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First Words

Welcome to The "New" Alternative. As you look inside this issue you will find some changes made to the look of the paper, I think that you will be pleased with what you see. Though the layout of The Alternative has changed, the general idea behind the paper has not. The Alternative is still a place to air your opinions and views of the world around you.

In this issue you will find a wide variety of opinions and subject matter. With the addition of our "Sweat" section those unsung heroes of the Cal Poly Sports Clubs

Teams will be recognized. If you've ever wanted to know the scores from the Cal Poly Lacrosse Team or Cal Poly Soccer Team The Alternative is the place to look. There will also be articles on the various teams and the events in which they have participated.

The new Alternative staff is well under way in bringing you, the people of Cal Poly, a quality newspaper that in which you can be proud to publish your opinions and works of art. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Robert D. Frick



The 1986 Rose Float for more information concerning the Rose Float see "Campus Spotlight" inside on page 5.

From The Hill

President Signs California Offshore Oil Drilling Delay

President Reagan signed into law Saturday the provision authored by Rep. Leon E. Panetta (D-Monterey, CA) which delays all oil or gas lease sales off the California coast until at least February, 1989.

The measure was included in the omnibus continuing resolution which will fund the government for the remainder of fiscal year 1987. It also authorizes continued negotiations between the Department of the Interior and an 18-member Congressional delegation on where to permit oil and gas drilling in the future and where to provide long-term protection.

Under the provision, Lease Sale 91, off the northern California coast, previously scheduled for March, 1988, under the Interior Department's proposed five-year leasing plan, will be delayed until at least February, 1989, while Lease Sale 95, scheduled off southern California for April, 1988, will be delayed until at least March, 1989.

Lease Sale 119, along the central California coast, already had been scheduled for May, 1989, under the proposed five-year plan.

Interior Secretary Donald P. Hodel was instructed by Congress last year to attempt to reach an agreement on the offshore oil issue with the 18-member Congressional delegation, which

includes nine Californians and nine non-Californians. They met 13 times this year without coming to an agreement.

This was the second set of negotiations on the issue. In July, Hodel backed out of the agreement two months later.

Under the provision signed into law by the President, Hodel is required to consider a number of alternative leasing plans and report back to the 18-member delegation and the entire Congress in early 1987.

Barry Toiv
From the office
of Leon Panetta

Elections for Supreme Court Seats:

A Sad Day in California

"He [a judge] does not sit to give away justice as a favor, but to pronounce judgment; and he has sworn, not to favor any man whom he would like to favor, but to judge according to the law."--

Socrates at his trial

The smell of politics is in the air. The bumper stickers are plentiful, the campaign posters and television advertisements abound, and, as usual, understanding and deciding upon "the issues" is both difficult and time consuming.

This season, probably the most important and hotly debated race involves the justices of the California Supreme Court. Due largely in part to their perceived

stance on the death penalty, three of the justices sitting on the court -- Chief Justice Bird, and Justices Reynoso and Grodin -- have come under harsh criticism. All three face re-election next month. Like many other issues the voters will face in November, choosing a side in this race seems difficult. Actually, the choice is crystal clear.

There should be no election at all. Before you wad up this article and shoot for the trash can, take a few minutes to hear me out.

The forefathers of our country designed the judicial branch of our democracy to be the (See Judges page 4)

Insight

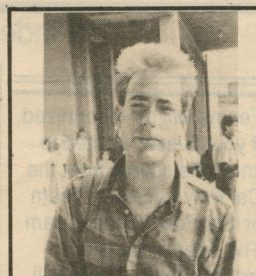
Question: Do you think sending military aid to third world countries curbs the expansion of communism?

Questions are asked every Thursday during College Hour (11:00 - 12:00) in the University Union. Submissions for "Forum" & "Opus" are also accepted at this time. Please come by and visit and tell us your opinions of our work.



Sean P. Ryan
Animal Science Sr.

