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President John Mott accepts
gavel from Denzil Verardo

1982 G.E.C.

by Jeff Price

The 1982 General Executive Council in Sacramento was called to order at 9AM on Thursday, March 4 by CSPRA President, Denzil Verardo and Park Rangers Association of California (PRAC) President, Tom Smith. Verardo's opening address appears elsewhere in this issue. PRAC members retired to adjoining rooms for their annual meeting.

Committee reports were given. Members present had an opportunity to bring up questions and comments for the Board and on each committee chairman's report.

During "California Ranger" editor Heidi Doyle's report, several members requested quarterly publication rather than the semi-annual schedule proposed. A tighter budget, attributed to 50 % decrease in dues, allows only a limited publication of "California Ranger" and "Newsletter". Some members petitioned the Board of Directors to restore the former dues rate in order to support more extensive publication schedules and increased scholarship activity. The Board

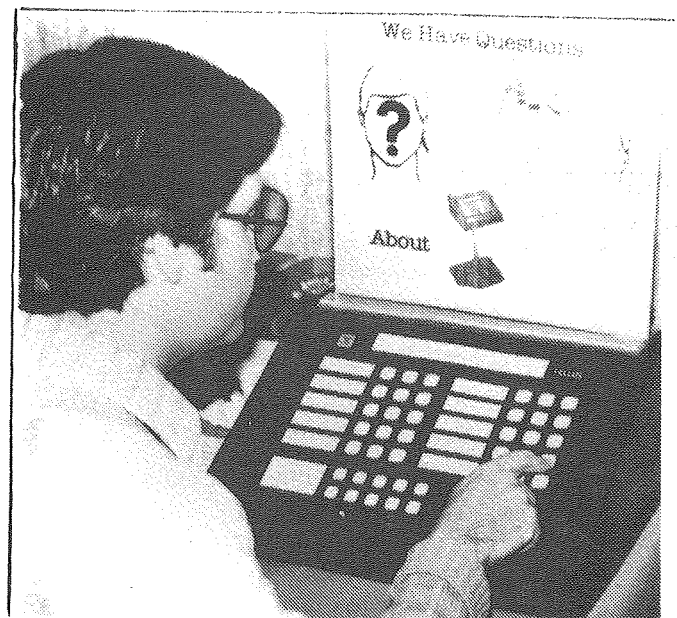
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REPORT TO THE 1982 GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

by Denzil Verardo

Welcome to the 1982 General Executive Council. This past year our Association grappled with the many options available to it for reorganizing along more traditionally professional lines. By a vote of the membership it was decided to elect four at-large Directors with a V.P. to be selected by them from among their own number. The concept of Regional Directors, which worked well when employee matters requiring immediate input was paramount, was cumbersome for an organization which needed to discuss broad, sweeping professional policy directions. By streamlining the Executive Board of the Association, actions should be more decisive when applicable issues come before the Board. The Park Rangers Association of California (PRAC) and CSPRA now share the

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During the General Executive Council, a continuously recording polling machine was offered by DPR. Members and visitors were asked to answer a series of questions concerning the direction of the department. Pictured is Executive Board member Mike Kania using the device.

URGENT

Members are requested to immediately contact their local State Assemblyman on two pending bills. CSPRA asks you to strongly oppose these potentially disasterous pieces of legislation.

AB 2910 (Richard Lehman, Fresno)

This bill will abolish the State Park Commission and transfer power to DPR Director. Members of the Assembly, Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee are listed here. Constituents should contact these key people quickly, as the matter will be considered mid-April.

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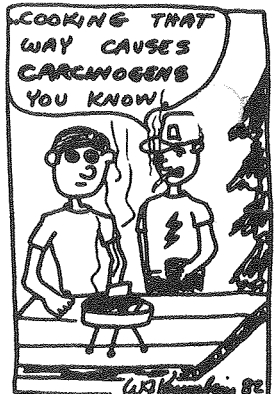
AB 2596 (Douglas Bosco, Sebastopol)

This bill will authorize the State Department of Agriculture to "eradicate or trap... any predator which is found to exist in any park..."

Please call, write or visit your Assembly representative now!

