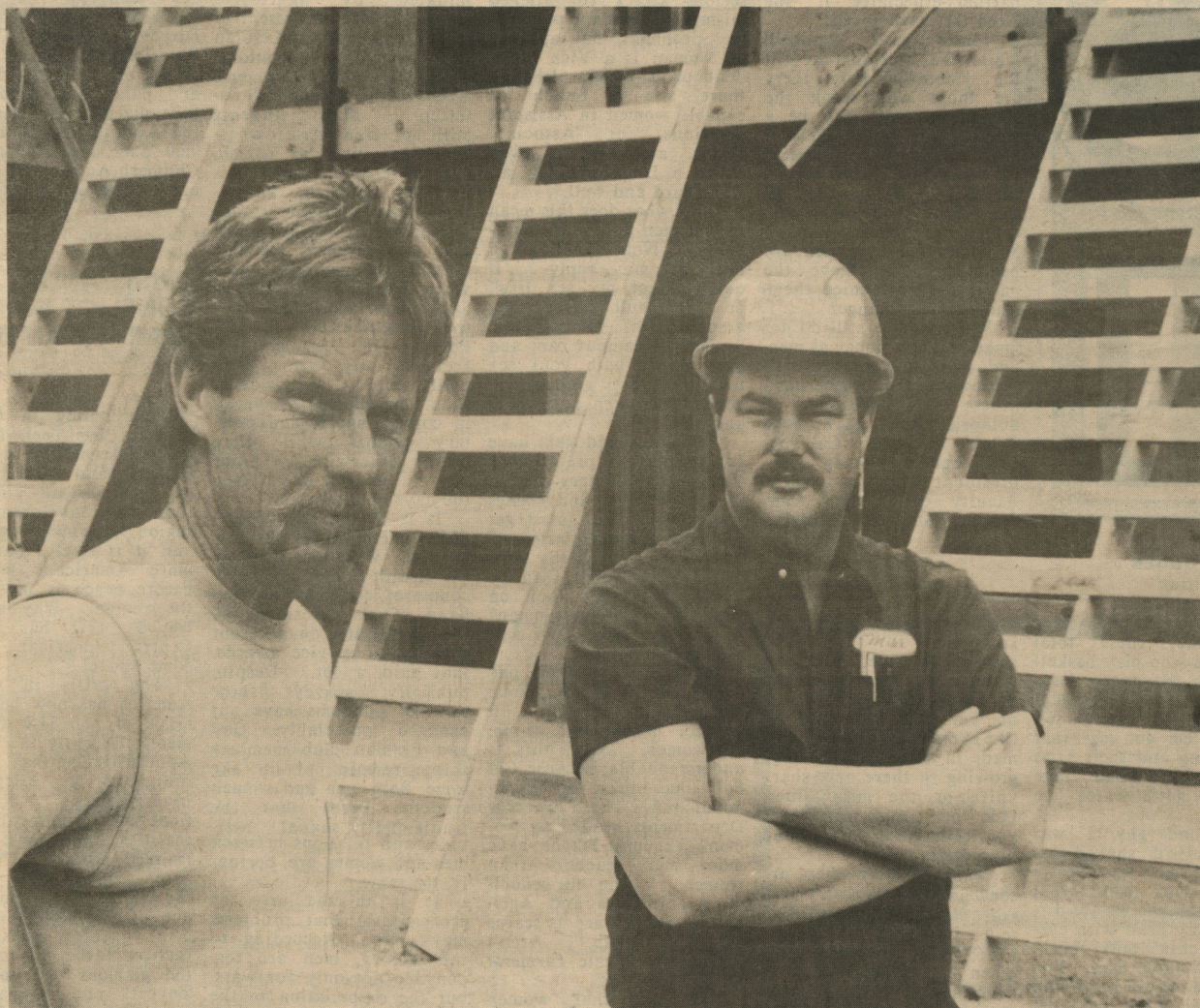


Number 17
May 1987

ALTERNATIVE



FIRST WORDS
Linda Black

Photo by Rick Elstner

The Alternative is an amazing phenomenon; it's magic. There's really nothing here but the idea that the free exchange of opinions is important; that the people have something worth telling to each other.

You send in the poetry, stories, Bomb Shelter Disks or whatever, we sell ads and type the stuff and arrange it on big sheets of paper and give them and great wads of money to a

printer, and there you have it. You're famous. Pretty amazing, isn't it?

You might be wondering why we do this. I certainly wonder, especially about 4:00 a.m., with a midterm coming up the next day on something I haven't read.

Well, because it's fun. I love ideas that catch me by surprise. It gives me a sense of security; evidence that there is intelligent life on this

planet.

One of my overall objectives is to contribute to building a world that works, for everyone in it. I see a free exchange of ideas as a means toward that end, so I support The Alternative.

The Alternative is a public forum for the exchange of ideas. As such, agreement is unnecessary. It's not even desirable. We will proceed without it. Or perhaps, to achieve

a higher objective, we can learn to live with and love people we don't agree with. Sort of agreeing to disagree.

But really, there's nothing here at all. It's just little black dots on beige (or yellow) paper. I mean, the truth is, we're all creating this out of nothing. So, what would you like to create? What do you want it to be? Write and tell me.

