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A Word From the Editor

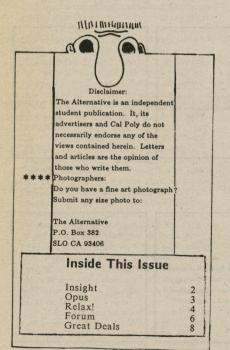
Issue Five of the Alternative... who would have thought. A guy from the Math Department and his friend in Architecture who had a MacIntosh, that's who. Another is in Electrical Engineering, somebody from the Business Department sold ads and a future Landscape Architect drew them up. The typist is an English major.

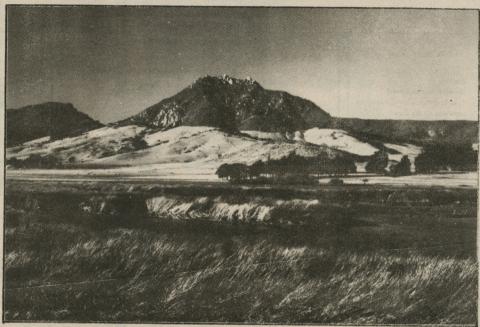
Incredible as it seems, this raggedy little band of zealots, bound only by their mutual dedication to public freedom of expression have, with a lot of help from their friends, managed to produce five issues of your thoughts, poems, opinions, cartoons, and political prejudices.

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Pro-Life

The Christian Action Council organized a "spur-of-the-moment" counter demonstration and effectively up staged a pro-abortion rally organized by the local National Organization for Women (N.O.W.) chapter on June 18.

Alerted of the planned rally 45 minutes before it began, the CAC mustered 15 picketers to stage a counter rally outside abortionist Cynthia Funckes' San Luis Obispo office. The pro-life picketers actually arrived at the rally before the N.O.W. abortion supporters, who totalled about 30 persons. As a result of this quick action the picketers were able to express the pro-life cause to the media as well as personally to pro-abortion supporters. The Telegram Tribune, which has been reluctant to give any news coverage to the ongoing picket against abortionist Funckes, featured a story with a photo the next day which gave the pro-life side equal coverage.

We are very pleased at the positive media exposure this event achieved. This also sent a strong message to the local pro-abortionists that the pro-life forces are serious, dedicated and more than willing to meet head-on in the public arena.

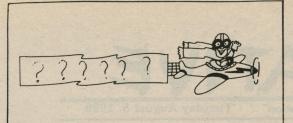
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Pro-Choice

We stated out March 16th at 5:00 o'clock in the morning to be in L.A. by 9:00 for the March for Women's Lives. We were there to stand with our sisters in the pouring rain to proclaim to the world once again women's rights belong in women's lives. 20,000 women and men stood ankle deep in water to listen to and get inspiration from persons such as NOW President Elenor Smeal, Mayor Tom Bradley, Maxine Waters and Jane Fonda, to name a few. It seems the age old fight is still going on. Are women in charge of their own bodies? Do women have a choice on where their future lies?

Recently the Supreme Court upheld the Roe vs Wade decision on a woman's right to safe and legal abortion. The issue has been through the court system many times in the past, and still the minority of anti-choice persons choose to harass and bomb establishments where abortions are performed. We here in San Luis are not immune to these actions either. One of our local gynecologists is routinely picketed by the anti-choice people. On Wed. June 18th the local chapter of NOW staged a support march for Dr. Funckes. The support was phenomenal. We had anticipated 15 people but when 50

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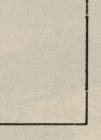


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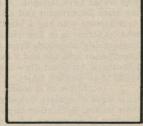
"Do you think there's freedom of speech in the classroom?"

Questions are asked every Thursday in the U.U. Plaza during the activity hour. Letters and articles are also accepted at this time.

Jim Pon (Architecture, 3rd year) "Yes, in design class opinions are expressed all the time."



Mike Arias (Upward Bound student) "Yes, there is sometimes, but other times people don't listen."



Karen Ferguson (Art, 4th year)

"Yes, but be ready for criticism. Many profs have biases that deter from open class discussion. I believe that this is a real problem for the student's growth and expression in our academia."

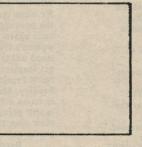


Kory Bunya (Computer Science, Sr.) "Yes."