"No, it hasn't worked in the past and it will never work in the future.



Peter Doctors
Civil Eng. Jr.

"No, I think any amount of military aid should be spent on food and beer for these countries."

Christy Hayek
Biology Sr.

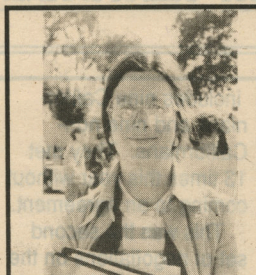
"Probably not, I guess we will have to see if it works"



Tim Hurley
Architecture Jr.

"No! It merely serves to create animosity in the countries involved and further distances us from them."

Irene Pickle
Social Science Jr.
"No, I beleive that sending military aid to third world countries enhances the spread of communism. Military aid does not encourage the health and well being of indigineous populations



Tim Cullen
Computer Science Jr.
"No our foreign policy makes very little sense."

Charles Fine
Physics Soph.
"No, this policy has repeatedly been proven wrong. Military involve-ment results in long term alienation towards the west. I think more cooperative channels should be pursued.



Teresa Patterson
Environmental Eng Sr.
"Yes. Communism has a history of expansion through military action. Support of the populace to prevent an "overthrow" can be important for the development of third world countries



Bomb Shelter Discs

Andrew Darrow

Here are my 10 "Bomb Shelter Discs." It wasn't easy to pick out just 10. On the other hand, picking my Suicide Discs was easy. I just thought of which groups cause me to instinctively change stations.

1. "Couldn't Stand the Weather," Stevie Ray Vaughan (1985)
2. "Live at the Fillmore East," The Allman Brothers Band (1971)
3. "Love Over Gold," Dire Straits (1982)
4. "Montrose," Montrose (1973)
5. "Creedence Gold," Creedence Clearwater Revival (1973)
6. "Double Live Bullet," Bob Segar and the Silver Bullet Band (1976)
7. "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road," Elton John (1973)
8. "Chicago V," Chicago (1972)
9. "Dark Side of the Moon," Pink Floyd (1973)
10. "Who's Next," The Who (1971)

Suicide Disk: Anything by Wham, Duran Duran, Ratt, Motley Crue, Twisted Sister or Frankie Goes to Hollywood.

Ernie Swanson

Editor:

Here are my Bomb Shelter Discs:

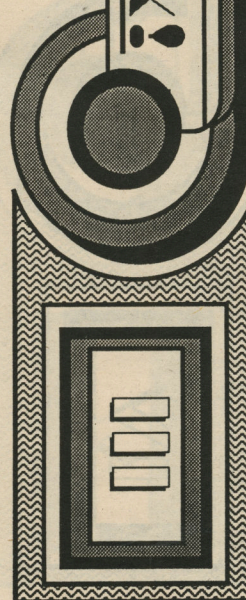
1. "Hatful of Hollow," The Smiths
2. "Lowlife," New Order
3. "Standing on a Beach," the Cure (cassette version)
4. "Psychocandy," Jesus and Mary Chain
5. "Brewing Up With Billy Bragg," Billy Bragg
6. "The 7th Dream of Teenage Heaven," Love and Rockets
7. "It'll End in Tears," This Mortal Coil
8. "Fame and Fashion," David Bowie (Because it has Space Oddity, Changes, and Starman)
9. "The Script of the Bridge," The Chameleons
10. "Still," Joy Division

Suicide Disk: Anything by Stryper

Eric Kayser
Architectural Engineering
Freshman

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Relax!



Peggy Sue Gets Boring Becky Anning

While getting ready for her high school reunion, Peggy Sue (played by Kathleen Turner) wishes she could do it all over again. This time she wouldn't marry Charlie (Nicholas Cage), her soon to be ex-husband. This, in turn, sets the scene for a classic theme: "time travel to change the past."

