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THE CLUB

This paper is being brought to you by "The Club." We felt the students at Cal-State needed some form of informational service on this campus.

We do not have an editorial policy beyond not allowing libelous or slanderous material in our paper. If you wish to contribute an article or letter to this paper, you can contact us during our meeting in the back of the cafeteria on Friday morning at 10 AM, or you can write to "The Club" Cal State Bakersfield, Room 100, Administration.

We are ready and willing to publish all points of view as we feel this is the only way to run a newspaper. The only thing we ask is: Please sign your name to your article. If its good enough to print, it's good enough to have your name on it.

We would like to invite not only students, but faculty and administration as well to contribute.

We would also like to thank members of the staff and faculty who made this first edition possible by their generous financial contributions. Also, we'd like to thank the South High Journalism Department for their time and for the materials they donated to make this first edition a reality.

We hope to bring more editions out on a bi-weekly basis. This will only be possible if you, the students, support us by reading, getting involved, and contributing articles.
HAVE A NICE DAY!

- BRIAN LEWIS

I JUST RENTED IT!

It has recently been brought to our attention that there has been gross discrimination in the rental practices of the landlords in the vicinity of Cal State Bakersfield and in Bakersfield as a whole. How many times and in how many ways have black and brown students been denied housing purely because of race? The innumerable platitudes and excuses that are rendered to a student that is other than white when he tries to rent in the Stockdale area, for example, would, quite probably fill a text for racist practices. The standard "I'm really very sorry, I'd like to rent to a black family, BUT..." has probably been heard by most, if not all black students trying to rent an apartment close to their school.

We feel that it is high time that something be done to alleviate these intolerable conditions. With a backing foundation of pillars of the community, there should be little problem in initiating fair housing practices around Cal State.

We call upon the Administration of Cal State Bakersfield to formulate a policy of fair housing and compile lists of complying landlords.

- JOHN E. RUTLEDGE

THE Lavender MENACE

There are people who would like to put me into a concentration camp. There are others who would torture me in the name of science to change my way of feeling, and still others who would be content with nothing less than my death. About 60% of the population considers me dangerous. I am a woman who happens to be in love with another woman.

Some people are more charitable in their feelings toward me. They pity me, would like to cure me. You know something? I don't want to be cured. I don't consider myself sick. The only problem that bi- and homosexual people have is what research psychiatrist Martin Hoffman calls "the Social Creation of Evil." We aren't sick; Society is.

Doubtless a great many people reading this will disagree with me. Making love to somebody of your own sex is, well, it's queer. Its disgusting. It's immoral. But, how much of this feeling is based on logic and how much based on conditioning? We live in a society that considers even the acceptable sexual orientation slightly dirty.

I am not forgetting the psychiatrists and psychologists, so-called "experts" who maintain that homosexuality is a sickness. These people are as much victims of conditioning as anyone, and victimizers as well. To quote Hoffman again "Psychiatrists who assert that homosexuality is an illness generally know homosexuals only as patients." Their reasoning is that gay people must be sick, because they've never had a healthy one come to them to be cured.

Evelyn Hooker, a psychologist at U.C.L.A. made a study that should have once and for all destroyed the concept of homosexuality as disease. She matched 30 homosexuals whom she felt to be well-adjusted with 30 heterosexuals for age, education and I.Q. She then gave them the standard psychological tests (TAT, Rorschach, etc.) and obtained information on their life histories. Hooker then mixed the tests up and gave them to some of her most skilled clinical colleagues to analyze. They were unable to separate the gay men from the straight.

So much for homosexuality as a disease. If the experts can't identify it, how can they say it's sick? Hooker stated: "Homosexuality as a clinical entity does not exist. Its forms are as varied as are those of heterosexuality. Homosexuality may be a deviation in sexual pattern that is in the normal range, psychologically."

A lot of gay people are sick. You might be, too, if you had to carry the burden of guilt and self-hatred that so many of us do. I know people who have tried to commit suicide because they couldn't cope with the pressures put on them by straight society.

Gay people are growing stronger now. We're starting to turn our pain outward now, and we're not going to be stepped on much longer. We want our rights as citizens and human beings. Yes, Human Beings.