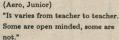


Our apologies to all the people who answered this week's question... the pictures didn't come out. The Eds.

Charles Wolf (EL, 4th year) "I believe that most instructors give sufficient freedom to students to express their views, and ask questions. But I also believe that the prime purpose for students to attend class is to learn something that they don't already know."



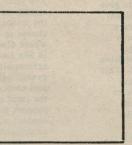
Juan Higareda (Aero, Junior)





Mary Breytspraak (Education, graduate)

"Yes, but teacher response can sometimes be so critical you don't even want to speak out in class."



Sharon Padilla "I think there is freedom of speech in the classroom, but I don't think most students take advantage of it for fear that it will affect their grade negatively."



know.

For Grandaddy Bob from Linda Black

There's a killer on the loose. None of us can escape. Even if we watch our diets, stay away from nuclear power plants, never go to war. It'll get us.

I just found out, gang. I'm sure of it now. We're trapped here. There's no way around it. Nobody gets out of here alive. A good friend of mine just let me

He was a farmer from Alberta. His plow was the first to ever cut the sod on his land there. His first crop, when he was 21, was so good it paid off the land and the house.

His saxaphone was his passion, though. It soothed him during the cold winters, when the cattle would freeze standing up if you couldn't get them into the barn in time. He played with a dance band. They even went on the radio.

Inside, he always stayed that same age. He worked the farm and then moved to the states, finally settling in Oregon. He and his wife and the kids they just kept going from one thing to another. Then one day he looked in the mirror and an old man looked back. A pale, thin, sad-eyed old man, with a thousand times more wrinkles on his face than teeth in his mouth.

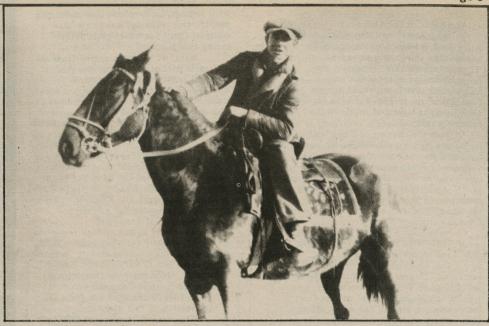
He felt fine. He didn't have cirrhosis of the liver or cancer, he ate food that was organically grown; he knew, because he grew it himself, like he always had. He took a little comfrey tea in the evenings.

He kept getting weaker anyway. It got to be too hard to plant the whole acre garden as he'd done so many times. The weeds came up again, and again, and again, and finally he just let them grow.

The people he loved changed too. His little daughter grew old and fat and sharp-tongued. His son smelled of cigarette smoke and wouldn't look him in the eye. He couldn't tell them what he felt any more... they didn't understand the weight of watching the things he loved change and disappear. Other people plowed the hills around his safe little farm, and planted houses on them.

Every time the kids would come to see him, they'd ask him to play the saxaphone again... "The Lady in Red;"
"Mississippi Mud." To them it was just
like before; but he had to turn away and fumble with his sheet music so they couldn't see the tear that he couldn't keep away. The tone wasn't pure, he couldn't hold the notes. Even his fingers, so practiced, fumbled and missed the keys. A grandchild, an adult now, asked him what his advice was to the younger generation. Thinking of the pain of playing with the dentures the doctor had made for him, he blurted out, "Take care of your teeth!"

But inside, he was the same as he had been before. Inside he was 25 years old, good looking, wealthy, with lots of friends and a beautiful wife and the



world by the tail.

The point is, he was a neat guy. Bright. Good looking, talented, loving. He ate organic food and took care of his family. He lived to be 84 years old and he died peacefully in his sleep. He wasn't sick. He wasn't senile. He was just old and I think he was tired and sad because his sweetheart and all his friends got old and died.

So he just died too.

Not of nuclear fallout or cancer or a car wreck -- just by closing his eyes and not opening them up. A simple

I will die too, and so will you. That's one thing we all have in common. What happens after that, is in a different reality. This form, though, we can watch fall apart and decay. I'm still not sure about it, but I have a feeling what we do now affects what happens then. Not only how much stuff we can manage to accumulate, but also our patterns of thinking. Forgiveness, for example, is important to our health now I'm sure. But, so what? Why worry about our own health? Why not just do drugs and party? Why get up at 5 a.m. to study for a test? Who cares? A hundred years from now, what the heck difference will it make?