The movie begins well, with a new approach to an old theme and plenty of humor to help it along. We are entertained with one-liners that show the difference in morals and technology between now and then. These include topics such as sex, Edsels and red M&M's. Then, of course, there is the philosophical element: "Richard's Burrito Theory of Time."

Richard's theory stated that the past and future overlap and the middle is filled with things.

Unfortunately, somewhere in the middle the movie loses the entertaining quality it had built up. Peggy Sue and Charlie become serious in discussing their relationship and the movie becomes a sappy love story going nowhere. At this point the theme gets old. I entertained myself by trying to find anachronisms and pondering things like, "Does Peggy Sue realize that if she didn't marry Charlie she wouldn't have the children she loves so much?"

The first part of "Peggy Sue Got Married" is worth seeing, but the end can be missed. I'd recommend either seeing it with someone who will keep you

occupied during the last half or wait until it comes out on video.



by Adam Lam Bee

Club Spotlight

Sabrina Ossiander

The Rose Float Club, organized for the creation of the rose float displayed in the New Year's Day Rose Parade, is the center of this issue's club spotlight. The club consists of approximately one hundred members who work on constructing and shaping the float, as well as growing, caring for, and harvesting the flowers which are put on the float one week before the renowned parade in Pasadena. This year the theme is "Breaking the Ice," based on the new international coverage of the parade. Pele, the soccer superstar, will be the Grand Marshall of the parade, which will have an estimated television audience of 250 million viewers.

Leading the club is a

committee of twenty-one members who organize the club activities. One of the activities includes a "work-party" every Saturday, where the members work in the flower fields in the morning, have lunch, then proceed to construct the float frame in the afternoon. The idea behind these work-parties is to develop a social atmosphere which works to unify the club, a mixture of all majors, nationalities, and ages.

If you would like more information, attend the Thursday night meetings at 8:00 in UU 220.

Also, every other Friday in the UU plaza, you can support the club by purchasing roses. El Corral Bookstore is selling Rose Float t-shirts, buttons, and postcards until mid-November.

Forum

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Editor:

Well, Mr. Horney is right. I have been taking glib potshots at christian crackpots. Forgive me. It's just that it's just so much fun to do.

But as you know, I am not one to waste my breath on empty accusations. Let's get down to it, shall we? I am a devout atheist. You assume there is a god. Prove it. Let's see the facts and logic. Tell us why religious zealots persecuted, tortured and killed some of the best minds in Medieval Europe. If the assumption of god is so well supported by reason and factual evidence, then please show us. Stand it on its feet. But please don't beg the question by saying god exists because god says so. Show the facts - hard, verifiable, nonsupernatural evidence.

And for my part, I will demonstrate that the answer to religion (christianity included) is to be found in rational logic. The major product of the collective rational are the sciences: mathematics, physics, chemistry, etc. These define reality. If you only had the intellectual integrity to believe in science, you would see that you are more wonderous and beautiful than any church would dare let you believe. The physical sciences and religion are diametrically opposed. The question of whether god exists is a factual one.

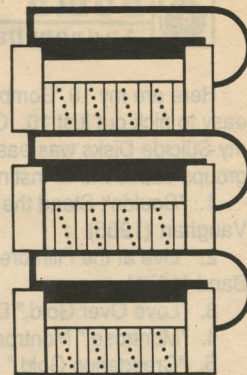
This is a debate that needs a public forum. Prove that there is a god. Let's see if religion can withstand "scathing attacks without a scratch." Let's see who is being false and misleading. This will be fun.

"The day will come when the mystical generation of Jesus, by the Supreme Being as his Father, in the womb of a virgin, will be classed with the fable of the generation of Minerva in the brain of Jupiter."

Thomas Jefferson

The next move is up to you. I await your reply.

Rationally yours,
Ricco Speuer



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("Judges" from Page 1)
most independent and least political arm of governmental power. They constructed it this way for a very simple reason: impartiality. They realized that it is difficult, if not impossible, to remain impartial when you have to constantly look over your shoulder to make sure you're pleasing your constituents. Their desire was to create a judiciary free of special interest demands and pressures. On the federal level, the plans of our forefathers have been largely successful.