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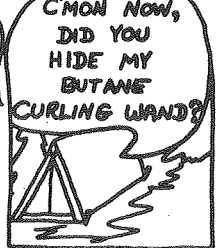
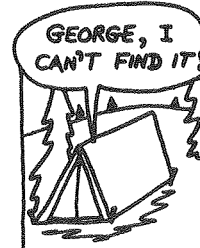
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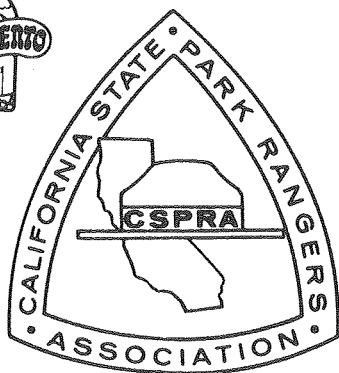
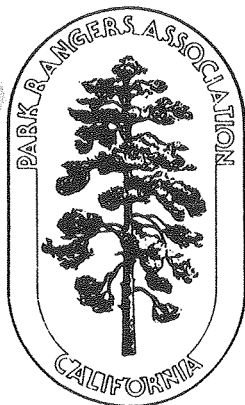
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1982 GEC



VALERIE KANIA greets PETE DANGERMOND
at GEC Banquet

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agreed to review the matter after president-elect John Mott was installed.

ADVERTISING APPROPRIATE?

On the matter of tight budget, one member suggested selling advertising space in "California Ranger" and "Newsletter", to increase revenue. Editor Doyle felt many types of advertisements wouldn't suit the level of professionalism she was aiming for in "California Ranger". Editor Price said he had sold one ad to "Cortex" and that "Newsletter" could easily run ads.

Another member countered the dues hike proposal by saying our dues are high compared to other organizations. He suggested expanding membership as a way to increase revenue.

BRYCE REPORTS

Executive Manager Doug Bryce's report, expenses and actions during 1981 were high lighted. Bryce pointed out that many members aren't being kept informed simply because they forget to send him change of address when they move.

Bryce pointed out that most of our correspondence and publications are sent Third Class Bulk Rate. This reduced rate doesn't permit forwarding/return priveledges and can take three weeks for delivery. Placing your copy of CSPRA items on the bulletin board at your work location could help disseminate information.

DEATH VALLEY IN '84

1984 GEC Site Selection Chairman, Mike Curry was absent, but sent a well prepared and detailed report to allow members to decide on the 1984 site. Curry's criteria were 1) low cost 2) strong program and 3) heavy and timely promotion. Curry's report presented information on facilities at five locations: Asilomar, Death Valley, Morro Bay, San Diego and Yosemite. His recommendation to the membership was a joint meeting with Western Interpreter's Association at the Asilomar Conference Grounds.

For the final vote, choices were narrowed to Asilomar, Yosemite and Death Valley. Our 1984 GEC will be held at Furnace Creek Inn in Death Valley National Monument. The attendance was very light during this portion of the GEC so 13 votes for Death Valley prevailed over 6 for each of the other choices.

DOCUMENTS TO CHANGE

Constitution and By Laws Committee Chairman Ron McCall outlined proposed changes in our basic

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documents. These will bring CSPRA in line with recent member-voted changes in elections and dues structures. Members had opportunity to question and comment. It seemed somewhat awkward at times when questions on what CSPRA would be doing in the coming months were raised and Verardo, who was leaving office the next day, couldn't speak for President-elect Mott's plans. Mott did stand in the audience and provide information from time to time.

URBAN PARKS

Steve Kahn gave a brief report on his Urban Park Affairs Committee activities. Kahn said that unless DPR becomes part of the solution it will become extinct. He quoted an anonymous author, "parks are nice, but people are hungry", to capsule his ideas that parks cannot remain a pretty but peripheral social amenity.

John Mott asked that members begin thinking about a CSPRA slogan. He would like suggestions sent to him by mail or phoned in. Mott also revealed his intent to fill Committee Chairs with an application process. "Newsletter" will be running a list of Committees and requirements along with applications.

