**RAT to hold phone booth stuff and race**

First it was goldfish swallowing, now it's phone booth stuffing. In keeping with the nostalgic aura of Homecoming West, the Recreation and Tournaments Committee (RAT) is sponsoring the first official telephone booth stuffing contest, tomorrow at 11 a.m. in the University Union Plaza.

According to RAT Chairman Larry West, "We supply the phone booth, you supply the stuffing. Entry fee is $1.50 per group, with $1.50 per person prize awarded to the winning contestants.

On Thursday, RAT will present the annual Texas Am Tricycle Race at 11 a.m. in the plaza. Coveting around campus, drivers must maneuver their bicycles around a course set up in the plaza. Drivers must supply their own vehicles for the race, which is available in both stock and modified categories. Entry fee is $1.50, but each driver is limited to nine entries or early registration is advised, said West.

Entry blanks for both contests are available in the Activities Planning Center and may be left in Box 11.

**Candidates to voice opinions on the issues**

A candidates night will be held by the League of Women Voters on Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 800 Palm Street.

The candidates who will appear at the meeting are: Alan M. Fields (Peace and Freedom), Robert Nimmo (Republican), and Neal Royer (Democrat), for state assemblyman of the 10th District; and Julian Camaudo (Democrat) and Burt Talbot, for United States representative of the 10th District.

The public is given the opportunity to become acquainted with the candidates and their views. Each candidate will be given the chance to speak and answer any questions asked by the audience.

**Ag circle project nearing completion**

The Agricultural Circle located in front of the Robert A. Plata, is under going a beautification project that will transform it into a place where students can meet among trees, benches, and red brick walkways.

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According to J. Cordner Gibson, Dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources: "Money to finance the project came from a concert last spring, following the design of an ornamental horneture class.

Sharon Ketchum crowned queen

A beaming Sharon Ketchum, representing the Music Club, was crowned 1974 Homecoming Queen at a jampacked event in the University Union Gallery last Thursday evening.

The computer science junior will be introduced to the student body Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the plaza, as a kickoff to Homecoming activities.

Attending Homecoming functions with the queen will be run-upners Melissa Knowles, sponsored by the Debutantie Club, and Leslie Neil, representing the Association of Computing Machinery; Debbie Nichols, sponsored by Alpha Gamma Rho and the Agriculture Business Management Club, and Bonnie Johnson, representing the Ornamental Horticulture Club.

**Anti-inflation kit available for students**

Although transportation costs have been increasing with alarming speed, the chance to travel has kept up with the high cost of living. It is still possible for American students to travel abroad and save money. The Council on International Educational Exchanges is offering a free anti-inflation kit for students who plan to travel abroad this fall and winter.

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The Council's Anti-Inflation Kit will cost about that much. The cost to save in Europe cost is much less when using the ISIC.

**Tutoring help**

A volunteer student tutoring program has been initiated by the Cal Poly A.R.E. The sessions will be held in Room 19 of the University Union from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

**Bonehead English: foreign term**

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Edward Cairns, Associate Professor at Cal Poly's English Department, said, the college and university students have opened their doors to a student body with poor backgrounds and training. This new breed of student's skills are being measured according to classical standards that applied to students 20 years ago. Both the standards need updating as well as the definition of today's college and university student. The basic writing standards that students should meet are outlined in a pamphlet prepared 18 years ago by a statewide Subject A Committee. After reading the pamphlet Brooks said, "Frankly, I could not apply the standards recommended in that booklet to our students today.

Cal Poly, as well as the other state colleges and universities, does not provide a course for students like Subject A. Those who do have difficulties with their writing can seek assistance from several outlets here on campus.

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"It is a beautification project to improve the appearance of the Agricultural Circle, and to improve the floor traffic pattern," said Dean Gibson. Students began working on the project last spring, following the design of an ornamental horneture class.

