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Reg Murphy fits Ralph McGill's shoes



Atlanta Constitution editor Reg Murphy sits in front of Ralph McGill's desk and in the midst of Ralph McGill's reputation. —photo by Don Fitz Randolph

Noon speaker series to highlight Santa Barbara oil, campus unrest

Things are happening this summer—not the least of which is the Noon Speaker Series.

Each Tuesday and Wednesday throughout the summer there will be a speaker here on campus providing his insight and opinions on topical matters while listeners enjoy lunch in the Architecture patio.

The series was started a number of years ago by the Education Department, according to Dr. Walter Schroeder, and though the department still plays a major part in the series, the topics cover a wide range—from laser beams for communications to student unrest on campus.

The Speakers Series is set up by the Summer Program Committee, a student group, which is advised by Gerry Reynolds of the T.C.U. This committee has been meeting throughout the year to put together a program of interest for the summer, part of which is the Speaker Series. They will continue to meet each Monday night at 7:30 at the T.C.U. Reynolds says all interested students are invited to attend.

The program was successful in 1968 and by all indications, promises to be even better this year, Reynolds said.

Food will be sold by the cafeteria in the Architecture Patio for those who do not wish to "brown bag it" so two voids can be filled at the same time each Tuesday and Wednesday.

The first speaker will be here Tuesday, July 1. He will be Robert Sollen, columnist for the Santa Barbara News Press. His award-winning coverage of the offshore oil leakage received wide attention. His topic will be "Santa Barbara Oil, Who Needs It?"

On Wednesday, July 2 Mr. Ralph Alvarez, Community Education and Activities Coordinator for the Lucia Mar school district of Arroyo Grande, will speak on "Mexican-Mexican American-Chicano, an Historical Overview." Alvarez says he spends most of his time relating the English spoken American educational system to Spanish speaking parents. He is one of a very few performing this function in California. He was on the Govern-

nor's Committee For Minority Groups and worked for the Santa Barbara County Welfare Department before joining the School District.

On Tuesday, July 8, Dr. Walter Johnson, Professor of Education at Michigan State University, will discuss "Change in the Legal Factors in Relation to Student Unrest." Though this subject matter seems quite unrelated to our peaceful campus, the awareness of this problem is of concern to us all. Dr. Johnson is a noted author and consultant in the field of student guidance and is teaching here this summer.

On Wednesday, July 9, Mrs. Dale Winslow, past President of the League of Women Voters, will speak on "A Member's View of the War on Poverty." The League was asked to aid nationally in administering the Office of Economic Opportunity, a function they still perform.

The Speaker Series is for the entire campus community to hear—and question.

Editor's note: John FitzRandolph traveled to Atlanta, Georgia recently, where he interviewed Reg Murphy, Editor of the Atlanta Constitution. Murphy took over the position upon the death of his close friend and boss, renowned writer Ralph McGill. FitzRandolph's trip was sponsored in part by the Reader's Digest Fund.

ATLANTA Generalists are dangerous.

Ralph McGill espoused that philosophy and practiced it. He was specific. And he did not speak gently of sick people in this society.

At the dawn of this decade, he wrote: "It seems to me, looking back on it, that over-all, the K.K.K. had one asset. It forced Southerners to a decision, pro or con. By its excesses it proved... that it, or any other such organization, provided a refuge for scoundrels."

McGill supported that contestation throughout his forty-seven newspaper years with myriad facts, faces, figures and fights.

His pugnacious attacks on Southern corruption made him famous.

His brand of muckraking journalism—in a time when human rights crusading was unfashionable and dangerous—uprooted cool-blooded bigots, anti-Semites and anti-Catholics.

He died on February 3 of this year, two days short of his seventy-first birthday, and left behind him a man named Reg Murphy.

Murphy, McGill's apprentice, now holds the editorial reins of McGill's powerful Atlanta Constitution. He doesn't let himself believe that he is "working in Ralph McGill's shoes"—but his readers know he is.

"It's awesome trying to live up to that tradition," he conceded, putting the phone down after a check into alleged ROTC discrimination against blacks in a Southern college.

"He (McGill) always said to trust your instincts and what it is that you are trying to accomplish. I have a letter here telling me that blacks are being systematically excluded from military leadership in some schools.

