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## Letter From The Editor

Wow! They're letting me say something. Actually, they left me alone with the computer and I'm writing this without them knowing.

I guess I should tell you who I am. I am the Graphic Coordinator, great title huh. My job is to take all of the stuff that you guys give us and put it together in some fantastic way. Its a lot of fun and I get to see a lot of great work.

I am one of the originals here at The Alternative and though its been tight sometimes its always been a lot of fun.

If any of you have any comments or questions about the things we do around here just come on by. I can usually be found in the Architecture building room 305.

Oh there coming back. See ya!

Robert D. Frick

## HEARING SET ON WORK PROGRAMS AS PART OF WELFARE REFORM

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY), Representatives Jack Kemp (R-NY) and Sander M. Levin (D-MI), and Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) will present their ideas on welfare reform and employment and training programs next Friday, September 26, before a hearing of Representative Leon E. Panetta's Agriculture Subcommittee on Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations, and Nutrition.

The hearing, Panetta said, will start the debate on how Congress should reform the food stamp program and other programs to promote work opportunities for the needy. The subcommittee is the authorizing panel for food stamps and other federal nutrition and food initiatives.

"There is a national consensus emerging that the best way we can help welfare recipients is to give them employment opportunities that can get them off welfare," Panetta said. "This means providing training, jobs, and work incentives so that recipients

of federal assistance can make the transition from the world of welfare to the world of work. It's my hope that the distinguished witnesses at this hearing will give us a broad spectrum of ideas on how best to accomplish this goal."

Panetta authored a food stamp work incentive provision last year requiring states to set up job training and work programs for program recipients. The Department of Agriculture has not yet issued regulations to implement the measure, and Panetta said that one purpose of the hearing would be to determine how USDA plans to carry it out.

**Barry Toiv, from the office of  
Rep. Leon Panetta**

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## TAXATION AND MISREPRESENTATION

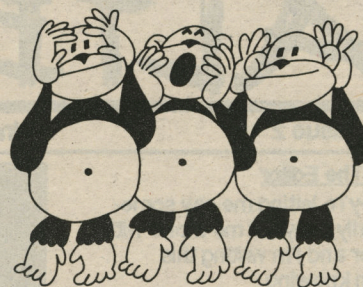
One of the worst characteristics of a capitalist society is the maldistribution of wealth. The United States, being perhaps the most capitalist-oriented country on Earth, will probably be one of the last countries to recognize and implement socialist reform, hence one of the last to eliminate the gap between the rich and poor which has plagued the world for ages. Whether it be Men over Women, Romans over Slaves, Czars over Peasants, or Corporate Wheels over the General Public, exploitation of the Haves over the Have Nots will always have to be dealt with.

In America today, this deep weakness in human nature manifests itself as a crisis of poverty and corruption. At the hands of the rich and powerful, this crisis is facilitated by an inequitable tax structure, misappropriation of government funds, and a multitude of laws designed to perpetuate the control of the masses by the Conservative Elite.  
(See "Taxes," page 5.)



## Question: What do you think of mandatory drug testing?

Questions are asked ever 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.



"I think that it is an invasion of privacy. People should be able to do what they want as long as it does not affect their work."

Susan Arado  
Senior, DFA



"I am rather concerned about it since many tests are NOT reliable."

Lars Pernor  
Graduate, Business

"In sensitive jobs it's O.K. If someone is going to affect the public directly and they are affected by drugs it should be known that they are taking those drugs."

Amy Christopherson  
Sophomore, English



"I think it's great. You can't be too careful about the quality of your drugs, and I like the best."

Dawn Castoff nee dashoe  
Soph., South American  
Farming Techniques

"I think it's a terrible idea with all of the errors man makes and one decision could ruin a man's life. I don't think we should give up that right."

Francisco Miralles  
Junior, Ag. Sci.



"It's a good idea. Drugs have become a big problem with teenagers alone. I want to know that when an important decision is made in Government, that it's being done with clear heads!"

Christy Richardson  
Soph., Psych & Human  
Development

"Drugs totally destroy minds and bodies. I think I would agree that drug testing saves lives and prevents any mishap from happening to the public."

