Salt water, Skip Kelley's sole sustenance since last Saturday, is expected to continue until Pres. Robert E. Kennedy agrees to meet with his faculty-student committee in an open meeting.

Mrs. Julian A. McPhee will cut a ribbon Saturday, March 6, to officially open the Julian A. McPhee College Union Building on campus. The snip of the scissors will bring into a reality a dream of more than a quarter of a century.

The 14 million, 106,000 square-foot structure houses the offices of the Associated Students, Inc., Activities Office, Foundation Offices, and El Corral Campus Store, as well as recreational facilities and meeting rooms varying in capacity from 150 to 1,384 people.

A federal loan obtained in 1967 enabled the students to contract for a building named in honor of Julian A. McPhee, the late Mrs. McPhee, who dreamed of such a facility for the students a quarter-century ago.

Following the ribbon-cutting, guided tours of the new building will be held for three days, the multi-purpose room, lounges, and plaza activities.

No useful purpose can be served by any program such as you suggest unless it places foremost the interests of the duly constituted student, faculty, and staff groups who represent responsible members of the campus community.

My opinions on the topics in your sample questions are already matters of record. However, my position as a college president does not require me to respond to questions that would be asked by any other citizen, to submit to a public examination of my personal attitudes. I have never hesitated to meet with duly constituted student groups to answer their questions. There are many who know me and know my feelings on a wide range of subjects, including those you mention.

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Please understand that in good conscience I must continue my responsibility to work with the duly constituted consultative organizations of this college, and therefore cannot agree to your proposal.

In a letter appearing in yesterday's Mustang Daily, Colm 'Skip' Kelley outlined a proposal for Pres. Robert E. Kennedy to meet with a committee composed of faculty and students to discuss academic freedom. He informed Kennedy that he would fast until Kennedy agreed to meet with the group, called the Committee of Sixty Questions. Later yesterday Kennedy gave Mustang Daily his reply to Kelley:

"When I received your letter regarding the "Committee of Sixty Questions," I intended to respond to it as the personal communication it purported to be. Publication of the letter by the Mustang Daily leads me to believe that you are more concerned with finding an audience for your own ideas than engaging in a meaningful dialogue.

I suggest that your committee present its request for recognition and its proposal for a college-wide public program to the appropriate agencies of student government.

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Geography in a new light

Comes alive Spring Quarter with a new course, Geog 100X. Entitled: Physical Geography, being offered by the Social Sciences Department. Its main purpose is to provide a spatial framework for the study of land forms, weather, natural vegetation, and soils. The course will also provide some insight to those who are interested in man's adaptation and his relationship with the physical environment. The four-hour course, consisting of three one-hour lectures per week, and one three-hour laboratory per week will be taught by Dr. Robert E. Norris of the Social Sciences Department. Perhaps the largest group of students to profit by the treatment of physical geography as presented in this course will not go on to advanced studies of geography or any of the natural sciences. Instead, they will simply observe throughout their lives the phenomena they have studied here. These students will see the sun's path day after day; they will note the changing length of day and night as the annual cycle progresses; they will feel the daily and annual temperature variations; they will see various map projections used in newspapers and magazines; and they will watch the passage of storms and fronts, noting the representation of the pressure systems on the daily weather maps in newspapers and on television. They will see the cartographic features of the landscape on their vacation and business travel; they will notice the differences in appearance and productivity of soils from place to place and the characteristic vegetation assemblages associated with certain regions. The immediate relevance of those in the course to the everyday experience of human beings is self-evident. The elementary principles of physical geography are repeatedly demonstrated to everyone, but the course should provide a better understanding of these principles.

The Chamber Singers rehearse for their musical tour of several California Missions.

Six of California's colorful Old Missions will form the acoustical backdrop for a singing tour during March by the College Chamber Singers of this campus. A highlight of this program will be held in the Missions at Santa Barbara, Jalón, Solvang, San Miguel, San Juan Bautista, San Luis Obispo, and at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salinas. Performances will be open to the public and admission will be free.

The concerts will stress musical authenticity and will offer selections primarily in Latin, the official liturgical language of the Missions in early California, according to John Russell, a faculty member of this college. The Chamber Orchestra, under the baton of Clifton Swanson, will perform this Friday in the college theatre at 8:30 p.m. The 38-piece orchestra will feature music for this type of singing. Latiff contains a great number of works with their inherent musical resonance, so we're sure to achieve an authentic effect," Russell added.

Ronald V. Ratcliffe, a widely-known concert harpsichordist who is also a faculty member of this college, and a member of an eight-member instrumental ensemble composed of members of the campus Chamber Orchestra will accompany the vocal group and take part in the performances. Performance locations, times, and dates for the company's tour include:

- Mission San Antonio de Padua in Jalón, 11 a.m., March 7;
- Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, 4 p.m., March 7;
- Mission San Miguel Arcangel in San Miguel, 11 a.m., March 19;
- Mission Santa Barbara, 8 p.m., March 20;
- Mission Santa Ynez in Solvang, 11 a.m., March 18;
- Mission Santa Barbara, 8 p.m., March 31;
- Mission San Miguel Arcangel in San Miguel, 2 p.m., March 30;
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salinas, 8 p.m., March 30; and
- Mission San Juan Bautista, 11 p.m., March 31.