CSPRA ACTION PLAN

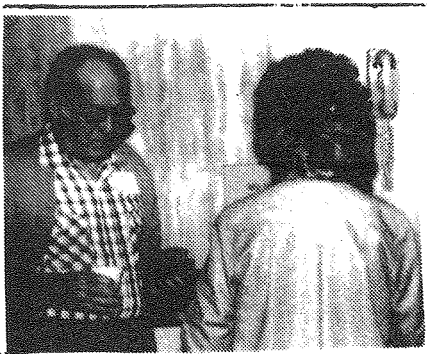
The newly elected CSPRA Board and Officers had been working prior to 1982 GEC on an action plan for the coming year. John Mott and Mike Kania presented their 9 point plan for CSPRA and received input from members. Mott says as soon as the Board formally adopts their action plan, it will be presented to the membership at large for support.

COPPERTONE REVIEW

Discussion and review of a new design for Coppertone trash can signs was directed by Mott. Their was lively debate between "purists" who didn't want any advertising and "realists" who saw the free cans as a money saving idea. The prototype has the words "TAN DON'T LITTER" in three in. letters and a one-half inch line at the bottom saying "provided by Coppertone" and their logo. A majority of members present voted in favor of the proposal submitted by DPR for CSPRA review.

SQUARE DANCE

Thursday evening took everyone to Old Town Sacramento's Big Four building for a delicious chicken and ribs barbeque. A local caller livened up the crowd after dinner with three hours of square dancing. He had his hands full with five squares of eager but marginally skilled GEC participants. About 20 others munched and watched from a safe distance.



JOE McCALL talks with
PEGGY WHITEHEAD

After a CSPRA-provided continental breakfast, Friday morning, GEC participants had an opportunity to attend many workshops, lectures and discussions.

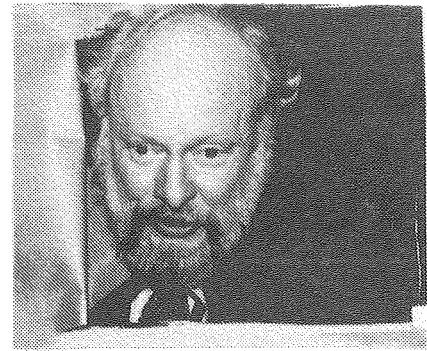
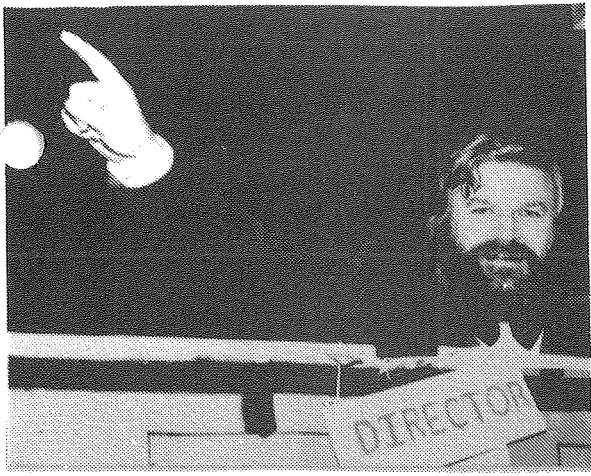
Friday afternoon brought an invitation from California Park and Recreation Society President Charles Hafer and VP Charles Rice to hear their keynote speaker, Dr. Wayne Dyer at the Convention Center.

Neil Johannsen answered questions from the assembly and Pete Dangermond and Horace Jackson filled us in on current direction of DPR. The Director's commitment to increasing revenue was stressed, as an alternative to taking cuts in personnel and budget.

The remainder of Friday afternoon was filled with presentations on recreation and resource management.

Alvord and Ferguson hosted a Hospitality Hour to wind up Friday's activities.

Saturday, CSPRA offered a continental breakfast to get going. Many GEC participants heard



LAUGH-IN EXTRAORDINAIRE was the comedy highlight for 1982 GEC. Cast members JOE HOOD giving direction as "DPR Director", BUD GETTY popping out a door in the 8 x 16 foot joke wall, and "Working Girl" (JANET CARLE) being arrested by "The Ranger" (DAVE CARLE) in a skit concerning a fictitious DPR land and property acquisition, "Mustang Ranch". Sound equipment failed mid-act adding a bit more realism to the skit on communications between "Headquarters and the Field".