Gar Moss  
Senior, Art



"It sounds like a great program, because people who are in the public view as well as the people who run our government should be tested! It would show that drugs are dangerous and can hurt society as well as themselves!"

Gina Barresi  
Soph., Metallurg. Eng.



## Bomb Shelter Discs

By Andrew Darrow

As most of you know already, The Alternative strives to expose people's thoughts, criticisms, works of art, and even jokes. By doing this we hope to create an open forum for anyone who wants to write.

In order to do this, however, we must receive input from you: the students, faculty, and staff of Cal Poly. Now that summer is over and most of the students and faculty are back, I hope that everyone who likes to express their thoughts will do so to make our paper the best that it can be.

So for heavens sake, don't hesitate. Send whatever makes you an individual to The Alternative today.

In addition, here are this week's Bomb Shelter Discs. So far I've seen a lot of Pink Floyd and Talking Heads albums on the people's list. I'd like to see some more obscure albums. If your musical tastes are out of the ordinary, send me your ten favorite albums.

Have a good week and don't forget to RELAX!

Editor,

Here are by BSD's:

1. "Wild Child" (1985), The Untouchables
  2. Anything by Fishbone
  3. "Raising Hell" (1986), Run DMC
  4. "The Wall" (1979), Pink Floyd
  5. "1984" (1984), Van Halen
  6. Anything by the Beastie Boys
  7. "Upstairs at Eric's", Yaz
  8. "The Swing" (1982), INXS
  9. "Only a Lad" (1981), Oingo Boingo
  10. "Back in Black" (1980), AC/DC
- Suicidal Disc: Anything by New Edition.

Thanks and keep up the good work.

Dave Peterson, Mech. Eng.

Editor,

Basically I like anything from classical to skate trash. Here are ten albums I would take into a bomb shelter with me:

1. "The Final Cut" (1983), Pink Floyd
2. "Dark Side of The Moon" (1973), Pink Floyd
3. "Plays Live" (1983), Peter Gabriel
4. "Stop Making Sense" (1984), Talking Heads

5. "Let It Be" (1983), The Replacements

6. "Combat Rock" (1982), The Clash
  7. "December" (1983), George Winston
  8. "Repo Man Soundtrack" (1984)
  9. "Synchronicity" (1983), The Police
  10. "Rocky Horror Picture Show Soundtrack"
- Suicidal Disc: "Suddenly", Billy Ocean

Robert Wenkon, Computer Science

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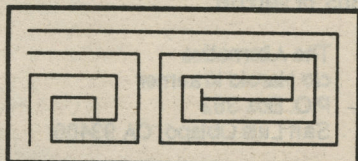
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## ODE TO THE F.O.B. (Faculty Office Building)

I think that I shall never see,  
The end of paths in the F.O.B.  
I've wandered here, I've wandered  
there,  
I've walked a mile upon the stair.  
Once in the part that's colored yellow,  
I met another unfortunate fellow.  
He told me that as freshman new,  
He'd tried to find an office too.  
Wrong turns now have sealed his  
fate,  
For class, he's just a quarter late!  
His story filled me up with fear,  
I know I'll ne'er get out of here!  
Oh please! Won't someone rescue  
me,  
From this faculty trap called F.O.B.?

Sandi Cabassi



## TIPS FOR NEW STUDENTS - PARKING

There is, in Philosophy and Literature, a concept known as "the pathetic fallacy," usually defined as "attributing human feelings to animals or inanimate objects." (The phrase is popular with intellectuals suffering from the opposite, or antipathetic, fallacy, but that's another story).

Cal Poly students, however, know that there are two TRULY pathetic fallacies:

1. That it's possible to add a 300-level English class after the third day of school, and
2. That it's possible to find a parking place within a mile of your classes before 4:00 p.m.

There may not be any easy way to squeeze 300 people into an English Lit class, but there ARE alternative parking spaces. We present a few.