Bombs, nuking commies -- all the commies themselves -- why care about them? Starving Africans -- who cares? We have our own problems. We just found out we're gonna die! We're just like all those Jews in Germany. They've got the doors sealed. There's no way out. What'll we do?

Pray.

And God says, "I told you to fix it while you could. No problem. Now it's somebody else's turn. Let this be a lesson to you."

I RODE A WHILE THROUGH THE TREES

I rode a while through the trees, Spotted a girl standing there She smiled at me as the breeze Blew back her gentle auburn hair.

Upon her touch the "oh" of love Escaped from my pursed lips. She held me, like a paralyzed dove, And nursed me with her fruitful lips.

"Dear young lady, may I ask What brings you to this place? Is it some secret task To keep the smile upon your face?"

She just turned and ran away, And in an instant she was gone. I sat bewildered, nothing to say So I simply rode on.

P. Pura

Puppy Love

I feel a loss, Like a pup grown up.

You were never quite mine, (A pup has its real mother) -But close.

Pups have real mothers, People take them away. I didn't take you from

Your mother. You simply came my way.

Laurie Miller

THAI-RRIFIC RESTAURANT

Most Americans' experience with Asian food is limited to the potstickers and chicken chow mein served in "Chinese" restaurants. However, the range of delicacies from this area is much wider than most would assume. From Mandarin to Thai food the flavors vary from the light and subtle to the extremely spicy.

With the opening of Thai-rrific restaurant in San Luis Obispo, we now have a chance to taste one of the spicier varieties of Asian food. Thai-rrific specializes in dishes from the Thai region of S.E. Asia. It is also the first oriental restaurant in the area to venture from the standard of Japanese and American-Chinese cuisine.

With this in mind, we decided to see if Thai-rrific succeeded in bringing good Thai food to the Central Coast.

Our conclusion: Thai-rrific has succeeded. In order to find this out for yourself go to Thai-rrific restaurant and order a few appetizers and entrees from their extensive menu. The menu offers a wide variety of soups, salads, appetizers, and a la carte entrees. The soups come in large portions, and are a meal in themselves. One such soup is Tom Kar Gai (coconut milk soup), a spicy mixture of chicken, mushrooms, coconut milk, lemon grass, and laos roots.

As an appetizer, we enjoyed the Thai sausage, an excellent choice for two people. One warning, make sure the waitress fills your water glass before eating this dish!

Next, we chose an entree from the a la carte part of the menu. We shared the Thai-rrific Pompano, which is a whole, deep-fried butterfish topped with a hot and spicy sauce. This very tasty dish can also be served with a Thai-style sweet and sour sauce for those who desire a milder flavor. Either way, it is very good.

In addition, Thai-rrific serves four dishes that include noodles made from rice. We tried the Phad See-Iw, a delicious combination of rice noodles stir-fried with pork and broccoli. This dish is recommended for anyone not desiring extra hot Thai food.

All of the dishes at Thai-rrific are made individually for your order. Thus, they are willing to accommodate vegetarians and to vary the spiciness of your dish. Since our only complaint is that the Thai-rrific Pompano was too spicy, we suggest that you ask for a milder version of this dish.

The service we received was excellent. Our waitress, Liz, was attentive, knowledgeable, and most importantly, she kept our water glasses

Thus, if you are willing to experiment, we feel that Thai-rrific is a good choice. It's food and service is not only excellent, but it comes at a reasonable price. It is definitely recommended.

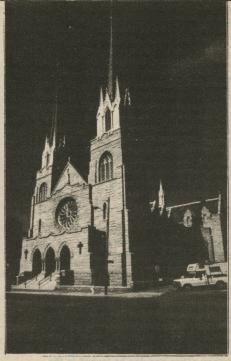


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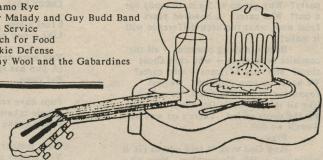
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BOMB SHELTER DISCS by Andrew J. Darrow

Hello everyone! yes, I'm back again with a couple of explosive B.S.D.'s. In addition, I'm adding a new twist to these, a future B.S.D.'s: "Suicidal Discs." A suicidal disc is that album that you would not be caught dead with.

