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Western Rock Concert

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Groups

New Riders of the Purple Sage Commander Cody and His Lost Planet Airmen Pure Prairie League

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Admissions

- 1) Very smooth. Crowd of about 3,800 people, easy to accommodate.
- 2) Ticket booth at east end had a line but west booth with two sellers was very slow. East booth might consider two sellers.
- 3) Inspection for cans and bottles as good as possible. Still certain amount gets inside. Large amount of cans and bottles left at the door.
- Need signs indicating north side closed and road blocks sealing off pathway to north side.

Operations

- 1) Field lights were a real problem. Could not turn out several lights on cat walk, Everytime they were turned off they slowly started to come back on. Finally, Jim Murphy went up on the cat walk to disconnect malfunctioning lights.
- 2) Vehicles caused real mess at SE corner floor level. Looks like trucks drove out onto dirt area and then tracked mud and dirt into stadium and onto turf. Wheel marks all over newly planted lawn on east end.
- Once again, smoking a problem. We did have good support from clear PA announcements, however, and the air was kept fairly 3) clear by running exhaust fans on north side.
- Once again, way too many vehicles inside the stadium. is caused by lack of VIP parking at east end. During performance I counted three pick ups, four large trucks, six private cars, three mobile homes, two large highway buses, and two lift forks for a total of twenty motor vehicles.
- Had people climbing dirt bank at SE corner of stadium. People trampled bank badly and tracked mud and dirt into building at both ends. Barrier must be established to discourage people from using this route.
- Concert lasted too long 7:30 to midnight and three different 6) groups did not hold people's attention. Many people left middle of third group.

- 7) Door closer broken and jammed. Not believed to be intentional, just a malfunction. (far west door of SE entrance)
- 8) Concessions did well, kept up with business.
- 9) No first aid attendant on duty, but security officers did nice job when needed.
- 10) Temperature seemed just right. Turned heat on for about a half hour during first part of concert.
- 11) Difficult to keep control over all operations with so many different people and groups involved. With spot light crew from Montana, three different groups, outside stage crews, ASUI volunteers, ASUI Entertainment, Physical Plant, ASUI ticket sales, etc. the building is very dependent upon others.

Miscellaneous

- Security officer was injured in scuffle at gate when two persons (supposedly from Spokane) tried to crash the gate. Both were arrested.
- 2) Girl was treated after passing out by women's rest room on concourse. Said to be an epileptic.
- 3) Officers revived person found unconscious on floor following concert.
- 4) One young couple reported their automobile was stolen following the concert.
- 5) Usher was treated for cotton stuck in his ear.
- 6) Crowd seemed to enjoy groups. Most persons intent on enjoying the music.

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