- Gloria Dumler

FREEDOM WILL CURE MOST THINGS
AS NEIL SUMMERHILL



DEATH?

As I fall
I look
back
the way I came
and
I'm glad

- JOHN RUTLEDGE

THE 20 YEARS WAR

"There is no real Vietminh threat in the south. The rumors about it are without foundation. On the contrary, my information is very encouraging."

- Vice-President Richard Nixon
September 30, 1954

"Gentlemen, let's not talk about this matter too much in military terms; to do so might make it a military problem."

- General George C. Marshall
as reported by Dean Rusk

"This is another type of war, new in its intensity, ancient in its origin - war by guerillas, subversives, insurgents, assassins, war by ambush instead of by combat; by infiltration, instead of engaging him...It requires a whole new kind of strategy, a wholly different kind of military training."

- John F. Kennedy, June 1962

"Every quantitative measurement we have shows we're winning this war."

- Robert S. McNamara, May 1962

"Experience has taught us that no one nation has the power or the wisdom to solve all the problems of the world or manage its revolutionary tides; that extending our commitments does not always increase our security."

-John F. Kennedy, May 1961

"There are those that say you ought to go north and drop bombs, to try to wipe out the supply lines...We don't want our American boys to do the fighting for Asian boys. We don't want to get involved in a land war in Asia with a nation of 700 million people."

- Lyndon Baines Johnson, Sept 1964

"I want to make one thing perfectly clear....."

- Richard M. Nixon, 1971

When we first sent troops to the Diem regime I was four years old. Sixteen years later I fought there.

- JOHN ADDIS

FUNDS FOR STUDENTS?

The vending machines, located under the Fine Arts Building and outside the cafeteria are operated by the Electro Venders Company. Sagus Foods Company, a non-campus company runs our cafeteria as they do at many other college and university campuses.

The quality of the food in the machines is, at best, poor. The soft drinks taste weak and over carbonated. The mixture is supposed to be one part syrup to five parts carbonated water; but, by tasting it, one can tell that there is a higher percentage of carbonation.

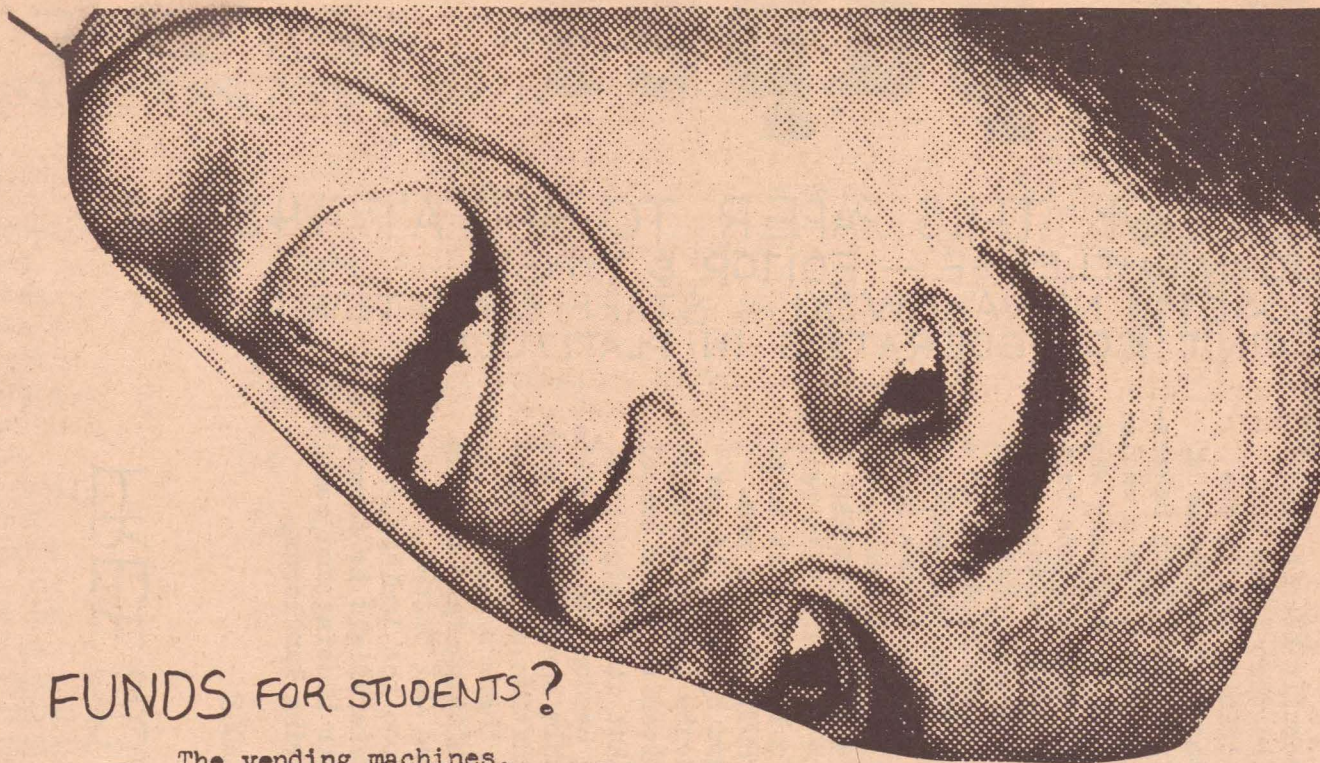
The cafeteria has fairly good soft drinks and fruit drinks. The food doesn't taste too bad, in fact, it doesn't taste at all.