California, however, could use a good shot of "forefather wisdom." In this state, if you don't like a Supreme Court Justice's decisions, you get rid of him -- or her as the case may be. This is setting a dangerous precedent. The only qualifications to be a justice should be wisdom,

impartiality, experience, and a desire to uphold the principles upon which our country was founded. A justice should only be impeached or removed from the bench if she or he has committed a crime, or is insane. Politics have no place in a court of law.

Franklin Roosevelt deviously attempted to pack the court in the 1930's because he was not pleased with the court's rejection of his National Industrial Recovery Act (NIRA). Americans were appalled by this -- thank goodness his efforts were unsuccessful. Recently, Senator Jesse Helms, upset with one of the high court's decisions, made an attempt to pass a bill limiting the Supreme Court's jurisdiction. His efforts, too, met with

failure. This is as it should be. No politician should be able to manipulate the bench. Yet this is exactly what happens when the electorate is allowed to choose the members of our state's high court. Enter politics, exit impartiality and justice. The law and the opinions of the court are not for sale to the highest bidder. Allowing politics to rear its ugly head in the court makes for an uneven, sporadic and irregular interpretation of the law.

There should be diversity on the court. This is precisely why the California high court is comprised of seven members and not one. If the opinions of one justice extend too far into the outfield, either left or right, then that justice's view is rejected, and the holding of the majority

wins out. Unpopular majority opinions are changed slowly and gradually with time and new appointments. Law is confusing enough without it constantly being altered to suit whims. So, with the preceding thoughts in mind, let us now look to the charges being faced by Chief Justice Bird and Justices Reynoso and Grodin. The claim is that these three members of the California Supreme Court are responsible for letting murderers off the hook, by not implementing the death penalty. Death penalty notwithstanding, this claim contains one fatal flaw. How can three members in a court of seven be a majority? Bird, Reynoso, and Grodin are only three among seven justices. Obviously this means that if death penalty cases are being rejected, they alone are not responsible. After all

they number only three, and you need four for a majority.

But even then, numbers aside, we cannot allow the ugly head of politics to dictate the opinions that the members of our high court pass down. It seems that many will only be satisfied with a court of clones that makes its decisions based purely upon public opinion with no regard for constitutionality, fairness or impartiality. We cannot allow this to happen, California. Urge you to make a vote to keep politics out of the California Supreme Court. Vote in favor of keeping Bird, Reynoso, and Grodin on the bench. Leave the court alone and let them do their job without political influence. In the words of Archibald Cox, former Watergate Special Prosecutor: "Don't overrule the court."

Eric Parkinson

upchuck

The chief called me into his office regarding a possible story. He said, "Upchuck, I need a story."

Then the details got ugly. I had to go undercover. I was willing to sacrifice my time and body for the paper. The chief proceeded, "Up Chuck, you're the only one around who can do this. Remember, don't get too involved. Go and get the story about.. tailgating."

My eyes lit up. Everyone knows that you can't tailgate at Cal Poly, unless you're drinking Shirley Temples. I thought the chief must have been doing too much Liquid Paper.

I thought this was going to be an easy task. The game was to start at 2:00. Tailgating (if there

was any) would start about 11:00, I thought.

So, after a Friday night of cruising in my personal, student-funded taxi, I crawled out of bed, watched the Smurfs, had a Bloody Mary and went to the Business lawn.

I was right. No one was there at 11:00. I was just about to leave when it happened. I was attacked by kegs. Somebody was shooting kegs at me. So I did what any normal Cal Poly student would do...I drank.

I absolutely couldn't believe this. I was estatic. I even pledged to take back everything I've ever said about Warren Baker. After more people came it turned into a regular party. Alcohol allowed at tailgate parties? What's next? A pub, or perhaps, a

drinking section in the UU.

