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Noon speaker series to highlight Santa Barbara oil, campus unrest

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Know your enemies

Friends of mine—firmly opposed to American military men and hardware in Vietnam—have said they won’t take part in the killing until “Charlie (the enemy) hits Pismo Beach.”

Well, Charlie has forced the Americans to play his hide-and-seek-in-the-paddies/caves game very well for years. He’s not likely to show up here any time soon.

But look around. There’s something else slithering up on Pismo Beach. Something witching, sticky, gummy and gross.

A real enemy. Crude oil.

Crude oil believed to have been discharged by a mysterious “foreign” tanker.

It washed up on a cool, foggy night earlier this month.

Several beaches in this county were affected. It came in gobs and balls—black, like Charlie’s pajamas—and it was a mess.

Soon after the phantom ship had fled clean-up crews arrived and our beaches were pretty well cleaned of the enemy.

But neighbor Santa Barbara is not so fortunate. It still has Platform A. And it still has Platform A’s iridescent vomit to see and smell.

An estimated 1,550 gallons of crude oil seeps from the untenable Platform A puncture-daily.

Hundreds of small sea lions lie awaiting a lonely death—a death of starvation—on off-shore islands because their bodies are coated with ugly petroleum and their mothers have rejected them.

The abused, outraged people of Santa Barbara petitioned Washington (in a near-unanimous effort) to cease all drilling and to remove the rigs.

President Nixon responded by setting up a commission. His “oil experts” recommended increased drilling to “relieve pressure” in the seismic channel.

The Santa Barbara News-Press reacted to Nixon’s decision with: “So that is the best the President’s scientific advisors can suggest...the spread of drilling throughout the channel cannot be tolerated...We MUST be heard and heeded.”

California Senator Alan Cranston authored a bill which would outlaw drilling in the seismic, earthquake-prone channel.

While Congress ignored Cranston’s bill, it wrangled and hashed over the issue of which flag to plant on the moon this summer.

After days of deals and rhetoric, Congress concluded in an ostentatiously cynical/nationalistic decision—that it doesn’t seem to be Charlie, certainly isn’t the flag, and can’t be the moon.

Our enemy, if we must name it, doesn’t seem to be Charlie, certainly isn’t the flag, and can’t be the moon.

It is oil. And the crude barons who profit as it crawls ashore on a sea gone dead.

Enrollment sets record

After nine months of hitting the books and grinding out term papers one would expect students to take a rest from schoolwork for a while. But for the 2,515 students this summer’s enrollment, it was just the beginning.

The college expected 2,500 students this summer — an increase of almost 400 over last summer’s 2,104 enrollment.

Mass classes closed as usual, particularly general education courses. Some departments opened new sections or changed to bigger rooms to meet the demand for particular classes. There was no disastrous overload, Holley said.

Most summer school students are trying to get in phase for their sequential courses starting fall quarter, Holley added.

There are 1,734 men and 781 women registered for this quarter.
Swimming, hiking, sailing and picnics are some of the best parts of summer. Everyone looks forward to them, but one must also beware of summer hazards. They are all around and can cause a student to have a miserable time, according to Dr. Lloyd R. Hennig of the Health Center.

Overexposure to the sun is probably the biggest "pain" of the summer months. Dr. Hennig suggests a gradual exposure for the first few days of sunning. It takes three to four days to produce a protective tan. Burns can cause ultraviolet light and not visible light. Therefore one can get a burn even if there is no visible sunlight. There are lotions available at most drug stores that can screen out the harmful rays.

Heat penetration or sun stroke is also a hazard. Heat causes the body to metabolize salt at a rather fast rate. Dr. Hennig suggests that the intake of salt should be increased if the weather is extremely warm. Just eating salt or dissolving it in water will probably not work. There is no need to buy salt tablets. In a rural area like San Luis Obispo, there are many small animals roaming the hills. Skunks, coyotes, birds, mice and rats are sometimes raiders and even though they may be friendly it is best to keep your distance. Poison oak can be a summer plague if you are not careful.

KCPR

Campus radio soothes the summer

What was once a medium in the mind of a few students and administration has finally become a reality here. Beginning in the fall quarter of 1968, the birth of a new medium to compliment the Mustang Daily was introduced to residence of San Luis Obispo. College student radio, KCPR FM (89.3) is today an active voice of the campus. Totally financed, programmed and engineered by students, KCPR is growing at a rapid and progressive pace.