The prices charged in both these facilities seems to be a little high. The sandwiches range in price from 30¢ up and up and up. For 60¢ you can buy three hamburgers at McDonalds and two almost anything at Taco Bell. Why, where the clientele is so notoriously poverty stricken, must the prices be so high.

The students keep these companies alive on campus and how do they repay us? The vending machine company gives 15% of their profit to the cafeteria. The cafeteria gives 5% of their gross to the school foundation. The students wind up getting the shaft and are left with no money with which to enjoy it.

Why put your money in the vending machines when you can buy better candy in the bookstore or bring some from home. You can bring a lunch from home and share with others. By doing this we can force the cafeteria to lower its prices and to improve the quality of its food.

- JIM FINLEY



✿ GAY ? ✿

A CONFERENCE FOR BAKERSFIELD GAY PEOPLE IS BEING PLANNED FOR DEC 5. WE'LL GET INFORMATION TO YOU ABOUT TIME AND PLACE AS SOON AS WE GET IT.

God Bless the Foundation Rag ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

(Sung to the tune of
God Bless America)

God bless the foundation,
Men that we love
They stand beside us -
And guide us -
With their money and influence
and their love.
From the cafeteria,
To the bookstore.
Football and Basketball -
They also run.
God bless the foundation.
Men of substance
God bless the foundation,
The fathers of our school.

- Frogbody

CATCH 22 SAYS THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO DO ANYTHING WE CAN'T STOP THEM FROM DOING.
- Joseph Heller, Catch-22



the defeat

sex for you is a battlefield
plotting your strategy
laying your traps
you plan your conquests
billy the kid
the gun is no longer a phallic
symbol
its the other way around
phantom cowboy
trigger happy
out for your share of pubic
scalps
proving your manhood by
shooting down women
white sheets
white flags
she surrenders
happily
to submit is her victory
and to score is yours
neither of you knowing
what it was you killed

- Gloria Dumler

NEW WOMEN NOW!

Women are organizing now at Cal State. Cal State New Women are meeting on Monday, November 15, at 1 P.M., in or around the cafeteria to organize formally on campus. All interested women are invited to attend.

The purpose of New Women is to resist and to fight sexism in any and all forms by means of personal life style, group action and individual effort.

The policy of New Women is to support and demand free child care centers, free birth control aid, free abortion information, inexpensive abortion on request, an end to social sexism, an end to educational sexism, an end to economic sexism and an end to political sexism.

Men - their rights and nothing more.

Women - their rights and nothing less.

- Robin Vosburg

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Masculine, Feminine, or Human?

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players." Unfortunately, in the play of life, we are unable to choose the roles we wish to play. They are chosen and taught to us by our parents and society. From the time that the doctor holds us up to prove to our mothers what sexual organs we possess, we are taught these roles. Aren't we immediately placed into different colored blankets? Blue for boys, pink for girls? Thus begins the indoctrination that will last for the next twenty years, until we are old enough to pass these antiquated roles on to our children.