"There is convincing evidence," he continued, tossing an unread newspaper to one side. "And my job is to make sure those kinds of things don't exist."

At thirty-four, Murphy is more concerned about his paper's journalistic responsibilities—"humanity... honesty... integrity"—than he is in trying to be another Ralph McGill.

But McGill's desk is just behind him, and McGill's reputation is all around him.

Articulate and soft-spoken—yet eschewing the shtetn of political polemics—Murphy sounds more like a college student body president than the editor of one of the South's most progressive and influential newspapers.

"Because of our position on race issues, our credibility is always in question with numerous Georgia politicians. We have to be damn well researched before we publish."

Being well-researched means little to millions of red-neck Southerners. They have been told by George Wallace and Lester Maddox that papers like the Constitution are run by pseudo-intellectuals from the Eastern liberal establishment.

Murphy understands the fears and apprehensions of that "vast, silent majority" politicians often speak of. He seeks to spread seeds of understanding and win respect for human dignity.

"Vietnam taught us all to be violent," he said, "but the job of an American is to keep things from coming completely apart while reform is taking place.

"I'm a reformer. I'm not part of any establishment. I am by no means arguing for the status quo. Human concern is essential to any kind of good life."

Candor is patent in Murphy's speech—like flashing jets in the Atlanta sky. And when he is asked about McGill, the verbalization roars.

"Ralph McGill was not a gentleman," said Murphy, his arms folded tightly against his shirt. "he wrote with righteous indignation. He was perhaps the greatest Southerner ever.

"He was the conscience of the South. He will be recorded twenty years from now as the man who held the South together—not the man who tore it apart."

Murphy ignored the ringing phone until he had finished his short, serious soliloquy on McGill. Then he unfolded his arms and answered it. It was more information about the ROTC discrimination story.

He took furious notes.

Informed people in Atlanta don't spend time comparing Ralph McGill and Reg Murphy. That's for historians, they say cautiously.

What Atlantans do say—in a safe generality—is brief and poignant: The need for the kind of missionary audacity voiced in the articles of Ralph McGill and Reg Murphy is not regional.

It is universal.

Know your enemies

Friends of mine—firmly opposed to American military men and hardware in Vietnam—have said they won't take part in the killing until "Charlie (the enemy) hits Pismo Beach."

Well friends, Charlie has forced the Americans to play his hide-and-peek-in-the-paddies/caves game very well for six years. He's not likely to show up here.

But look around. There's something else slithering up on Pismo Beach. Something witching, sticky, gummy and gooey.

A real enemy. Crude oil.

Crude oil believed to have been discharged by a mysterious "foreign" tanker.

It washed up on a cool, foggy night earlier this month. Several beaches in this county were affected. It came in gobs and balls—black, like Charlie's pajamas—and it was a mess.

Soon after the phantom ship had fled clean-up crews arrived and our beaches were pretty well cleared of the enemy.

But neighbor Santa Barbara is not so fortunate. It still has Platform A. And it still has Platform A's iridescent vomit to see and smell.

An estimated 1,500 gallons of crude oil seeps from the untenable Platform A puncture daily.

Incalculable numbers of seabirds and fish have perished. Hundreds of infant sea lions lie awaiting a lonely death—a death of starvation—on off-shore islands because their bodies are coated with ugly petroleum and their mothers have rejected them.

The abused, outraged people of Santa Barbara petitioned Washington (in a near-unanimous effort) to cease all drilling and to remove the rigs.

President Nixon responded by setting up a commission. His "oil experts" recommended increased drilling to "relieve pressure" in the seismic channel.

The Santa Barbara News-Press reacted to Nixon's decision with: "So that is the best the President's scientific advisors can suggest...the spread of drilling throughout the channel cannot be tolerated...We MUST be heard and heeded..."

California Senator Alan Cranston authored a bill which would outlaw drilling in the senic, earthquake-prone channel.

While Congress ignored Cranston's bill, it wrangled and hassled over the issue of which flag to plant on the moon this summer.

After days of deals and rhetoric, Congress concluded in an ostentatiously cynical/nationalistic decision—that OUR flag, rather than that of the United Nations, should be parked on the moon.

"Know your enemy," read posters of World War II.

Our enemy, if we must name it, doesn't seem to be Charlie, certainly isn't the flag, and can't be the moon.