Presently, college student radio is a two watt FM station under the wing of the Journalism Department. Studios are located in OA 202 with offices in OA 206. In the fall, thanks to the donation of a transmitter by the University of California at Santa Barbara, the station finally got off the ground.

One of the pieces of instrumental in launching the new station was Station Manager Alan Holmes. In an interview, Holmes expressed optimism possible for campus radio.

At press time, Mustang Daily received word that the College Radio Committee did not approve pursuit of a carrier current AM radio station. Instead, the committee expects to eventually increase the transmitting power of the present FM station.

The proposed system would broadcast over power lines and would be received in the on-campus residence halls as well as establishments wishing to carry the service. In the immediate future, probably on or about July 1st, there may be money available to purchase a new $2,100 FM transmitter. The new transmitter will increase KCPR's power 5 fold. The present broadcast schedule is from 6 p.m. until 2 a.m. 7 days a week. Interests, schools and organizations may submit public materials for airing by dropping materials off at the studio.

The campus radio station is authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to operate with 10 watts of power.

Slow Death

Flicks Thurs. night 9:00
Dance Time: Friday Nite 9:30
Admission $.50
by Dennis Arkina... Sports Editor
Coach Dik Purcell's track team
finished the season in fine form
by successfully defending its Na-
tional Collegiate Athletic Associ-
ation College Division Track
championship. The meet was held
in cold and windy Ashland, Ohio,
June 13, 14. The weather condi-
tions greatly hampered the run-
ers, as numerous ordinarily
"slow times" were good enough
to win.
Few people gave the Mustangs
much of a chance to repeat as
champions after Occidental Col-
lege raked up 10 big points in the
four events that were staged on
the opening day. However, the
Mustangs had a goal to achieve.
They showed their depth in the
final 16 events Saturday by win-
ing three of them and placing
in a dozen of the others to amass
76 points. Besides the Mustangs' thre
dividual firsts, they had two
seconds, two thirds, two fourths,
and a pair of sixth. Points were tabulated
on a 10-8-6-4-2-1 system, first
through sixth.
The Mustangs had many
of their key men competing at
less than full strength. Weight-
man Junior Olson injured a knee
during Tuesday's workouts prior
to the meet. Sprinter Leo DeWin-
ter, the iron man in the event
placing in four of the five events
he entered, was bothered by a
pulled groin muscle. Sprinters
Jim Edmondson and Ruben Smith
weren't fully recovered from
muscle pulls.
Mustangs first places were
picked up by Ritchie Smith in a
photo finish, and the brilliant
Mathyas Michael who won the
half mile in 1:49.8.
Smith, DeWinter, Edmondson
and Manuel Murrell, Poly's crack
440-yard relay team added 10
points to the Mustang final score
by winning their specialty. This
was the third year in a row that
Cal Poly has won this event.
Coach Purcell felt that the
shot putters provided the team
the added lift they needed. Both
Junior Olson and Jeff Dunker weren't
expected to place, but after their superb efforts, Pur-
cell said that things really started
to roll for Poly. Badly injured,
Olson threw 55 feet, 2 inches for
a third place. Dunker added over
a foot to his all-time best put to
place fourth.
Cal Poly became the second
team in the short history of the
College Division nationals to win
consecutive titles. San Diego
State, now in the University Di-
vision, won the crown in 1965
and 66. Contrary to laymen's
thinking, school enrollment has
nothing to do with whether a
school is placed in the University
or College Division. The decision
is left to the individual college
to choose the classification it wishes
to compete in.
Coaches at the meet, looking at
the dope sheet, figured it would
be a four-way battle for the
championship between Sacramen-
to State, Occidental, Western
Michigan, and the Mustangs.
Only Poly, and Occidental, who
finished second with 48 points,
finished in the top 10 in the
meet.
End of the year financial
troubles were also a problem en-
facing the track team. Purcell's
team was allotted $3,000 by the
student government to partici-
pate in the meet, but they needed
an additional $1,000 to send the
30-man contingent to the nation-
als. An appeal to town merchants
for the funds was successful.

Mustangs grab 2nd NCAA title