Meet tonight

Three quarter break trips are planned by Outings, with a meeting Wednesday, March 17 at 7 p.m. in Science E-4 to discuss them. The three trips will be to Bryce and Zion National Parks, Redwood National Park and the Death Valley San Rafael Wilderness Area. Anyone interested should attend the meeting to get pertinent information. Sign-up for trips begin tomorrow and enda March 10. For further information, call Ray Bianchi at 646-4017.
Aid deadlines draw near

For those students with empty wallets and over-drawn checking accounts who wish to apply for loans or scholarships, the deadline for applications is swiftly approaching.

The last day to apply for scholarships is April 1, according to Mary Ayler, Financial Aid Counselor. This deadline data includes all scholarships offered by the College Scholarship Fund.

Fall festivities

Next year's Homecoming Committee is now at work organizing plans for the fall festivities. The traditional Homecoming weekend will start Friday, Oct. 30. Tentative plans schedule a spirit rally for that night, followed by a live concert. Saturday morning, things start rolling with a parade downtown. The guided tour begins at noon. Saturday.

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Also approaching its application deadline is the National Defense Education Act Loan. June 1 is the last day to apply for this loan, which supplies up to $1,000 yearly for a five-year period.

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Jobs topic of seminar

"Engineering Opportunities" was the topic of an Engineering Week seminar held in the Engineering Auditorium Wednesday afternoon. The seminar consisted of a panel of five men, each representing a major corporation that hires engineering graduates from Cal Poly.

Designed to inform the engineering student as much as possible about engineering opportunities in the industrial world, the seminar began with a short introduction and background statement by each panelist, and then was opened up to a question-and-answer period. Following this, students were invited to talk individually with the panelists concerning specific areas of employment.

Members of the panel were C.B. Ashenfeiler, regional manager for the Johnson Service Company; Jack Battles, assistant division personnel manager for PG&E; Jack Crawford, supervisor of the Pacific Metal Division of Continental Can; Robert G. Martinson, district manager for Cutler-Hammer; and Robert D. Meek, personnel manager of General Fireproofing.

Terry Record, piloting his way to first contest last Saturday, is a member of the campus club that is open to any student. It will teach you to fly and let you rent the club planes.

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Fencers slash to second spot

A good all round team effort landed both Mustang fencing teams second place finishes in the Northern California Fencing Championships this past weekend.

In the preliminaries it was a clean sweep as both the men and women defeated the three teams they faced.

The second elimination round had the men handling a 5-2 defeat to San Jose State to move into the finals. The women moved into a six team round-robin flight without an elimination round.

In the finals the men ran into tough going as they lost contests 84 to San Francisco State and the University of California, then came back down UC Davis 5-4. This put the Mustangs in a three way tie for second place with UCSD and USF. UCSD was dropped to fourth place with overall individual championships. Ths old record of 7:36.6 at the CCAA championships.

Representing the Mustangs will be Richard Taylor, Art Waddls, end Bob Da Grasse. This was good for a third place finish in the CCAA meet at Fullerton last weekend.

Fencers for the men's team and their records were: Andy Partsch 1-4, Bernard Gusenale 3-4, Doug Robinson 10-4 and Richard Chan, alternate. The feminine fencers were Laurens Parson 3-4, Joio Hauje 3-4, and Vicki Abrumet 4-4. This weekend the men's team travels to San Jose State to defend their title as Western Intercollegiate Fencing Champions and attempt to qualify for the Nationals. This weekend the men's team travels to San Jose State to defend their title as Western Intercollegiate Fencing Champions and attempt to qualify for the Nationals.

Rematches top tennis agenda

Rematches with Westmont and UC Santa Barbara are on the tennis agenda this week. The matches against Santa Barbara has been lowered to $3.00. He also qualified for the 500 yard butterfly with a time of 1:44. This was good for a third place finish in the CCAA meet at Fullerton last weekend. Carpenter was the only other Mustang to qualify on an individual basis. His time of 1:17.93 set a school record for the 1650 freestyle event. He also swam in the 500 yard freestyle event.

Taylor, Wens, Weddel, and Carpenter qualified for the 500 yard relay with a clocking of 1:18.6 at the CCAA championships. The old record of 1:40.3 was set last year.

Grogs suffer double trouble

The University of California at Santa Barbara Rugby Club outlasted a late surge from the Gauchos to win an 11-3 decision in recent rugby action.

The Grogs, now 6-4-1 on the season, host the Oxy club on the men's soccer field at 1 p.m. Saturday.

JoAnn Hauge (right) scores a touch against an opponent in the Northern California Fencing Tournament. Miss Hauge was 16-0 that day.

Five swim in nationals

Five Mustang swimmers will use this weekend to prepare for the NCAA college division swimming nationals to be held at Springfield Mass. on March 18, 19, and 20.

Representing the Mustangs will be Richard Taylor, Art Carpenter, Dave Wens, Les Weddel, and Bob De Graesse. De Graesse was the first to qualify for the nationals. His time of 2:37.3 in the 500 yard freestyle against U.C. Santa Barbara has since been lowered to 2:34. He also qualified for the 500 yard butterfly with a time of 1:44. This was good for a third place finish in the CCAA meet at Fullerton last weekend. Carpenter was the only other Mustang to qualify on an individual basis. His time of 1:17.93 set a school record for the 1650 freestyle event.

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