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Dr. Wayne Dyer's humorous presentation on how to take control of your life through controlling decisions. Also provided through courtesy of the Director were tours of the Railroad Museum, State Capitol Building, Interpretive Collections and Exhibit Lab.

Saturday evening everyone gathered back at the Woodlake for a very busy banquet and dance. The agenda seemed to grow by the minute. The new Board and Officers were installed by Jim Whitehead.



Bill Mott presented the statewide interpretive contest awards and several participants gave brief presentations. The Headquarters staff put on a "Laugh-In" style comedy look at how our Department works and doesn't work. Interspersed were raffle drawings with many fantastic prizes, such as airfare tickets, lodging and Coleman products. The trophies for golf and pistol match were awarded. Ranger John Lunday from Folsom took top honors in the pistol shoot with a perfect score of 300. Retired member Louis Wakefield garnered top honors in the golf tournament. Outgoing President Denzil Verardo was honored with a special presentation by Ron McCall for his six years service as president and vice-president.

The evening was capped by dancing until 0100.

DAVE VINCENT (L) presents golf tourny trophy to contest winner LOUIS WAKEFIELD

by Broc Stenman

Last Fall's joint conference of the Western Interpreter's Association and Association of Interpretive naturalists in Estes Park, Colorado confirmed that interpretation is alive and well despite sayers-of-doom to the contrary. It is alive due to the individual and collective efforts of persons who demonstrated through their programs that interpretation is essential in accomplishing Department goals. It is alive because of people who don't make excuses for lack of resources or management support. The nearly 500 attendees at this biennial conference represent interpreters from the widest range of states and agencies from both the United States and Canada. Thanks in part to CSPRA, I was one of about 10 State Park employees attending.

Many CSPRA members are also WIA members and I would encourage joint membership as an effective means of accomplishing common goals. That the joint conference is the premier conference in the field of interpretation is demonstrated by its top-notch organization and range of activities. To name just a few, you can learn how to more effectively meet the needs of foreign visitors, and adapt principles of marketing in order to gain support and increase your audience. You can gain useful techniques for interpreting "incredible edibles" or better ways to critique interpretive programs. The choice of activities is overwhelming and there is literally something for everyone. Of the 4 days, one was a free day to take advantage of several workshops (time management, self-guided nature trail layout, Kodak seminar, etc.) or take in the beauty and interpretation surrounding you in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Two highlights of the conference were talks given by WIA President Mike Freed and keynote speaker Steve Van Matre. Freed received a standing ovation for his compelling message of interpretation as heritage - all our heritage. Van Matre the author of Acclimatization and a genius of the art of interpretation, presented a provocative message on the interpretives role in restoring the "magic" in all "visitors" to Spaceship Earth. His forthcoming book will elaborate many of his points. In sum, the Interpretives Rendezvous is among the best way of developing a strong profession and enhancing individual knowledge and skills. As with the GEC, it's an ideal place to meet old friends and broaden the network between interpreters. Asilomar is being discussed as the site of the next joint conference in 1984. But don't wait until then to find out about these important organizations.

(Editors note: CSPRA's Education and Training Committee would be pleased to review your request for financial assistance. Contact Bill Beat, Chairman ETC, 1518 Holiday Lane, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067.)

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PUBLIC TRANSIT REACHES ANO NUEVO STATE RESERVE

by Chuck Scimeca

A unique agreement with Santa Cruz County Transit has allowed our student intern guide program to continue during the 1981-1982 Elephant Seal Season (each year approximately 50 students lead seal tours at Ano Nuevo. These students are enrolled at the University of California at Santa Cruz).

During the past five years the University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC) has been reimbursed approximately \$3,500 per year to pay for University vehicle rental and fuel costs by DPR. These vehicles, owned by UCSC, were used daily to transport the students from Santa Cruz to Ano Nuevo. This became too costly, especially under DPR directives to cut transportation expenses by 20%. With the guide program in danger of being cancelled, Area Manager Roger Werts sought various alternatives to the problem.

During October of 1981 the answer was found, thanks to an agreement with Santa Cruz County Transit District (SC Transit). Area Manager Werts and Emory Ross of SC Transit agreed to have daily public runs of SC Transit from Santa Cruz to Ano Nuevo State Reserve, 25 miles north, from December 12 through March 14.

