California Men's Colony self-help program turns losers into winners

The creation of Winners Inc. has helped to reduce these costs. "The program has been very successful so far," said Williams. "Out of a total of 805 men in the program, I only know of one that has returned to prison." Also, figures show that approximately 168 men have been placed in productive employment in the past year through the program.

Another notable feature of the program is that it is self-perpetuating. This means that after each convict is pardoned he is expected to reach back to help another man inside.

Richard Rankin is an example of a former inmate who did just that. He was put in jail for three years on an attempted murder charge. Richard was a first-time winner who experienced a lot of problems in jail. He got involved with Winners and straightened out his problems. Richard is now successfully functioning in society as the manager of a company for 10 years, talks about the California Men's Colony, and continues to help other California representatives of Winners.

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Atheist sees bigotry, hatred

She didn't breath fire, tote a pitch fork or have horns, to the surprise of many people. Madelyn Murray O'Hair, a professional atheist, never really lectured on her topic "Religion as a Barrier to Peace on Earth." Instead she gave a history of the unconstitutionalism of religious deeds in America.

Mrs. O'Hair began her lecture by giving a short account of the "bigotry and hatred" of early American religion. She explained that the early churches were not able to make money by demanding tax exemptions and that many of our founding fathers tried to disassemble the early churches.

Mrs. O'Hair gave continuous examples of the churches trying to establish "One nation under God." She referred to the example of the space prayer by the Apollo 8 in 1968. Mrs. O'Hair said that the reading of the prayer was written into the flight plan and a script was provided. Experiment P-4, as it was called, was to "demonstrate to the world what a Christian nation could do." Because of conditions like that and others, Mrs. O'Hair said there has been no separation between Church and State for 16 years.

Mrs. O'Hair, a strong voiced woman of 63 years, talked about the suppression of the American atheist. She gave examples of unfair treatment of atheists and their organizations and the fight she had to overcome these problems.

Mrs. O'Hair ended her lecture when she said, "I'll take anyone on for questions and answers." She got many takers, most armed with Bibles and quotes for their rebuttals. When asked if she was against God she said, "I'm against all Gods, especially the Judeo Christian God." Mrs. O'Hair was asked why she was against religion and she said, "Religion is anti-life. I'm pro-life. Religion is anti-eness. I'm pro-eness."

When she was asked if she felt all right she said "I'm feeling all right. This is gin, not holy water." Though at times she problems when she sometimes showed her lighter side. She did so when she said, "I'm against all killing. I don't even use cut flowers in my house. I think flowers should be outside growing."
Environmental hazzles

Motel over-abundant San Luis Obispo may be the site of a seven-story Hilton Inn from the Vela Memorial Building. According to the Environmental Impact Report, "its construction probably will result in improvements rather than adverse effects on the environment." If you feel differently, let the planning commission know about it, for there still is time for a major re-design. It is our contention that the "Hilton-modern" architectural style in seven glorious stories is inconsistent with the beauty and character of San Luis Obispo and should not be tolerated.

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CHRISTIANITY FOR ATHLETES

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The group is founded on an interdenominational, inter-racial fellowship as a way of reaching out to those who may not be participating in a sport in high school or is presently involved in any inter-scholastic or intramural sports program, to attend the next meeting.

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Female voice on city issues

Female representation on the April 17 San Luis Obispo City Council ballot is minimal, but don't count council hopeful Valerie Endree out of the race. She's not just another pretty face.

The attractive 36-years old candidate has been active in the League of Women Voters, the Human Relations Commission and is a member of the city planning commission. In addition, she has directed several housing studies in the city.

Why is she willing to leave her seat on the planning commission to seek a spot on the city council?

"I think I represent the view of the majority of people of the city concerning important issues such as growth and development," she explained. "I know how to effect the action I think the majority of citizens want to see."

Among her goals is a more effective, efficient city government. This includes changing the city's planning structure and water system as well as the establishment of a transit system and expanded recreation program.