It is oil. And the crude barons who profit as it crawls ashore on a sea gone dead.

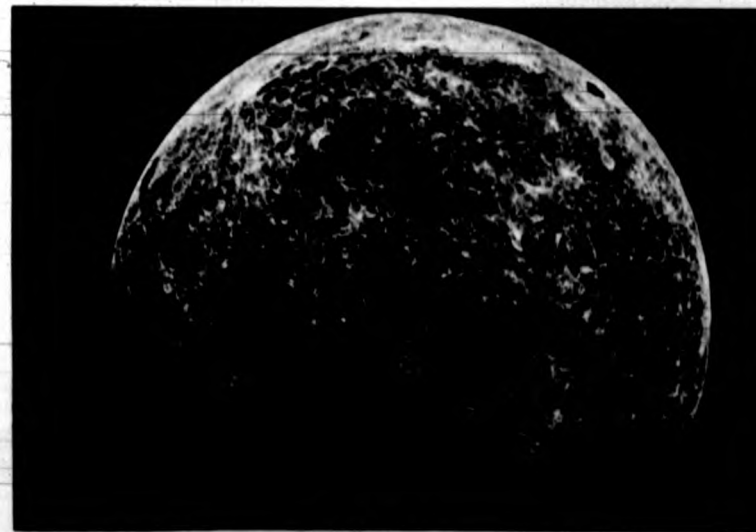
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Star concert

The Summer Quarter's first Concert Under the Stars will be held Sunday, June 29, in the Amphitheatre (behind the Little Theatre). Featured will be folk singers Dave Oster, Larry and Melody Potter, and Karen Rehler. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. and admission is free.



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Enrollment sets record

After nine months of hitting the books and grinding out term papers one would expect students to take a rest from schoolwork for a while. But for the 2,515 students who registered for classes this summer, it's just another quarter.

Due to limited funds and staff, only a few pertinent general education and major sequence courses are offered, according to Jerald Holley, campus registrar.

The college expected 2,500 students this summer — an increase of almost 400 over last summer's 2,184 enrollment.

Many classes closed as usual, particularly general education courses. Some departments opened new sections or changed to bigger rooms to meet the demand for particular classes. There was no disastrous overload, Holley said.

Most summer school students are trying to get in phase for their sequential courses starting Fall Quarter, Holley added.

There are 1,734 men and 781 women registered for this quarter.

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 The chaplain is crying.

by Jim Simmons

KCPR

Campus radio soothes the summer

What was once a gleam in the mind of a few students and administrators has finally become a reality here. Beginning in the fall quarter of 1968, the birth of a new media to compliment the Mustang Daily was introduced to residents of San Luis Obispo. College student radio, KCPR FM (91.3) is today an active voice of the campus. Totally financed, programmed and engineered by students, KCPR is growing at a rapid and progressive pace.

Presently, college student radio is a two watt FM station under the wing of the Journalism Department. Studios are located in GA 201 with offices in GA 226.

Last year, thanks to the donation of a transmitter by the University of California at Santa Barbara, the station finally got off the ground.

One of the individuals instrumental in launching the new station was Station Manager Alan Holmes. In an interview, Holmes expressed optimistic possibilities for campus radio.

At press time, Mustang Daily received word that the College Radio Committee did not approve pursuit of a carrier current AM radio station. Instead, the committee hopes to eventually in-

crease the transmitting power of the present FM station.

The proposed system would broadcast over power lines and would be received in the on-campus residence halls as well as establishments wishing to buy the service.

In the immediate future, probably on or about July 1st, there may be money available to purchase a new \$2,100 FM transmitter, Holmes says. The new transmitter will increase KCPR's power 5 fold. The present broadcast schedule is from 6 p.m. until 2 a.m. 7 days a week. Interested clubs and organizations may submit publicity materials for airing by dropping materials off at the studios.

The campus radio station is authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to operate with 10 watts of power.

Swimming, hiking, sailing and picnics are some of the best parts of summer. Everyone looks forward to good times.

But one must also beware of summer hazards. They are all around and can cause a student to have a miserable time, according to Dr. Lloyd R. Hennig of the Health Center.

Overexposure to the sun is probably the biggest "pain" of of the summer months. Dr. Hennig suggests a gradual exposure for the first few days of sunning. It takes three to four days to produce a protective tan.