If you don't know already, Bomb Shelter Discs are those ten favorite albums that you would take with you into a bomb shelter. Here are this week's B.S.D.'s, according to Susan Arado (Diatetics & Food Admin.):

1. The Name of This Band is Talking Heads (1982) - Talking Heads

2. What is Beat? (1980) - English Beat

3. Too Much Pressure (1980) - The Selector

4. This Are Two Tone (1983) - Various Artists

5. Big World (1986) - Joe Jackson

6. 1967-1970 (1973) - The Beatles

7. December (1982) - George Winston 8. American Beauty (1974) - Grateful

Dead

O Sampler '85 (1985) - Meadowlark

9. Sampler '85 (1985) - Meadowlark Records

10. Dark Side of the Moon (1973) - Pink Floyd

Suicidal Disc: Sports (1983) - Huey Lewis and the News. According to Pat Wiers, Chairman, Audio Engineers Society, the B.S.D.'s are:

1. Brothers in Arms (1985) - Dire Straits

2. The Yellow Jackets - Yellow Jackets
3. The Wall (1979) - Pink Floyd

4. 2112 (1976) - Rush

5. Back in Black (1980) - AC/DC

6. Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band (1967) - The Beatles

7. Equinoxe (1978) - Jean Michele Jarre

8. Untitled (1971) - Led Zeppelin

9. Jupiter (#41) - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

10. Songs in the Attic (1981) - Billy Joel Suicidal Disc: H20 (1982) - Hall &

SEND YOUR B.S.D.'S TO THE ALTERNATIVE

(Continued from page 1) showed up we were ecstatic. Winning one's rights is never an easy battle. But you must not be silent when a minority of people are trying to decide your fate. Are you willing to revert back 10 years to the days of coat hangers and back alley butchers? The anti-choice group think abortion will stop if made illegal. But it will not. Just more women will die. And if they make this illegal what will they take away next?
Contraceptives or your right to vote?
That is why women and men must stand together to support the rights of women across the country and the world.

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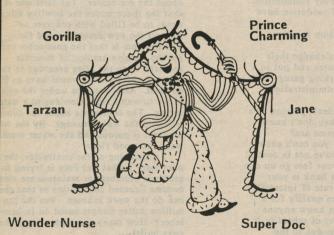


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Dear Editor:

Congratulations!! I'm surprised and impressed with your paper. Some articles I agree with, others I don't, but it is obvious that someone is at least thinking out there.

The Alternative will fill a void and I support your efforts. I'm also going to save my "Issue Number 1." Good luck!

Sincerely,
Don Van Acker
Environmental Health and
Occupational Safety Officer

Statement by Rep. Panetta (D-Monterey) on Contra Aid Vote

"The House vote on Contra aid represents not only a no-strings military aid commitment but also a costly \$400 million commitment to a region where we still have no coherent policy and no diplomatic strategy to address increasingly complex social, economic, and political problems. We are committing ourselves to a policy that has not worked and will not work.

"Perhaps the most disturbing vote was the failure of the House to adopt an amendment I authored to require an accounting of millions of dollars of past aid that the General Accounting Office says has been diverted to private bank accounts in the Bahamas and Cayman Islands and to the Honduran Army. It is irresponsible to provide more funds to a program that has no accountability to the taxpayers.

"We should not kid ourselves about the dangers of this commitment. It not only threatens to further isolate the U.S. from other Central and Latin American nations but is the proverbial first step down the slippery slope to direct military involvement in Nicaragua.

"This policy represents a dangerous course for our nation. Vigilance, not blind faith, is what is needed."

Editor:

This is in response to the "nonconformist" complaint about providing blank posterboards in the University Union bathrooms appearing in the July 1, 1986 issue. I'm not so sure this is "organized graffiti" that we're encouraging. One fact remains: whether there are posterboards or not, people are going to write or etch their messages on the stall walls. At least with posterboards, you don't have to look at the same messages for the rest of your time at Cal Poly (and for some of us, that's a long time). Maybe it's not the ideal way to handle graffiti, but at least it's nondestructive; not to mention it makes it a lot easier for the janitors to clean. So I really can't agree with your view of "an American conformist society."

Also a Nonconformist, J.T.