It is my hope that Santa Cruz Transit will become a year round service to Ano Nuevo State Reserve. SC Transit in cooperation with our staff at Ano Nuevo has helped meet many of our goals. To name just a few:

- Daily public transit to Ano Nuevo State Reserve and Waddel Creek (the trailhead of "Skyline to the Sea Trail" system through Big Basin State Park).
- Free Transportation for our Elephant Seal Tour Guides and Interpretive Center Volunteers.
- Guaranteed tour space on each bus for the public, thereby encouraging public transit.
- A savings for the DPR's fuel transportation costs.

Such cooperative efforts benefit our department, UCSC, Santa Cruz Transit District, and most importantly -- the general public. This is the kind of program that will go a long way towards meeting the goals outlined by the director in "Mission 1990."

Budget proposed by Ways and Means Chairman Ron McCall. Adopted by majority vote of G.E.C. 1982.

FUND	1982-83	1981-82 COMPARISON
GEC	---	\$2,800
BOARD MEETINGS	\$2,000	\$1,600
EX SEC	\$2,100	\$3,000
COMMITTEES	\$1,000	\$750
SERVICES & SUPPORT	\$2,500	\$2,800
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$500	\$1,000
CAL RANGER issues/yr	\$2,000	\$3,000
NEWSLETTER 10 issues/yr	\$2,500	\$2,500
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PRESIDENT	\$800	\$1,300
DIRECTORS & VICE PRES	---	\$1,450
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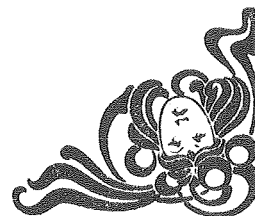
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Resolution 1982-1 (Parmer) asked CSPRA support in obtaining interpretive training from DPR. In-service training was requested in the form of Regional workshops. Author Rick Parmer withdrew after a lengthy discussion centering around funding.

"RESOLVED, that the California State Park Rangers Association actively support in all possible ways the implementation of the voluntary Urban Services training and development proposal as soon as possible, and to request a written response from the Director to our President concerning: progress on the scheme; a tentative date for implementation, if any; a pledge of Association assistance in overcoming obstacles remaining; in particular, keeping costs at a minimum and minimizing the impact of the participating employee's temporary absence from Area operations.

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saw unanimous approval by GEC.

"RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Directors of CSPRA do everything possible to oppose the current legislative bill to abolish the State Park Commission, and also to oppose any future actions which would endanger the Park Commission's integrity.

Resolution 1982-4 (Verardo) pointed out that the first State Park in our current system, Big Basin, has never been completed. Verardo again stepped down to tell members of the GEC that a campaign to fully acquire watershed and complete Big Basin was underway. His motion to accept and second by Vic DeMaris saw it carried unanimously.

"RESOLVED, that the President of CSPRA express to the Sempervirens Fund and the Department of Parks and Recreation the Associations full support of the efforts of the Big Basin Completion Committee.

Resolution 1982-5 (DeMaris) requested CSPRA support for a land transfer. Vic DeMaris told of a 1½ square mile BIM area known as "Scenic Canyon" which was to be transferred to DPR as State Park. The effort is being opposed by OHV groups and others who fear DPR control. The resolution was unavailable in printed form at press time, but was adopted.



National Defensive Tactics Conference
New Orleans, Louisiana

by Paula J. Peterson

Each June, the Justice System Training Association¹ conducts a week long National PSDI² Training Seminar for criminal justice defensive tactics instructors. The program brings together in one location criminal justice trainers (municipal, state, and federal) from throughout the United States to exchange techniques and training methods, review innovative procedures implemented during the past year, and discuss common concerns of the diversified agencies represented.

Having the program coordination responsibilities at the Training Center that I do, attending this seminar is very beneficial. I gained a better understanding of current defensive tactics theories and trends and broadened my ability to evaluate alternative training techniques as well as the relative efficiency and effectiveness of our own training program. This year the seminar included several sessions that integrated defensive tactics and firearms training. Exchange of techniques, methods, and ideas is the heart of the seminar. Since everyone present is an instructor, the philosophy is teacher to teacher sharing techniques, experience and instructional methodology.