Why is she pursuing the idea of a mass transit system and start doing something about bike lanes? Those two will alleviate pressures of transportation, plus air pollution, she said.

According to Mrs. Endree, an expansion of the recreational program would be aimed at preschool children and college students.

"I'd like to see more neighborhood parks and more development in the recreational program to make it more receptive to the needs of the people especially pre-schoolers and those of college age," she commented.

"Does one woman stand a chance of voicing her views on a council with four men? She is confident she does."

"I have a good working relationship with Keith Gurness, Mayor Schwarts and Councilman Brown, who got me interested in politics. If I get on that council, there will be action," she said.

Valerie Endree

Entrants will seek fame, fortune in writing contest

There are a lot of good writers on this campus—and this is the month to make it pay off. The English Department and the Publisher's Board are sponsoring the third annual Creative Writing Contest, with $60 going to the winners. Second prize is $30, third prize is $20.

There are two categories, according to Dr. Landwehr of the English Department, founder of the contest—short story and poetry. Each will have separate first, second and third prizes—a total of $80 will be awarded.

Contestants entering the short story division can enter as many as they wish but the total must not exceed 30 pages. Poetry contestants can enter as many poems as they wish, but are limited to 500 lines.

To enter, you must be a student at this university and must use a pseudonym on your manuscript. Include a sealed envelope with your entry with your pseudonym on the outside and your real name, address, and phone number on the inside. All entries must be typed and double-spaced.

All entries must be turned in by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30, to the English Department, Room 88, and all entries will be automatically submitted to Hindenburg Magazine (this year's Alternative) to be considered for publication.

Mayor honors service sorority

A proclamation has been issued by Mayor Schwartz designating today as Gamma Sigma day in San Luis Obispo.

The national service sorority is being recognized for 20-years of community service. The member campus women's sorority is organized towards helping the less fortunate and is presently working with blind and cerebral palsy victims.
Mustangs nip Matadors

BY TONY DIAZ

Outfielder Dan Marple spearheaded the Mustang baseball team in scoring two out of three game victories against Cal State Northridge over the weekend as he blasted seven hits in the series (five were extra-base hits).

The Mustangs, who now have an 8-4 league record, took the opener 8-4 on Friday, won the first game on Saturday 4-1, and dropped the finale 4-3. The Mustangs will try to improve their overall record of 10-7 Tuesday when they travel to California State University, Fresno, for a single game at 7:30 p.m.

In the opener pitcher Mike Kreichwood bombed Bob LaPreti his first league loss. Kreichwood struck out a season high of 18 batters and limited the Matadors to five hits.

The overflow crowd at San Luis Obispo Stadium saw one of the finest pitched games of the year on Friday. However, LaPreti, who was 17-0 in league action before the game, was unable to hold off Marple, surrendering two triples and a double.

Marple got things rolling in the first inning as he belted a triple to right-center. Catcher Doug Redcic then followed with a sacrifice fly to score Marple.

Marple scored the final run in the seventh inning as he drilled a double, was wild-pitched to third, and scored on another sacrifice fly by Redcic.

In the first game Saturday, Rick Simpson tossed a five-hitter and limited the Matadors to five runs in the fourth inning.

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Sophomore middle-distance sprinter Kerry Gold led the Mustangs to a sweep of the 440 yard hurdles.

Senior sprinter John Haley snagged the honors in the 220 yard with a time of 21.7 seconds.

The mile relay team of Markham, Johnson, Walter Reed, and Gold recorded the best time of the season at 3:15.8.

Senior Lamar Anderson captured his best distance of the season while placing second in the shot put at 60.7.

The next action for the trackmen is against the University of Arizona Saturday in Tucson.

Kahlke sets track mark

Freeman distance runner Nola Kahlke set a school record in the mile, however, the Mustang track team finished third in a three-way meet held Saturday at California State University Fullerton.

Kahlke's time of 4:30.5 was good for a second place finish behind Fullerton's Jim Woodard (4:30.3). The performances are the best in the nation for college division runners.

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