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Medical facilities were low and the medical building was overflowing with cases of sun burn from the blistering tropical sun.

There was a mile of caribbean beach which provided for swimming and surfing, but the sea took three lives. Another person was murdered while sleeping in his tent. Some people left their tents to go swimming and returned to find they no longer owned a tent.

When the long awaited music finally began on April fool's day everyone was so worn out they didn't seem to really care if there was any music or not. But after the kinds had been worked out in the speaker system, and a few unknown bands had played, everyone began to come to life.

All the promised groups played plus a few surprise guest stars. Music was provided by Rod Stewart, the J. Geils Band, Emerson, Lake and Palmer, Alice Cooper, the Allman Brothers Band, the Mahavishnu Orchestra, B.B. King, and scores of other big name groups. Some guest stars were Al Kooper and Long John Baldery.

Although there were many inconveniences, they did not outweigh the good time I had. Just like anything else that is good you must pay a price and make a few sacrifices. And if they ever have a Second International Puerto Rico Pop Festival I am going to go.

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wood (example, Blind Faith, and the double pocket Winwood Album) he returned to form Traffic into a mellow, blues-jazz oriented sextet.

With Winwood's haunting voice and the quiet Santana-like background, Traffic could be a milestone and a new beginning at the same time.

Drawing heavily from their latest release titled "The Low Spark of High Heeled Boy's" the group played an hour of excellent music.

Though in direct contrast there are some similarities that deserve mention. Both Winwood and Cooper have come a long way to achieve their success.

Both are talented in their own right. Winwood is a superb organist, pianist, and guitarist with a haunting voice capable of putting an audience at ease. On the other hand Alice Cooper's ability to bring out all the warped and deranged ideas of the world and put them to music is a feat in itself.

Even greater is the fact that to date he has not been arrested for pollution of the minds of minors. Both control their respective groups and have them whipped into the musical "tightness" that signifies the arrival of a group of truly fine performers.

The original intent of a concert was as a form of recreation and relaxation and of the two the sweet sounds of Traffic comes closest to filling the bill.

Mc KUEN PERFORMS; Raps with Audience

By Roz Gibson

The famed poet and composer, Rod McKuen, made one of his rare Philadelphia appearances, Thursday, April 13, at the Academy of Music.

McKuen has gone from one extreme climate to another; from Greenland to Australia, Canada to England, Belgium to Florida, and then to the city of "brotherly love".

After going all over the world, his health record showed one very long and miserable cold. "No one can tell when I have a cold, except me," stated McKuen. He added, "I guess the worst thing that could happen is that it might clear up".

The audience showed overwhelming amount of love and understanding for McKuen.

The marvelous renditions of his more publicized works, will live on in the memories of those who attended the concert.

With every song he sang, or poem he read, someone could be heard exclaiming, "My favorite."

However McKuen played to a house that was only

3/4 full. Still, the lack of a full house didn't stop him from having his usual "rap session" after the concert.

"Wow, there is about 200 here for the rap session. Usually, only about 50 people stay after the concert", said McKuen upon seeing the eager crowd.

The "rap session" was very intimate and informal. Some of the people had waited for years to have a chance to see McKuen in concert. Everyone had questions for him.

Questions varied, from, "What is your latest book and record?" to "What are you doing after the show?"

The majority of people were seen clutching books and records that they had bought at the door.

Although Rod McKuen will only be doing 12 concert engagements next year, Philadelphia will be on the list. So, if you would like to spend a relaxing and heartwarming evening next year, spend it at the Rod McKuen concert.