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Sheriff's employees association defended

Editor:
In a letter to the Mustang Daily on Oct. 31, 1974, Joseph Gianinl, a Jerry Pierce campaign co-chairman of Morro Bay, accused the San Luis Obispo County Association of misusing association funds. He claims that our association has not been a widows and orphans association for several years. We do feel that our primary responsibility is to our members and their families. This is a responsibility that we fully accept and have always lived up to. Even Jerry Pearce and his supporter, L. Smyth, will have to admit this. Our second responsibility to our employees is to negotiate the County for wages and benefits. We feel that we have done a good job in this area.

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A week of stagnation

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Huntley said last week. Yet the division still were judged on the old reliable of grace, personality and appearance.

By the way, two of the judges were Art President Bond Pratt and Carl Wallace, EOP director.

Tomorrow morning Poly will hit the low-point of the year when RAT tries to find out how many love-life can be satisfied inside a telephone booth. What would be great is if they couldn't get the participants out and had to haul the booth away to a place where they keep university students who still think they were born a generation too late.

It frightens me to think this kind of infantilism might be catching on. About a month ago there was a gold fish swallowing contest. Tomorrow it's telephone booth stuffing. Perhaps we can expect a return to panty-raids.

Who cares, anyway? President Ford is going to keep the housing funds impounded no matter how many universities manage to find their way inside a telephone booth.

After a day of such strenuous mental activity, the students will have until Thursday to rest up for smaller and less significant events, such as the Rock and Roll Dance.

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But the mind-expanding experiences don't stop there folks.

To satiate the appetite of people who long for the good old days (when a simple mind was the only tool needed in an un-complicated society), Flash Cadillacs and the Continental Kids will play the moody sides of the era which produced the red scare, the cold war and a political monster named Richard M. Nixon.

I can just imagine the group bopping on stage Friday night to such philosophical problems as the mail shop, the girl next door, the backseat of Daddy's Dodge.

If you fail to see Flash and his friends, a substitute may be in the offing on Saturday morning—the Poly Graffiti Parade. If you still own one of those heavy Cheetos (you know, raised in front, maps and chrome everywhere except places where steel and glass go), then this parade is for you.

What's that? You don't think you can get in the mood to cruise on a Saturday morning? Well, just pretend it's Thursday night and hit the streets like you've been doing for the last three years.

The finale for this wasted week follows the football game: a Ready for this one? "Nifty Fifty Dance."

I almost see the duct-tape, lettermen's jackets and the all-time combination of white suits and black shoes striding into Chumash—just waiting to dance to the sound of "Duke of Earl."

It amazes me how someone can take an idea from "American Graffiti" (a movie which pointed to a return to panty-raids) and hit the streets like you've been doing for the last three years.

The real tragedy of this will be the reaction from the homecoming students. They want to see how much the university has progressed since they left—not how much it's fallen behind the times.

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Poly wins big

by FRED VULIN

It takes offense and defense to win football games. The Mustangs had both Saturday night as they whipped the Rams 49-0.

It was the best game of the season. The rugged Green and Gold defense held the Matadors to a grand total of 71 yards on the ground. Leading the charge for the Mustangs was left tackle Dennis Sherlock.

The 190-pounder backed Matadors quarterback Bill Flanagan twice (for losses of eight and 13 yards), recovered one fumble and kept up a ferocious run all night. And it was Sherlock who was there to tackle Northridge back Walt Hall on a 41-yard field goal.

But just as the defense had its best game of the year, the offense also had its finest effort of the season. The 43 points against Northridge is the highest point total of the year and more than doubles the previous high (11 points in a loss to Boise St.).

Coach Joe Harper has put Buck Roberts and Bob Moore at quarterback and the Mustangs have scored a TD on each of the last 11 plays.

Freshman quarterback Larry Moore scored his first TD as a Mustang on a 13-yard run.

When the Mustangs were heaved to punt, Bob Gardner's block was ready. He averaged 40 yards a punt with his longest a 68-yard boot which had his share of Poly bounce.

Coach Joe Harper may have hit upon a winning combination when he put Buck Roberts and Bob Ranger in the starting lineup. The move to make the two sophomores first stringers was made "to start making things happen," according to Harper.

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