State Board Report

Francis Tucker, State
 President

12:00 pm Adjournment

*Workshops provided to give classified employees a good base of training in CWA activities. Only the sessions so marked on Thursday are specifically addressed to classified employees. Certificates of training will be given to classified participants.

Registration: Members \$80.00 Rooms: \$55.00 garden side Single/double
 Non-Members \$90.00 \$65.00 ocean side Single/double

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For more information: Jake Colburn, (209) 584-1441 Ext. 2940



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