Open dialogue airs problems

Fred Rizzo, English Dept.

As the last straining strains of the Star Spangled Banner—
as interpreted by Jimi Hendrix—died down in the College Union patio yesterday, Pres. Robert E. Kennedy went to the microphone and remained there for nearly an hour and a half answering a barrage of questions concerning foreign student tuition increases, non-retention of certain faculty members and open door policy in the dormitories.

The meeting was a result of an earlier agreement between Kennedy and the leaders of five student organizations. It was agreed that the format of the discussion, which took place before an estimated 800 people, would be for each student to ask a series of questions.

The largest amount of discussion at the meeting concerned the non-retention of English instructor Fred Rizzo, who maintains that he has been let go for reasons not academic, but political.

Students For New Action Politics representative Ray Degrooto asked Kennedy to denounce the American Legion newsletter which charged that Rizzo, in circulating a petition protesting the war in Vietnam, was using a line of thought similar to that used in "Peking and Hanoi." Kennedy said that he could not denounce that line because that line of thought "may be used in Peking and Hanoi.

Rizzo then stepped up to DeGroote's microphone and asked Kennedy why something non-academic like an American Legion newsletter is used in evaluating an instructor. Jon Ericson, Dean of the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities, then stepped up from the audience at Kennedy's beckoning to explain the situation. Ericson said that the tenured members of the English faculty did not even know about the American Legion newsletter and therefore, did not take it into consideration in evaluating Rizzo. Ericson went on to say that the reason that Rizzo was being fired was because of a refusal to teach freshman English classes.

Kennedy also went at length to discuss the case of another non-retained instructor, Ralph Vrana of the Physics Dept., after being questioned by John Mason of the Ecology Action Committee.

Kennedy said that he will guarantee Vrana re-employment if he gets a doctorate in either geology or the physical sciences. Vrana then moved up to say that he wants to have tenure before he leaves for more study. Kennedy cited the fact that on 13 of the state colleges, no one in the physics department gets tenure unless they have a doctorate and that the Physics department needs instructors with a doctorate in order that it meet the needs for a support school. Kennedy explained that the Engineering Council for Professional Development told him that the support schools need faculty with doctorates if the School of Engineering is to be re-accredited.

Kennedy informed a representative from the Iranian Students Association, who had a question about tuition, that students who are enrolled at this campus or who enrolled before November 23, 1970, only have to pay $960 instead of the new $1200. He also said that he would do all he could to help foreign students in their financial burden.

On the subject of the dormitories, which was the last topic of the meeting, Kennedy said that he would not have any answers until returns come from letters that were sent to the parents of minors.

"We have some students," he said, "that have adult ideas." President Kennedy said he will be available to respond to questions regarding campus issues in an effort to increase and maintain communications with all members of the student body, the faculty and the staff of the college.

The next such meeting in the series has been scheduled for Wed., March 10, at 9 p.m. in the College Union, Room 203.

A third will be scheduled for the same room at noon on Thursday, March 11.

Paul D. Bakes, president of the student body said Associated Students, Inc. will sponsor the appearances of the president and staff members of the college, who will respond to questions submitted by students and faculty and staff.

Questions for the series may be submitted to the Office of the President, or to the Associated Students Office in the College Union.
"Clean air this decade"

"There is already enough technology to ban smog and air pollution from the internal combustion engine if we only apply it." This was the theory put forth by Dr. John Beck at the Engineering Week Banquet last Friday night. In his speech, Dr. Beck emphasized that engineers should be "logical doers" rather than "illogical dreamers."

"I'm convinced that the goal for clean air will be met sometime in the '70's; and it will be done thanks to those who look in the mirror and see those doers," he said.

The banquet, climax to the Engineering Week, was held at the Golden Tee Inn in Morro Bay, and was attended by many professional engineers from San Luis.
Poly Canyon, a place to learn

Poly Canyon is a working example of learn by doing. The Architecture Department has been involved in building and maintaining experimental structures since the days when the campus was full of barracks. Students first built the structures on campus to add to the beauty of the school as well as to give added room space to the campus. They received credit for their senior project while gaining invaluable experience in direct application of the theory they learned in class.

As the school grew building space became limited and a senior project resulted in the architecture patio. The patio, like Poly Canyon, is open for full scale experimental structures employing new engineering design innovations. The students took the classroom theories they learned and put them to practical use. The work is done completely by students with industry donating the materials that are needed. Industry uses Poly Canyon as a testing ground for their products.

Poly Canyon was once in beautiful park-like condition, but vandalism and trash are starting to take their toll.

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Design lecture

"The Transition from Gradu­ate to Design Engineer" is the topic of Tony Partida's lecture at the next American Society of Agricultural Engineers meeting. According to President Jim Dolley, Partida, a design engineer with New Holland Corporation, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Ag Engineering 131. All students are invited to attend.

Unpredictable weather

A week ago, the Mustangs were favored to win four out of the six relays. They claimed five firsts last weekend in a non-scoring, all-comers meet at Santa Barbara. Four of the five firsts came in running events indicating the strength of the teams.

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Gunners rifled

The Mustang rifle team placed fifth last weekend in the Reno Invitational with a score of 1,352. Competition was comprised of 14 teams from the Western U.S. Montana State took the championship with a total of 2,526. This score is out of a possible 2,500. University of Nevada at Reno finished second with 2,321 while Montana State was third with 2,196.

Individual members for the Mustangs were Samuel Thaman with 311, Larry Marrel with 341, Tim Andrews with 310 and Richard Roll with 281.

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