Girls should be "little ladies" and boys should be "little gentlemen"; girls wear dresses, boys wear pants (we are never able to choose what we feel the most comfortable in); girls get dolls for presents and boys get trucks (have you ever wanted to play with both, but didn't because of what your parents might do if you were caught?); boys can wrestle and climb trees, girls can't because it's not "ladylike" (how beautiful the world is from the top of a tall tree...should girls be denied this?); girls are supposed to be emotional and its ok if they cry, but boys can't... it's not manly (are boys any less human than girls?); schooling is necessary for a boy because he has to earn a living, for a girl because it's a good place to get a husband (what if, heaven forbid, she prefers to live her life as a single person?); a woman's place is in the home, a man's place is to support that home (if a couple decide to reverse these roles, they are considered strange and are made to suffer in consequence).

What happens when, in pursuit of our own identity, we dare to be different? The gentle boy is labeled a "sissy," the aggressive girl is labeled a tomboy, and those of us who have responded well to our brainwashing, turn on them. They are taunted and teased by their peers and adults alike until they are forced to assume a role they don't like in order to be accepted.

What is masculine? What is feminine? Webster's Dictionary defines them thus: Feminine -- pertaining to a woman; womanly, effeminate; womanish. Masculine -- of the male sex; not female; strong; robust; powerful; manly. We all know more... Women are gentle, affectionate, quiet, pretty, weak and sub-intelligent. Men are forceful, handsome, mechanically inclined, intelligent. Why? Because someone else said we had to be that way.

Money, Hampson and Hampson, researchers into sex role differentiation, assert that "sex roles are entirely the result of the learning process, which is independent of chromosomal, gonadal, or hormonal sex." It stands to reason, then, that if

our children were able to play with the toys they wanted to, to wear what is comfortable for them, to stretch muscles and run and climb when they felt the need, regardless of what sexual organs they possessed, then we would no longer feel the need to hang labels on each other. No longer would we condemn our peers for the possession or lack of a trait. We would no longer be masculine or feminine. We would be human.

- Paula Beckman

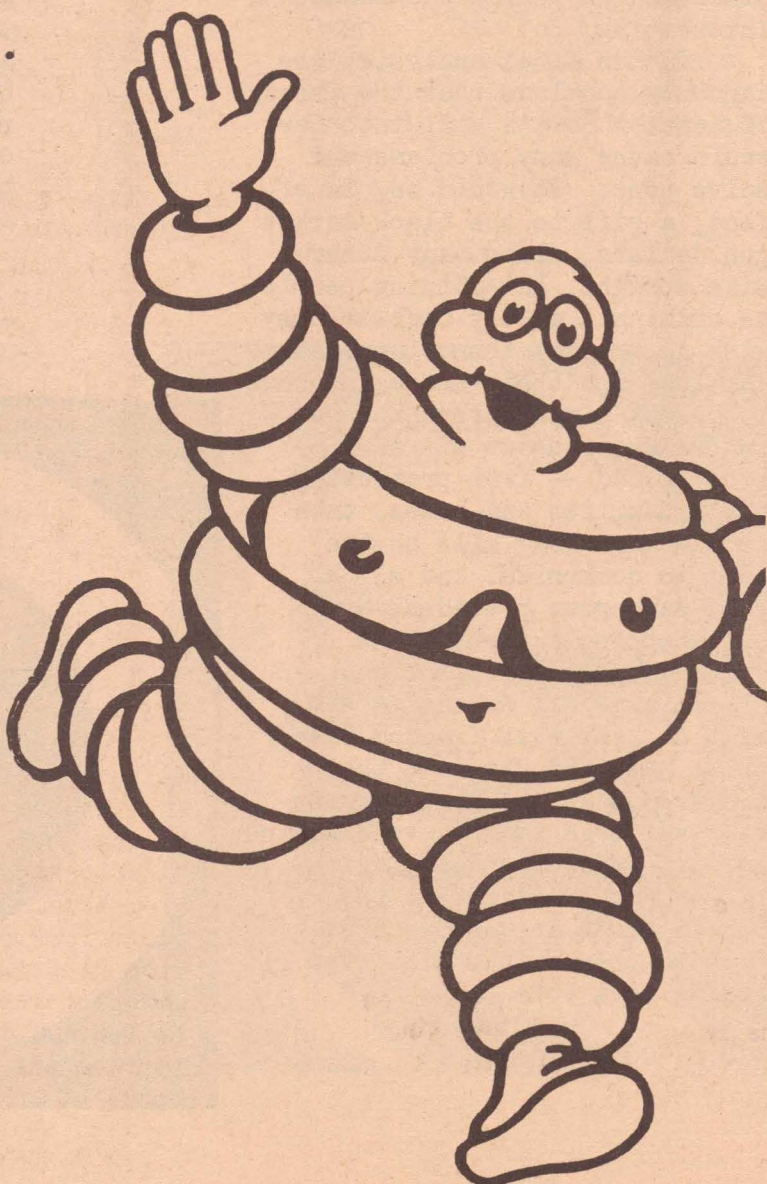
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The Gun Thing

