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**Beyond War** seeks alternatives to nuclear conflict

By MICHAEL BLACK BULL

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**THE RENEGADE RIP**

Petition drive ‘battles’ for access to Kern River

By KIMBERLY WARD

Advocates of the proposed Kern River Plan will be going before the Board of Supervisors one week over 100 gathered in St. Philip’s Mag. Logan Hall Monday night, to attempt to get between 5,000 and 10,000 signatures before the board meeting on Monday.

Many people have said that the community is opposed to this plan, comments Thomas Fallgatter, a local attorney who is spearheading the petition drive.

“George Nickel (a local land owner/developer who is leading the opposition) has steadfastly tried to prevent the people from understanding the plan,” said Fallgatter.

“We feel that our community does want the plan and a petition drive is the only way we could think of that will voice the concerns of the public and community,” says Fallgatter.

The Kern River Plan is concerned with a major interest of development along the Kern River. The three aspects, according to Fallgatter, are public access, preservation of the natural habitat and open spaces for recreation.

“College students, especially, should have a lot of interest in this plan,” he comments. “After all, they will be the ones to be denied access in the future if the plan doesn’t succeed.”

Petitions are available all over town and must be signed and turned in at noon Oct. 8. It is in order to be presented before the board at 7 p.m. that evening. However, petitions will be helpful if turned in before the deadline.

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**Film series offers wide view**

By MICHAEL BLACK BULL

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The BC Chicano Cultural Center, in cooperation with the Committee In Defense With The People Of El Salvador (CIDESP) and Movimiento Intercultural De Chicanos De Aztlan (MICA), is presenting film series on Latin America.

“The purpose of the film series is to educate the campus and local community about socio-economic and political problems facing Latin American nations,” says Renob Fernandez, director of the Chicano Cultural Center. “The importance of educating primary college students is to prevent another Vietnam in Central America.”

“Students are the ones who will be drafted,” said Fernandez. "Students will also pay the cost of any direct U.S. military involvement in Central America through larger deficits in years ahead.”

The series will deal with subject ranging from the U.S. takeover of Grenada in the conflict in El Salvador to Nicaragua in the Mexican Revolution. “These films are major motion picture productions,” says Fernandez. “Most have won international awards.”

“The films open up a different perspective on the problems in Central America,” explains Fernandez. “They present economic underdevelopment and political consciousness as the real issues, not Soviet or Cuban aggression.”

Films will be presented throughout the semester. Interested parties may call the Chicano Cultural Center, 935-4352, for more information on dates and times.

“The Colonial heritage of oppression and discrimination has a long history in Latin America,” says Fernandez. “These films are a show of the real situation, suffering, and commitment of the people to run their own lives.”

**Still goin’ after 55 years**

By MICHAEL BLACK BULL

News Editor

Efforts are underway to establish a Positive Action Committee on the BC campus.

Tara Sharma, BC student from Canada, is the motivating force behind Positive Action.

“I would like to see things change for the better,” says Sharma. “Through this committee, students at BC could become involved in such issues as overpopulation, pollution, poverty, and nuclear and the nuclear buildup.”

As part of Positive Action’s plan, Sharma wants to involve students who are involved in local issues onto campus to be helped. “If students in college can see that there are people who are trying to change humanity’s condition, it may motivate us to pursue their areas.”

Sharma recognizes college as a step in education oneself and to make a difference in what she calls “a sick world.”

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