Thoughts on Mohandas Gandhi by Joe Clokey

Mohandas Gandhi threw his I.D. card into the fire as a white policeman clubbed him to the ground. Gandhi rose up and began placing more cards into the fire and was bloodied even worse. The third time he was hit so hard that he could not get up and was dragged off to prison for destroying "government property."

It was 1929 in South Africa. Mohandas Gandhi, a recent graduate from London University (where he had studied Thoreau's dissertations on Civil Disobedience) was in jail with 2000 other Indians who had refused to carry I.D. cards. Only the white minority rule did not have to carry the passes which made walking in the streets "legal." The jails were full and the mines were still. Knowing that the Indians were the main labor force for the economic infrastructure of his government, General Smut re-wrote the pass law so that I.D. cards were unnecessary. The Indians still refused to work. As a desperate attempt, Smut threatened to cut off Indian immigration. Gandhi left for India where his methods of non-violent civil

disobedience could not be choked by such measures.

Inspired by Gandhi, Martin
Luther King Jr. became the effective
leader of the civil rights movement in
the United States. To protest the
segregation laws of the South in 1961,
King led 200 blacks on a peaceful march
through the streets of Montgomery,
Alabama. The nation watched in horror
as the white citizens and police continued
to bloody the blacks even though the
blacks were not hitting back.

This incident, and many others when the blacks did not react to violence, led to King's historical speech "I Have a Dream," in 1963, and a Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Segregation was outlawed in 1965 by the passage of the Civil Rights

Today, India is free and Martin Luther King Junior's birthday is a national holiday.

Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it.

Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing.

Helen Keller

Dear Editor:

Who's in charge here?
Why are you paying \$10 million for a few sets of weights and a wood floor to drop them on?

Will the Rec Center contribute to the educational quality of Cal Poly?

Why was it necessary for the Cal Poly Foundation to ask the students to commit to the funding of the rec center?

Who is the Cal Poly Foundation? When does the Foundation have meetings?

Are the Foundation minutes published?

Can the students change their minds about the rec center and put in a cheaper four storey parking garage for students, next to the Administration Building? How?

Why are the students playing in a financial game when they don't know what the rules of the game are?

Dear readers, if you can't answer these questions then you're not in control of your budget. Will your fees go up due to cost overruns? What bank is your money in and at what rate of interest? Ten million dollars does qualify for a jumbo account. Do you know anyone who has been forced out of school or is living on rice and beans due to the higher fees?

Dear Alternative:

Cal Poly needs a student newspaper and the Mustang Daily could become a student newspaper by having the editor elected annually along with the ASI President.

> Sincerely, Robert Andrini

I believe that the students were asked to make an informed decision on the rec center without all the facts. Are the students being informed of the changes to the rec center plans and budget due to the difficulties of construction in an existing building? What changes have been made to the rec center plans and budget so far?

The horror stories are starting about the rec center. The first one is that the space under the bowling alley needs to be filled with concrete to support the new aerobics wood floor. The problem is that the contractor can't get the massive amount of concrete required in to the alley area due to the distance the material would have to be pumped. Also, the area under the alley is prone to water collection due to a natural spring. The contractor hopes the concrete will stop the water leakage. By the way, concrete is porous and the water would warp the wood floor.

Speaking of the contractor, the next story is that Cal Poly is trying to get their plumbers or maintenance men to become licensed contractors so that they can do the work inhouse. Was the ten million dollar budget based on in-house labor? How many rec centers have these guys built?

We know the people running this project are fair and honest people. If these stories are true, the rec center might have to be re-examined.

Heard a good horror story about the rec center? Love to hear it. Please write the Alternative.

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Church/State Separation by Brent Murdock

Christians in America are being bombarded by a myth. This myth asserts that those who have accepted the secular, humanistic doctrime or the Marxist doctrine or the liberal doctrine, or any other secular religion, are somehow neutral in their views and more scientific than those who live by Christian beliefs and principles.

The application of this modernday myth of neutrality is seen in the
twisting of the democratic belief in a
division between church and state in
such a manner as to muddle the opinions
of a vast sector of Americans who have
Christian principles. By right of their
citizenship alone, these individuals
should have equal freedom of expression
and equal coverage of that expression by
those who disseminate information.