1. President Baker's personal parking space (in the Administration Building parking lot). After all, he never uses it.
2. Those of you who own four-wheel-drive trucks with high suspension might consider playing

The other day I went out to my car and found a small peice of pink paper slid under my windshield wiper. I am an easy going person so I folded up the paper and put it in my pocket. Later that night I began to think about the ten dollar donation that the meter maid was asking me to give to the University. I thought maybe my priorities were all wrong, maybe adding that English class wasn't as important as getting a parking sticker. The University obviously thinks this. Why else would they send someone out in the rain to give ussuspecting students parking tickets. I am a reasonable person and I understand that the University has to pay for the new parking lot near the horse unit. But the only time I have during the week, except Friday, the day I had planned to get the sticker, is an hour that I use to get eat my lunch. Something I enjoy much more than standing in a line to get a small peice of red paper. I don't think that I am asking for too much, just a little time to get organized.

Robert D. Frick

Bigfoot, and parking on top of a Porsche.

3. On the Southern Pacific right-of-way. It's not for sissies, but if you keep track of the S.P. schedule, you should be all right.

4. Mustang Village. Why not? They probably park on campus.

5. Mustang Stadium. Dodging cars during football practice is just the thing to give our boys a chance to find out what it would be like to play against the Chicago Bears.

6. Cuesta College. You can take care of your general ed requirements in a relaxed atmosphere with the hope that they will hve put in more parking space by the time you come back to Cal Poly.

7. (for small cars) The enclosed plaza in the library. Be sure that the librarian demagnitizes your car before you leave.

8. In the bike lane on Highland. Why not? Bike riders don't seem to use it.

9. President Baker's office. (No, he's not there either.)

10. In the Swine Unit. Who knows, you might feel at home. (And you might even meet Sean Penn and

Dear Editor:

As most of you probably know, some professors have ordered their textbooks through bookstores other than El Corral. This has been done to protest the Foundation's stance on divestment. I applaud this action taken by some members of the Cal Poly community. A message must be sent to all those who indirectly support the white-minority government that the stockholders will not allow such injustice. What better place to hit these corporations than in their pocketbooks?

Although some may complain of the hassle of not having the necessary textbooks at El Corral, we should think of the potential good that may come about.

Needs a Change

Madonna there.)

Wherever you park, though, keep away from my favorite parking space (it's the one with the pile of junk sitting in it).

Michael Churchman

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("Taxes," from Page 1)

These Conservatives, like President Reagan, basically use a "top-down" theory whereby their authority qualifies them to issue directives for all other to follow in the best interests of society as a whole. This concentrates money and power in their hands, which they dish out as they see fit.

Liberals, on the contrary, stand firm in a "bottom-up," or more democratic theory that questions authority and its abuses and holds that the best interests of society should not be dictated by the rich, but by public participation and consensus.

Strictly speaking, neither ideology is wholly realistic, because on one hand, Conservatism implies dictatorship or tyranny, which has historically been proven to lead to revolution, and a pure democracy has been proven too ineffective. Thus, the boat of society rocks....

As a result, our country has something in between a pure democracy and a dictatorship, so to

speak. Recently, it has become increasingly apparent that our ship will be facing rough seas, as the boat tips too far to the right. Reagan's regressive tax overhaul and accompanying economic policy blatantly favor the rich. It is only a matter of time before the boat rocks back, and the further it sways right, the harder it will sway back left -- that is, if it doesn't tip over all together, i.e.: a nuclear end of the world or a revolution.

It all comes down to Conservative vs. Liberal disagreements over how to run America. And the disagreements are deep-set, hot and heavy.

Liberals want to get down to practical basics, that being to take care of the people, NOW. They see Conservative Supply-Side Economics as too theoretical and hence unrealistic. It is all too obvious to them that Conservative ideas are just propaganda aimed at maintaining the status quo. Liberals would have the tax system radically altered in order to distribute wealth equally and

rid our country of poverty for good. Similar tax systems in countries such as Denmark and Sweden, where tax structure is highly progressive, have proven to be effective in maintaining and quality of life. It is pathetic the way some rich live in grotesque luxury while ignoring the poor and homeless. Jesus said, "If any man desires to be first, the same shall be last of all." Let this be a warning to those rich and corrupt.

On the other hand, it is difficult to disprove the Conservative Supply-Side hypothesis. It is true that part of the reason for our massive deficit is because of excess government spending. The Supply-Side needs to be given a chance. Conservatives fear that liberal change could cause social upheaval and weaken our nation in a time in history when terrorism and Communism pose immediate threats to our national security. Hence, it may be a matter of priorities. Our government is stable and our economy is strong, so why take a chance? Increased taxation

and government spending will increase inflation and the deficit, and hurt corporations. Corporations are the backbone of America and should not be shunned.