Senator Hart (D-Mich) is sponsoring a bill which would force the sale of all registered handguns to the U.S. Government. Hopefully a farsighted committee chairman will kill this bill before it goes to the Senate floor or, failing that, enough pressure will be brought to bear on our congressmen to prevent the passage of this bill. In my opinion, a person would have to be either a subversive or a fool to support such a measure.

The most immediate result of the passage of this bill and its signing into law would be a great increase in black market gun sales. This law is certain to be extremely unpopular, and when a law is highly unpopular -- for example, prohibition back in the twenties -- it is subject to widespread violation by otherwise law-abiding citizens. The only way to buy a gun would be from an illegal dealer, which will obviously put the man who buys a gun to protect his wife, children and home in the same category as the person who goes out and buys a gun for use in committing a crime such as murder or armed robbery, and will inflict the same penalties upon him if he is caught.

Aside from this, the communist rules for the takeover of a country include legislation requiring the registration of guns on some pretext or other with the intent of confiscating them at some future date. We have at this moment gun registration laws, and now we are facing the next step in the plan: confiscation of registered handguns. Interesting, no?

In the final analysis, one can only conclude that the passage of Senator Hart's bill into law would cause many problems and solve none. It would be, in effect, a gift to the black-market gun dealers, class many otherwise upright, law-abiding people as criminals merely because they wish to protect themselves, their families and their homes in these turbulent times, prevent those people who respect all laws -- good or bad -- from protecting their families and homes, take us one more long mile on the road to communism, and set a very dangerous precedent by sidestepping a part of the United States Constitution.

I urge all Americans who want to keep what freedom they still have and who love their country to write their congressman and urge them to vote against this piece of proposed legislation should it get to the Senate floor as well as urge them to prevent the bill ever coming to a vote.

- C.S. COMBS

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woman-child
struggling soul
sister of my
mind
i
know
you
i know your
silent
pain
lonely
frightened
imprisoned in a mask
of normality
self-hatred
hopelessness
delusions of
monstrosity
i
know
your
pain
it cuts me
because i cannot
reach you
cannot help you
because the worst of
our hell is

isolation

- GLORIA DUMLER



DON JUAN

The Teachings of Don Juan by Carlos Castaneda has for a couple of years been a favorite book for classroom discussion as well as a topic at parties across the country. In brief, it deals with the experiences of an anthropologist, Castaneda, who seeks to discover the medicinal properties of peyote, among other drugs. In the Southwestern U.S. he finds don Juan, a Yaqui shaman who eventually decides to accept Castaneda as his apprentice and to teach him the secrets and rituals connected with these drugs.

Don Juan is apparently in his 70's and has waited a lifetime to find the right apprentice, who, sadly enough, turns out to be a modern social scientist. One of the first principles handed to Castaneda by don Juan is that true knowledge can't be taught. Obviously, Castaneda failed to learn this as one of the things he describes is don Juan's wisdom. The reasons for publishing this book seem to be to make money and to further his own career. Reading this account disgusted me as I realized don Juan's trust had been downgraded and his secrets blasphemed. If Castaneda had used a time capsule or some other device, he could have preserved don Juan's principles.

The Teachings of Don Juan is simply another example of western man's lack of sensitivity and his inordinate need to profit from the exploitation of his less "civilized" brothers.

- Ann Clark

