

sound

POCO & YES

by jack yatsko

POCO— A GOOD FEELING TO KNOW

I really get a good feeling when listening to POCO's new album. It is some of the best country-rock I have ever heard. They go from a new and very original arrangement of Steven Stills' "Go and Say Goodbye" to Richie Fury's "And Settin' Down" which has a harder flavor. This album has an old Buffalo Springfield sound plus alot of originality. If you like country rock even a little, you will love this album, POCO and country music alot. I presume this article will be out before December 8, so whatever you do, don't miss POCO on Channel 6 on the cable at 11:30 with the fantastic Allman Brothers Band and the immortal Chuck Berry. Again, Don't Miss It!

YES— CLOSE TO THE EDGE

CLOSE TO THE EDGE is the best album YES has put out to date. Don't get me wrong, their other albums were great, but this one is even greater. Rick Wakeman is still outstanding on the keyboards. Steve Howe has got to be one of the fastest guitarists with style. Steve is not like other guitarists—he has style, and that's what counts. Chris Squire's bass lines are some of the most original lines since Jack Bruce. Bill Bruford is great, and that's all there is to it! Jon Anderson's extremely high vocals still amaze me. There are only three songs on the entire

album, but each song is like a symphony with many unique and interesting movements. This album is fantastic. By all means, get it!

GOODBYE, BERRY

The Allman Brothers' Band has had some terrible luck in the past year. First there was the death of Duane Allman, one of the greatest guitarists around. It would be next to impossible to replace Duane. In our last issue you will notice that tragedy struck the Allmans again with the death of Berry Oakly, just a few blocks from where Duane got killed. All I can say is that it is going to take a lot of looking to find a replacement to fill Berry's shoes. Anybody who ever tried to copy one of Berry's lines will know this. Rest In Peace, Berry Oakly.

Editor's note: Have a nice vacation. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. Everybody come to our next jam session next term. It ought to be ten times better than the last and hopefully, a lot quieter.

Locals jam

About thirty people managed to be in C-1 November 13, to watch a few "locals" jam. I am surprised that so few people came, considering it was a free event.

The people involved in the jam were Jack Yatsko, Dave Adams, John Nicolardi, Wayne Franke, Billy Stetz, Neil Longo and Bill Lafferty. Although it may seem like a lot of people, they didn't all play at the same time. It is also hard to say exactly what instrument each one played, because they switched around quite often.

For a bunch of amateur musicians who had never played together before, they weren't bad at all. Although there were some slow moments, most of the time it was quite enjoyable; especially when they emulated the Allman Brothers, Santana and The Rolling Stones.

All in all, it was a pleasant change from the usual events that take place at Highacres, and I am sure similar events would be welcomed.

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Since this is the last time you'll be hearing from me this term, I would like to take this time to wish every one of the readers of this column a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:13-14.

"Tommy" rebooked

(ZNS) A special rendition of the rock opera "Tommy"—put together by Peter Townshend of the Who—will take place as scheduled in London on December 9th.

The show, originally booked for the Royal Albert Hall was recently cancelled by the Hall's directors who were worried about the (quote) "unsavory" crowd that might attend. But

in London

the Rainbow Theater in London has agreed to host the show.

"Tommy" will feature Townshend, Merry Clayton, Rod Stewart, and Stevie Winwood. They will be joined by the London Symphony Orchestra who will perform the entire score. "Tommy" is being staged to raise money for deaf, dumb and blind children in England.

the ultimate bust

(ZNS) What was billed as the "ultimate rock concert" took place at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum last Saturday night—and it turned out to be the ultimate bust instead.

By the time the concert concluded at 2 A.M. in the morning, a record 323 people has been arrested and jailed by police on a variety of marijuana and liquor charges. The "ultimate rock concert" was sponsored by an A.M. Top-40 station in Pasadena called K-R-O-Q. Despite the concert's billing as the "Next Woodstock," only 33,000 rock fans showed up at the 100,000-seat coliseum. Those who did show heard the music of Sly and the Family Stone, Chuck Berry, Sha-na-na and

others over a 100,000-watt amplifier that didn't work much of the time.

An estimated 500 undercover policeman disguised as "hip" rock fans infiltrated the audience and made arrests throughout the evening.

The 323 people arrested at the "ultimate" event compromised one-percent of the audience, and the 323 figure is believed to be the largest number of busts ever made at a one-day concert.

Ironically, one of the stockholders in station K-R-O-Q, the sponsors of the concert, is none other than California State Attorney General Evelle Younger. Younger is the top law enforcement officer in the state.

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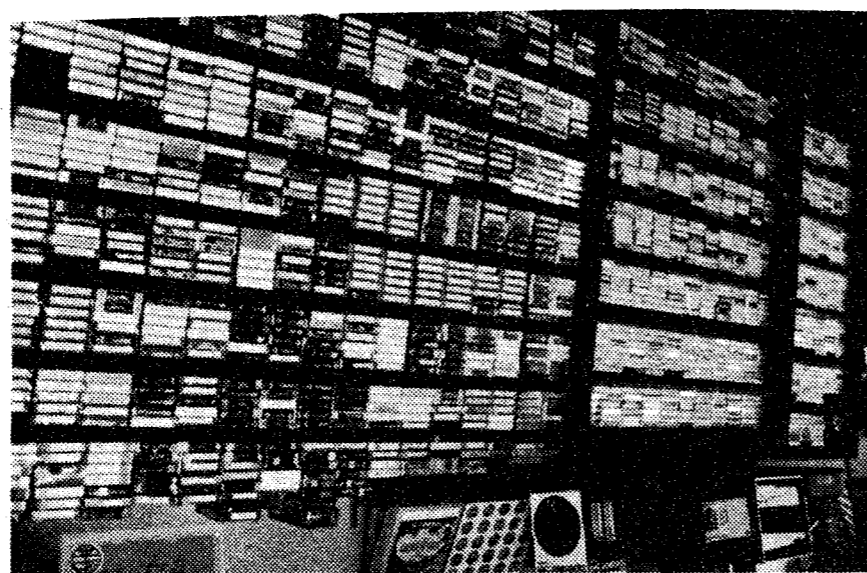
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