San Luis Obispo, California

Almanac is to be down to the earth

"Because it will be better," That is why, Fine Arts Chairman Mike Nelson explained, the Mustang Almanac of American Music will be held outdoors. "Then," he added, "we don't have to worry about smoking, stifling heat, police getting nervous about crowd control and all the other things that sometimes diminish concerts in the Men's Gym.

Nelson said that it would be hard for one to sit on seats of wood for some 15 hours and even pretend to be comfortable. "This way," he explained, "you can bring a blanket, a lunch, relax and have an enjoyable day."

Doors for the Almanac will open at 11 a.m., the festival will begin at noon with a performance by John Jackson, a country blues and bottleneck guitar player from Virginia.

Nelson explained that members of the Fine Arts Committee, who have been working on the Almanac for over a year, are hoping that this first attempts will herald a starting point for similar music festivals every year. He said that they would like to have a festival that would extend for more than one day, possible two or three.

The "Fat City String Band" is a group of young musicians from San Francisco who play funny country music, they will be part of the 12-hour Mustang Almanac of American Music on Saturday.

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by Jim Peacock

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘Out of the darkness’

The majority of the students of the residence halls of this campus felt that Dr. Kennedy’s decision to initiate the closed door policy was a step forward for this campus. A minor liberalization for this nearly ultra-conservative institute of lower learning. Yet, a few of us had our doubts as to whether his maneuver was sincere, or simply a stall tactic. Along about April 15 a stall tactic. Along about April 15

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the first rumor of a ‘sign in-sign out’ policy were starting to become concrete fact. Some of the students were actually shocked. Why the “straight forward” and in his own words "honest" Dr. Kennedy, who had shown the students that it is much better to work above ground and in the open than to use UCSB or UCB tactics, had, without even as much as an open meeting with the resident population of this campus, proposed and passed a policy which sets this college back into an era darker than that from which we have just come. Dr. Kennedy I salute you, for if it was not for your attitude that "...my views are no more subject to public opinion than those of any other private citizen," there would be hope of liberalization. As of now, my fellow residents, there is little hope of bringing our campus out of the darkness of the past with rapid and decided action on the part of the residents. This is our campus, let’s make it worth living on!

William R. Baker

Withdrawn to ‘search’

In search of truth, in search of love Which the past has brought so little of. To search the sea, to search the lands. To search the stars and Universe above.

Ron Nakamoto

To search for life I must go, To search for the things I must know. The truth of life is what I seek In search of things I must know... To search for the things I must know. President Kennedy, not all of us feel like Rob Sexton. Political opinions should not be used to evaluate a teacher, nor should legal out of class behavior. As students and people in a “free” society, I feel that we should be able to attend speakers from both sides. The censorship of one side only makes it cause more appealing to many of us. So the reason for college is intellectual growth and the spread of ideas; we should not be entertained to hear sides and free speech.

Frank A. Baldridge

Freedom from censorship

Editor:

Rob Sexton has made several mistakes about two of the speakers at the Peace Rally on April 24. As I understand it, Dr. Williams had been fired for his beliefs. Although I may not agree with all of them, I feel that he has a right to say them. Just because he teaches (or taught) here does not mean that he is contributing to the war machine.

Robert Williams

‘Verbose slobs’ not a part of peace vigil

Editor:

I would like to comment on the article by Kathleen Beasley about the “peaceniks” candlelight vigil. It was a very interesting article and it took me awhile to realize that she was talking about the same event I participated in. The two “verbose slobs” who tried to get into the dance were not a part of the group of “peaceniks”, some of us thought that they were supplied by the school to entertain us. In contrast, a couple from our group collected enough money to get into the Ball, but they instead went and purchased more candles to disrupt the dance.

John Smith

Seeing the days that they are being lived

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FRIDAY... Those teams who qualified will play off against each other in the trivia bowl at 7 p.m. in the Mustang Lounge. The quarter's winning team will face F.A.C.T., the current campus champs. Cliff Robertson won an Academy Award for his performance in "CHARLY" to be shown at 7 and 9:30 in the Multi-room for 50 cents.

CLIFF ROBERTSON

Social function at Alpha Sigma on Phillips St. from 3-6. Live band seems likely.

SATURDAY... Almanac! Go! If this first one succeeds it could be the start of a yearly outdoors festival for the central coast. This amazing collection of down-home musicians has already been listed by the Library of Congress in their Archive of Folk Song. The program starts strong at noon with the real country blues of John Jackson and it finishes strong with the Fat City String Band who will rock you home at midnight. In between, you will hear representatives of the blues, folk, and some real solid country music (nothing like some of the commercial stuff you see on TV). All you Aggies might note that two of the performers (Ball and Carlisle) backed up the original Jimmy Rodgers in the 30's, and Ramblin' Jack Elliot does a country version of "Me and Bobby Magee" that is just plain fine. The vanguard of every musical trend in America is in the roots of its music; it is da roots yo' is gonna hear. From Aggie to long-hair, it's ALMANAC!

Get acquainted

Weekly meetings designed to acquaint international students on campus with their American counterparts have been planned by a group of Inter-Fraternity Council members. The get-togethers will be held in the College Union Mustang Lounge beginning April 29 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information please call 543-2225 and ask for either Dave Corporandy or Jose Angulo.

No funds for project

The proposed married student housing project has run into funding problems. According to Executive Dean E. Douglas Gerard, the developer has found it difficult to raise private funds for the housing project due to the student unrest situation on campuses around the nation. Gerard will meet with the developer this Friday to discuss the situation and weigh the alternatives.

The housing project must be privately funded without state support.

Japanese rally

Okinawa—Hundreds of thousands of Japanese held rallies throughout Okinawa to protest U.S. military presence in that country.

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Title stays home

The spirit and glamour of the Old West was kept alive during the annual Poly Royal Rodeo. This year's rodeo was successful, as usual, with a capacity crowd attending the two-day event.

Twenty-two colleges from throughout the West Coast Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association participated in the rodeo.

This college's men's team won over all competition with 137 points, the University of Arizona was second with 141 points, and UVa was third with a total of 127 points.

Matadors toughen task

In path of diamond men

Valley State made things a bit tougher for the baseball Mustangs Tuesday by downing Cal Poly Pomona to register Matador victory number 13. The win put the Mustangs three full games behind the Matadors as the Mustangs have a 34 record compared to the Matadors' 16-3.

Pomona stands now in third place seven games behind Valley State and Cal State Fullerton. If the Mustangs are to win the league title, they will have to do it second place went to Kay Elcks, from the University of Arizona, lost to three different opponents. Mustangs are to win the league title, they will have to do it second place went to Kay Elcks, from the University of Arizona, lost to three different opponents. Mustangs are to win the league title, they will have to do it second place went to Kay Elcks, from the University of Arizona, lost to three different opponents.

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