It has been convenient and expedient for the Secular Humanist, the materialist, the so-called liberal, the feminist, the bureaucrat, the Supreme Court justice, to use this arbitrary division between church and state as a ready excuse, as an easily identifiable rallying point, to subdue the opinions of that vast body of citizens who possess

Christian convictions. This points up the fact that the issue of division of church and state is far more a convenient excuse for muzzling undesirable opinion than it is an actual concern on the part of the liberal, humanistic consensus. It is not that they are worried about the democratic process; they are worried that the opinions of Christians may actually be heard and considered. In a free society, all opinion is relevant whatever its motivation. It is ridiculous that Christians not be allowed to express their views, in terms of social or legislative issues, because of the church-state division. It would be equally ridiculous to expect the feminist, the humanist, the atheist, the Communist, or whatever, to promise not to interpret and contribute to society from his own point of view. Who has heard of a feminist-oriented woman being elected to office and saying that while she herself had strong, private proabortion views, she would in no way impose this secular faith of hers on the citizenry in general? Actions of this kind are rarely reciprocal. The feminist or lobbyist for a secular religion may freely use his position to influence and cajole the public or governmental body in a certain direction, while the person of Christian conviction is not supposed to

while I beat you in the head with my ideas but don't say anything about it."

Every human being operates on the basis of faith and religion, whether it is organized religion or personal.

Everyone believes in something by faith. The humanist doctrine of behavior is not proven in a neutral, scientific manner, as is pretended by the humanist. There is no such thing as neutrality as it is meant by the humanist. All life is religious, and in the same breath, all life is secular. There is no real division between the

Any legal system, secular or otherwise, must develop a religious foundation of law. The Supreme Court's theory of neutrality by the State is merely hopeful illusion. Neutrality presupposes objectivity, but value determination between right and wrong is a moral principle and establishes a religious concern. Therefore, all laws promulgated by the State are enforced morality, which is a religious concern. All law, including the legal system itself, is based upon moral principle, and therefore is a religious concern. Court decisions, as well as statutory law, establish the morals of society. For example, in Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court refused to recognize the unborn child as a person within the meaning of the Constitution. Roe was a moral decision which adopted the specific status of the fetus called for by Secular Humanism.

Those who wish to challenge such a view in some particular area (such as abortion) are made to feel guilty and somehow inferior, as if their views were biased and bigoted, while the views of the secular, humanistic elite are somehow more enlightened.

Everyone has some moral base, even if that base is that his morality is expressed in immorality or his faith is faith in not having any faith at all. The pretense that those who have an anti-Christian position are somehow operating from a more neutral and openminded stance is totally unsubstantiated, especially when seen in the light of the evangelistic fervor with which they propagate their position (e.g., Carl Sagan, Normal Lear, university professors).

The person of Christian conviction is no more or less biased than anyone else. He has the right of expression in legislative and other activities that are based on his own principles and moral convictions. Those in our society who have Christian convictions had better cut through the slowly increasing mass of cobwebs being spun around them to keep

them quiet and assert their rights and privileges as equal citizens in society.

Editor

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money where other people can mouth off is nothing short of sheer patriotism.

And thanks to you who have written in on everything from abortion to life in the Middle East. This is your paper. If you don't send in that thing you're thinking about... yeah, you! That thing you're thinking about right now! If you don't get off the stick and mail that thing in to us, the Alternative will shrivel up and die. I'm not going to write it all! Are you kidding? Gimme a break! It's bad enough to type it for free!

That goes for you professors too! You think you know it all! Now's your chance to play with the kids one on one! How about those old poems in that mountain of papers on your desk...or that essay on the interrelationship between mathematics and God. We want to know what's really in your head. You're not afraid to be judged by a panel of 19-year-olds, are you? Give it up!

And you students from other countries...tell us how you got here, how you sailed with fifty other people on a 40' boat from Viet Nam to Taiwan, or walked up from Guatemala, and why. What's really happening in Africa? You think we're not ready for the truth here, but we are. We want to know what you know. We want to see what's going on in the world through your eyes.

What have you got to lose? We can even print it under a pseudonym if you want, we don't care. We're just looking for interesting, opinionated, exciting, thought-provoking stuff made out of dots on paper.

Yeah, that's it... pictures! We'll have cartoons and photographs and, yeah... a crossword puzzle! Jokes! Oneliners! Wise Sayings! Stuff off of bathroom walls! Yeah, that's the way to do it!

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