Being in the joyous mood that I was in, I offered to carry a keg inside the stadium. But much to my displeasure, I was told that alcohol wasn't allowed inside the stadium, only outside.

That was fine with me because I brought along a thermos of orange juice (just orange juice, really!). So I sat down next to fellow tailgaters and actually enjoyed myself, no matter how boring the game was. Halftime came just in time for more eating and replenishing of my o.j. Everything went great. Cal Poly even won.

The thing I couldn't understand was why weren't more students tailgating? Apparently, tailgating was created with the boosters and alumni in mind.

However, the word has finally been let out to us students. So why don't you go to the game this Saturday and watch that highly regarded, infamous Cal Poly-Sacramento State rivalry. Have a tailgate party. Bring a keg (or two) and a barbeque. Tailgates are allowed only on the Business lawn and can start up to three hours before the game.

Now only if they would let us drink inside...

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Mustang Boosters have had tailgating parties for several years. Now, they are inviting student groups to join them. The tailgating area is located in the Poly Grove and the adjacent lawn. Furthermore, all are required to stop drinking at game time and clean up their own trash.

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Forum



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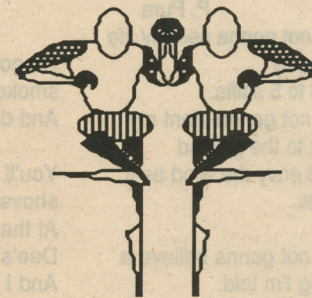
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Daindawes • Saturday November 15: Daralax Veiv • Sunday November 16:
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Bedrock Apollo • Wednesday November 19: Derasus



Autumn

Glenn Wisegarver

Autumn is here. The long lazy summer is passing into memory slowly, and sadly. But the season isn't dying, it's coming to life. Everything happens in the fall, all it takes is a look around.

School is just starting. You can feel the excitement in the air, of learning new things, exploring recently acquired skills. It is a time of renewing old acquaintances, and making new ones.

Walk. Observe. The leaves are turning all shades of colors. Red, yellow, green and orange blazing a brilliant rainbow of delight throughout the countryside. The air seems to be a bit more crisp and clean. Just nippy enough to remind one of a crystal clear

mountain stream, and hinting of the winter to come like a tantalizing sweet that you know is just around the corner, autumn is the scent of that sweet.

As you walk further, soon a pumpkin patch appears with plump yellow pumpkins just begging to be carved. Halloween children come to mind, dressed as ghosts and goblins scurrying from door to door unabashedly asking, "Trick or treat!" For the oldsters, parties at which you try to guess which of your friends are hiding behind which mask. And what's a Halloween party without bobbing for apples, hay on the floor and full moon overhead with a promise of mystery and the macabre.

Tranquil in your thoughts, it's time to turn back home. The dusk comes early, and it

brings a deep violet-blue hue. The coolness flows over you and stars start to appear one by one. As you put your collar up around your neck, then stuff your hands into the warm crevasses of coat pockets, a realization comes to mind. The change to autumn brings many things, Halloween, school, friends, colors, memories and promise. It's not so bad after all.

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Daydream

Becky Anning

at peace
my emotions
drift slowly, softly
to my face,
the sparkle of a tear,
the hint of a smile,
gradually blooms into
something special,
comforting,

serene.

* * *



Adam Lambre

Youth

P. Pura

I'm not gonna see my life
pass by
In 8 to 5 shifts.
I'm not gonna plant my
feet to the ground
And envy the wind as it
drifts.

I'm not gonna believe a
thing I'm told.
I shot the narrator in the
back.
And I'm not gonna look
over my shoulder
As I walk away from the
pack.

I'm not gonna get
splinters in my ass
While listening to what life
was.
And I'm not gonna cut my
hair
If I don't have the cause.

And I'm surely not gonna
wear top 'n tails
Until we can fuck with our
minds.