So WHO IS practical and realistic? WHO IS overly idealistic and wishful? This is what is so confusing - and biased, distorted rhetoric from both the Conservative and Liberal sides don't help matters.

I propose that the public rise above the monotony of their everyday lives to express their genuine concern for America's crisis of poverty and corruption. Rise and DO SOMETHING REAL. Gain the sentiment needed to force government to reconsider the entire tax structure in the eyes of Christianity. Isn't that consistent with your ideals, Ron? More progressive. More Welfare. More tax on the rich. NO tax for the poor. Do it now! There's only one Earth.

Buck O Bench

"You employ stone, wood, and concrete, and with these materials you build houses and palaces. That is construction. Ingenuity at work.

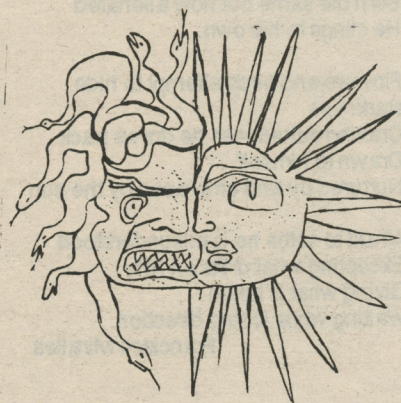
"But suddenly, you touch my heart, you do me good, I am happy and I say: 'This is beautiful.' That is architecture. Art enters in.

"My house is practical. I thank you, as I might the Railway engineers, or the Telephone service. You have not touched my heart.

"But suppose that walls rise toward heaven in such a way that I am moved. I perceive your intentions. Your mood has been gentle, brutal, charming, or noble. The stones you have erected tell me so. You fix me to the place and my eyes regard it. They behold something which expresses a thought. A thought which reveals itself without word or sound, but solely by means of shapes which stand in certain relationship to one another. These shapes are such that they are clearly revealed in light. The relationships between them have not necessarily any reference to what is practical or descriptive. They are a

mathematical creation of your mind. They are the language of Architecture. By the use of raw materials and starting from conditions more or less utilitarian, you have established certain relationships which have aroused my emotions. This is Architecture."

Le Corbusier





## WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR?

Friends are for everything  
 They are for support when we falter  
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 They are for warming when we are cold  
 They are for escaping when we dwell too much  
 They are for enduring when we need consistency  
 They are for loving when we have nowhere to turn  
 They are for living when we need experience  
 They are for everything and when we lose one  
 We lose everything.  
 I thank you all for being my friends  
 I can never forget.

Lee Benson

## DUNE

As life takes hold  
 I lay feeling his torso  
 Respecting his strength  
 Born the same but now alienated  
 He clings to his own.

Flowers and birds attempt to hide starkness  
 Craving nakedness he draws back  
 Drawn to himself  
 Nurtured by and embraced by the sun

Afraid to settle he is misunderstood  
 Excepting what drifts on him  
 Giving what is taken  
 Waiting while losing direction.

Francisco Miralles



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## SOMETIMES IN A DARKENED ROOM

Sometimes in a darkened room  
 There is a hint of sweet perfume  
 caressing me on a gentle breeze  
 a simple game, a flirting tease.

Quietly lying beside the fire  
 knowing the answer, she inquires,  
 "Do you really still love me?"  
 and she kisses tenderly.

So, I tell her from within my heart,  
 of how she plays a vital part  
 of keeping me whole and sane and alive  
 and how without her I would die  
 Then she smiles and closes her eyes,  
 and once again I realize  
 that she knows I will always care  
 and reassured she keeps me there.

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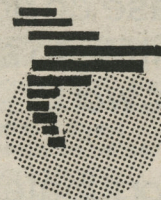
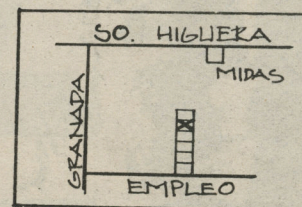
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