Sixteen separate two-hour sessions were provided in four days, plus three one-hour informal exchange sessions. Sessions I attended included weapon retention procedures, mechanics of arrest, principles of officer survival, 26" baton techniques, firearms confrontations, close quarter confrontations, comealong procedures, and handcuffing procedures (Jordon Roth, CSTI). The area of real and potential liability was a topic addressed throughout all training sessions.

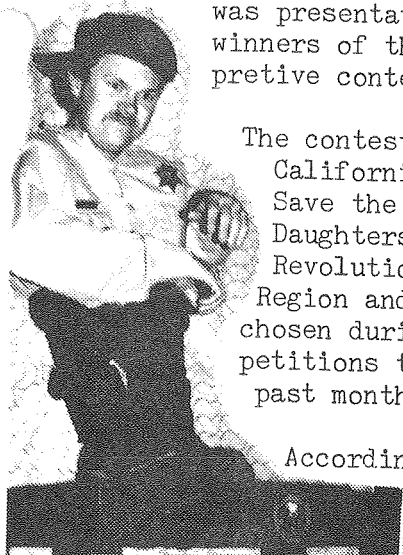
One of the aspects that stood out most to me in terms of the types of techniques taught by an agency are their direct relationship to public tolerance and desired agency image. It appears the larger the agency (both in personnel and numbers of incidents), and the more urbanized the clientel, the more hard line the tactics and approaches.

¹JSTA founded in 1974, JSTA serves as the national certification and licensure board for physical training and defensive tactics instructors in the U.S. An educational corporation, managed by six Regional Directors and a board of State Representatives.

²PSDI Physical Self-Defense Instructors

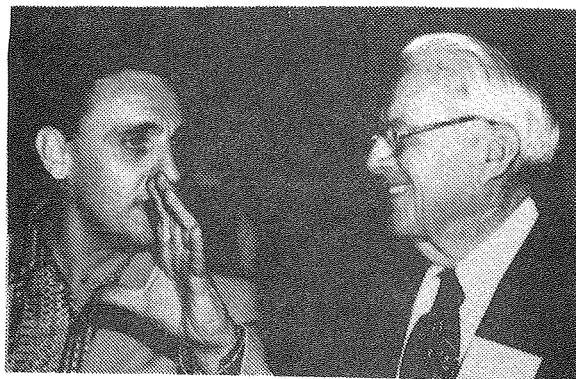
A highlight of the CSPRA banquet was presentation of awards to winners of the statewide interpretive contest.

The contest was sponsored by California Parks Foundation, Save the Redwoods League and Daughters of the American Revolution. Winners from each Region and Headquarters were chosen during a series of competitions taking place over the past months.

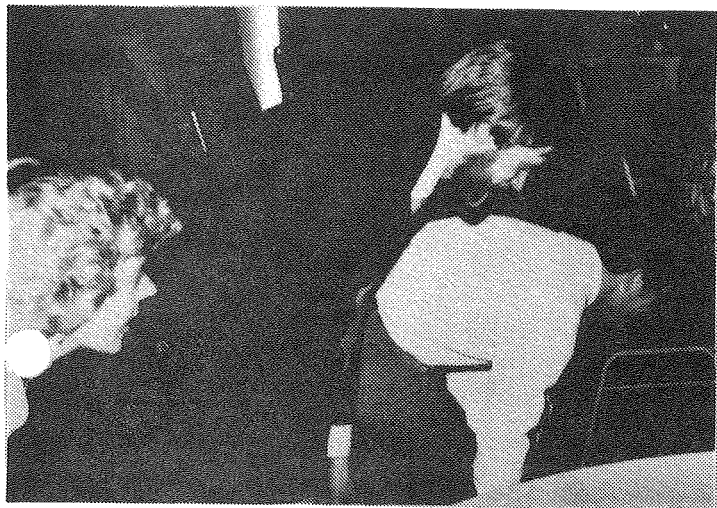


According to Bill Mott, the theme was excellence in presenting the State Park System