Sunburn is caused by ultraviolet light and not visible light. Therefore one can get a burn even if there is no visible sunlight. There are lotions available at most drug stores that can screen out the harmful rays.

Heat prostration or sun stroke is also a hazard. Heat causes the body to metabolize salt at too fast a rate. Dr. Hennig suggests that the intake of salt should be increased if the weather is extremely warm. Just eating salt or dissolving it in water will be adequate. There is no need to buy salt tablets.

In a rural area like San Luis Obispo, there are many small animals roaming the hills. Skunks, coyotes, birds, mice and rats are sometimes rabid and even though they may be friendly it is best to keep your distance.

Poison oak can be a summer plague if you are not careful.

Learn to identify poison oak and should you come in contact with it, be sure to scrub the exposed areas of your body well with a laundry soap. A light washing will not be effective. Scrub as soon as possible before the poison oak oils penetrate the skin.

Picnics are fun but unrefrigerated food can be a gastronomical disaster. Be sure food taken on picnics is prepared in clean surroundings, cooked well and kept refrigerated as long as possible.

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Mustangs grab 2nd NCAA title

by Dennis Ankins...
Sports Editor

Coach Dick Purcell's track team finished the season in fine form by successfully defending its National Collegiate Athletic Association College Division Track championship. The meet was held in cold and windy Ashland, Ohio, June 13, 14. The weather conditions greatly hampered the runners, as numerous ordinarily "slow times" were good enough to win.

Few people gave the Mustangs much of a chance to repeat as champions after Occidental College ran up 19 big points in the four events that were staged on the opening day. However, the Mustangs had a goal to achieve. They showed their depth in the final 16 events Saturday by winning three of them, and placing in a dozen of the others to amass 76 points. Besides the Mustangs' three individual firsts, they had two seconds, two thirds, two fourths, four fifths, and a pair of sixths. Points were tabulated on a 10-8-6-4-2-1 system, first through sixth.

The Mustangs had many of their key members competing at less than full strength. Weightman Junior Olson injured a knee during Tuesday's workouts prior to the meet. Sprinter Leo DeWinter, the iron man in the meet placing in four of the five events he entered, was bothered by a pulled groin muscle. Sprinters Jim Edmondson and Reuben Smith weren't fully recovered from muscle pulls.

Mustang first places were picked up by Ritchie Smith in a photo finish, and the brilliant Mathyas Michael who won the half mile in 1:49.6

Smith, DeWinter, Edmondson and Manuel Murrell, Poly's crack 440-yard relay team added 10 points to the Mustang final score by winning their specialty. This was the third year in a row that Cal Poly has won this event.

Coach Purcell felt that the shot putters provided the team the added lift they needed. Both Junior Olson and Jeff Dunker weren't expected to place, but after their superb efforts, Purcell said that things really started to roll for Poly. Badly injured, Olson threw 55 feet, 2 inches for a third place. Dunker added over a foot to his all-time best put to place fourth.

Cal Poly became the second team in the short history of the College Division nationals to win consecutive titles. San Diego State, now in the University Division, won the crown in 1965 and 66. Contrary to laymen's thinking, school enrollment has nothing to do with whether a school is placed in the University or College Division. The decision is left to the individual college to choose the classification it wishes to compete in.

Coaches at the meet, looking at the dope sheet, figured it would



Top row: Jeff Dunker, Dennis Goch, Junior Olson, Raul Rivera, Leo DeWinter, Manuel Murrell, James Loeve, Ernie Holmes, Aaron Weber, Mathyas Michael, Scott Heyman, Bob Newton and Marty Growdon. Bottom row: Ike Fontaine, Gary Williams, Jim Edmondson, Coach Purcell, and Reuben Smith.



440 Relay Winners (pictured in center): Manuel Murrell, Reuben Smith, Jim Edmondson and Leo DeWinter.

be a four-way battle for the championship between Sacramento State, Occidental, Eastern Michigan, and the Mustangs. Only Poly, and Occidental, who finished second with 43 points, finished in the top 10 in the meet.

End-of-the-year financial troubles were also a problem confronting the track team. Purcell's team was allotted \$3,100 by the student government to participate in the meet, but they needed an additional \$1,000 to send the 20-man contingent to the nationals. An appeal to town merchants for the funds was successful. One lady donated \$900 to the cause.

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