I'm gonna sip a beer and
smoke a joint
And do my abiding time.

You'll not find me
shovelin' burgers
At the local Mickey
Dee's.
And I won't be diggin' the
too hip crowd
At Carmel by the Sea.

I won't be up on Main
Street
In a souped up
fifty-seven.

And I won't be handing
out books on a corner
You'll have to find your
own heaven.

I'm gonna go down to the
river.
Wash myself clean.
And if my lady don't
come
I'm gonna sink into a
dream.

The Golden Witch Of France

L. L. Miller

To be a witch is to know
too much
To be a witch is to be
strong enough

Wise enough to know the
secrets of the sun;
Of herbs and animals,
Of mineral and man.
Wise enough to listen to
the wind
And hear God's
command.

Strong enough to plow
French fields,
and lead French men in
the field.
Strong enough to stand
on belief
While standing trial and
losing sleep.

Wise enough and strong
enough to fight men
Who fear their weakness
and sin.

Wise enough and strong
enough to
Accept the damnation of
men.
Wise enough and strong
enough to
Burn at the cross in
Rouen.

* * *

Spotlight Of The Moon

Dianna Callesen

i saw you
standing in the spotlight of
the moon...
embarking on your quest--
a truth greater than i could
offer.

what did you expect of me
there
in the spotlight of the
moon:
promises?
lies...
it wasn't me reflecting in
your eyes...
only the self you sought.

School Daze

P. Pura

I would dance to the new
sounds
if the sciences kept a beat.
I would gaze at
Economics captively
if it could be framed and
hung upon a wall.
If Mathematics could con-
verse its feelings
I would ask it out for a
date.
If Philosophy could tell
me who I am
I would walk with it on the
beach.
But instead...The drone
of these foreign teachers
invades my pleasant
dreaming.
The limits of this small
chair
cramps my wandering
ambitions.
The rules of what I need
to know restricts what
I wish to learn.
But after all...You must
learn to be them
Before they allow you
to be you.

The Alternative would like to introduce "Sweat" in an attempt to recognize club teams of Cal Poly that go largely unreported in the Mustang Daily. Each issue will contain the box scores of each team during their individual seasons, and spotlight articles of different teams that deserve attention from week to week. Here is the list so far, of sports we will be covering:

1. Crew
2. Gymnastics
3. Lacrosse
4. Men's H2O Polo
5. Rugby
6. Ski Team
7. Ultimate Frisbee
8. Men's Volleyball
9. Women's Soccer
10. Women's H2O Polo
11. Wheelmen

If you are a Club Team that competes intercollegately or if you think people would be

interested in your sport, please leave information about upcoming games, last week's scores, highlights, and pictures in the Alternative Sports Dept. mail box in the Rec. Sports Office. Get your team the recognition it deserves, and drop by Rec Sports today.

Men's H2O

The Men's Water Polo Team will take it's 5, 6 and 1 record down south this weekend for three games. Against Pomona-Pitzer, U.C. Riverside, and 13th ranked Claremont. Club president Bob Frappia is confident about the Claremont game. "We better win!" says Frappia.

Last week the team defeated College of the Sequoias 12-6, but lost to Fresno State 10-8.

Upcoming games include Chico and U.C. Davis, with 2 home games the weekend of November 8th & 9th against Chapman.

Women's Soccer

The Women's Soccer Team improved it's league record to 6 and 2 after beating Fresno State 6 to 0 this past weekend. Their only two losses have been to Northridge and San Diego State.

When asked the reason for the team's strong league performance, team representative Penny Parker credited a collective team effort for their success. "We have a couple of Freshman on our front line who are doing well", says Parker, "but generally, we just play well as a team." The

team will take on Fresno again this Sunday as they start the second half of their season.



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Sweat



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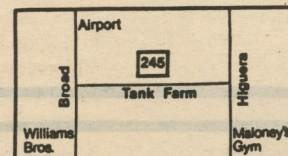
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