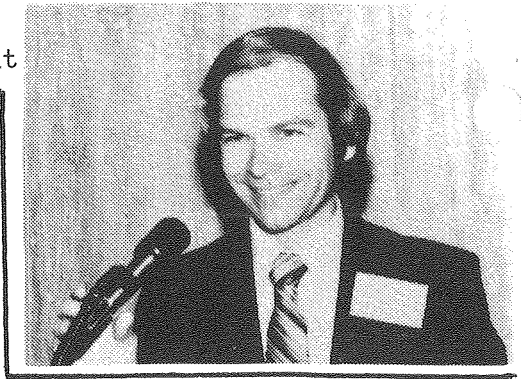
story. He announced winners as: first place - Doug Seekatz, Mike Menefee and Sam Rich with "Willy Ranger"; second place - Don Barnes and San Luis Obispo Docent Council with a slide show; and a tie for third place - Sue Austin and Jean Yun with a puppet show featuring "Cal" quail and Wes Chapin with a children's coloring book titled "Ranger Dan and His Magic Stetson".



Clockwise from above left: Willie Ranger (DOUG SEEKATZ and MIKE MENEFE); SAM RICH winces during interview with Willie; WILLIAM PENN MOTT, JR discusses interpretive competition with BILL BEAT; FRANK BALTHIS, finalist from Region 2 shows award; banquet audience members MARY and CURT KRAFT and DENNIS McMULLIN go through a chorus of "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" as directed by Willie Ranger.



Denzil Verardo
Retiring CSPRA President



same executive secretary, which will facilitate our close co-operation and affiliation. We also share responsibility in publishing the California Ranger and have selected a new editor dedicated to making it even more applicable as a magazine with articles pertinent to the park movement. The Newsletter continued, throughout 1982, to provide a timely publication for rapid dissemination of information from members.

On the legislative front, CSPRA was successful in its efforts with the Mono Lake Committee, in obtaining State Reserve status for the tufa formations surrounding Mono Lake. We also worked on other environmental matters such as support of the California Bottle Bill, increased boundary protection for Ano Nuevo State Reserve, continued opposition to Offshore Oil drilling in California, opposition to a proposal to drill in Salton Sea by the Bureau of Land Management, opposition to the Department of the Navy's threats to condemn portions of Silver Strand State Beach for their purposes, and supported the City of Del Mar in opposing the North City West project which could impact portions of Torrey Pines State Reserve. As you can see, we remained in constant touch with the legislature to ensure our opposition to any action which would jeopardize the integrity of the State Park System, and support any action which would enhance it.

By participating in Director Dangermond's "Mission 1990" Plan, at the task force state, CSPRA was able to input that program which will serve as a blueprint for the State Park System's future. We were given every available opportunity to comment on the plan so our valuable support, as park people, could be achieved. We now need to enthusiastically support the general directions of the Administration, while remaining alert to comment on actions which may inadvertently have a negative operational outcome.

We were proud to give some monetary support to the DPR pistol team in their travel to the National Championships. That support was made all the more relevant when the team returned with the Nation's Top Conservation Team honors. CSPRA also again aided the Special Olympics which netted over \$20,000 for those special individuals. Through our scholarship fund, members were able to attend everything from interpretive conferences to defensive tactics seminars.

A symbol of our achievements is how we are viewed by the public. As a professional association with an environmental ethic geared toward public service, the views of that public we serve towards us is vitally important. The image we project and the quality of service we provide was in part responsible for the passage of the last bond act. However, that image becomes even more important on an individual level. Last year a grove was presented by Mr. Fesler to the Save-the-Redwoods League which was to be called the State Park Ranger's Grove. Mr. Fesler made the donation because of the recognition he felt our level of public service deserved. These two last achievements embody all the reasons we must remain active as the California State Park Rangers Association. There is little more that can be asked of any professional association than success in its most important goals, and recognition from those we serve that we are indeed doing our jobs well.

Thank you for your support during the past four years of my Presidency. We have grown and achieved much together.



CALIFORNIA STATE PARK RANGERS ASSOCIATION OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this association shall be to represent, advance and to promote the interests and standards of the profession of California State Park Rangers and to provide a medium of exchange of professional thought, and to promote sound judgment, high quality and economy in the planning, development, operation and maintenance of facilities and services offered the public by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