Together, let's go ahead and build something.

THE FEMINIZATION OF
CAL POLY
by Dr. E. Mary Tuss

Cal Poly started out as a trade school where young men were trained how to shoe horses, milk cows, and maybe read and write. During World War II when most guys were off at war, women began to show up. But, for a long time men outnumbered women and Poly became a place for a woman to look for a potential partner—especially if she liked the cowboy type.

Times have changed! While the Mustang is still the symbol of Poly, there are those who think the symbol of Poly may be a gelding, or, more likely a filly. Under the impetus of the Feminist Movement, the Sexual Revolution of the Sixties, and more recent decisions of the Supreme Court, women are beginning to achieve the parity so long denied them. Change? No change?

While women still do not make as much money as men, and while women are still denied by the brotherhood access to positions of authority, they have made notable advances. Cal Poly even had a woman vice-president for a while. Faculty called her Aunt Jemima. She was considered

to be a token, and while she tried hard, she left. Since then, the Administration has been run by the male Mafia, according to feminist militants.

Nevertheless, women have slowly and surely come into their own. The Chancellor to the California State College and University system is a woman, now under serious attack for alleged mismanagement and personality problems, but at Poly no woman is a Vice President or a Dean, although there are a bunch of capable women in Assistant positions, or Associate Deans, and one is even called a Director! They all work hard and well.

Now what does this mean to you men and women students? Not a hell of a lot, you may reply. "It don't affect my sex life!" or, "It can't affect my grades!" Oh? Guess again. Sexism on campus can, and may affect both your sex life and your grades. It depends on when, and where and how!

You guys and gals have got to play it pretty cool. You have to be very careful of the courses and classes you choose. You must get to know the orientation of your teachers, both male and female. Will they be fair? Will they look on you as a man or as a woman? A joke or a jerk? Or will they give a damn?

In a recent survey, one department hired four teachers, all women. In another department, three, all women. Now, this is understandable, because Cal Poly has been so male-dominated. There are now Departments headed by women. Yet most schools have more men teachers than women. In the big schools of Architecture and Agriculture women are as scarce as hens' teeth. Aren't there any female farmers? Or builders?

It's not that women can't design buildings or till the soil, or deal with animals. It's just that few women speak for the "trade school" tradition of Cal Poly. Most of the action comes from the liberal arts area, which is looked upon by male-dominated schools as rather effete, and as a "johnny come lately" phenomenon at Cow Poly.

Meantime, like it or not, women teachers on campus will play an increasingly important role in your lives as students and you had better get on the

ball. For men, especially, they are not your mother or sister role models, much less marital material. For women, they are not surrogate moms or sisters, even though they may give the 'sisters' better grades.

The issue of reverse sexism leaves students in a quandary. Some men are confused. Some seem intimidated by aggressive women. Some are resentful of the emphasis on Lesbian literature. Most couldn't care less about Women's Week, or the Women's Newsletter. Male students still act like males—whatever that may be: oafish, aggressive, dominant, domineering, churlish, unfeeling, unconcerned, non-nurturing... Most feel that some women teachers discriminate against them when handing out grades. Still, most men feel that the feminization of Cal Poly is OK, because they feel it's only fair. They really believe that women should be allowed to engage in contact sports and military combat, while they prefer otherwise. Things haven't changed much since the days of Lysistrata!

It is in the sex department where things get sorted out. When the Head of the Health Center pressed a couple of condoms into the hand of the President of the University, on a recent occasion of service awards, that said a lot. Despite publicity, surveys show sales of condoms have not changed appreciably. Gay and Lesbian club memberships remain about the same. Both men and women students agree that the traditional sexual attitudes and relations between men and women are, boringly, the same.

It is in the area of ecofeminism that problems may arise. According to this theory, men are responsible not only for wars, but the despoliation of the planet. Consequently it is up to women to clean up the messes made by men. Women, by nature, are best equipped to change diapers, blow noses, wipe faces, and inculcate civilized behavior and, as such, are the best teachers. Civilization lies in the nurturing hands of women, the "fair" sex!

What if the feminization of Cal Poly, and higher education, means the return to Momism, can that be all bad? Golly, everyone has a Mom! It's not often one has a choice of Moms.

LATIN AMERICA
SYMPOSIUM

May 8th and 9th, the Third Annual Latin American Symposium will present a discussion of the problems facing the U.S. and Latin America. Included will be speeches by Marta Baldano, spokesperson for the Pro-Contra Nicaraguan Human Rights Association; Mark Fried, Research Associate for the North American Congress on Latin America; Lynton Joaquin, Director of the Central American Refugee Center, among others. The speeches and panel discussions will take place Friday night in the Architecture Gallery at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday in Chumash Auditorium at 9:30 a.m. Admission is free.

CRISIS AND
CONFLICT IN
CENTRAL AMERICA
Alan Moore

The crisis of U.S. foreign policy in Central America has been brought home recently by the shocking and violent deaths of two Americans. The war that is enveloping the region is escalating daily and it is likely that many more Americans will die before peace is brought to the region. Why has the tragedy that has become Central American reality come about?

The crisis in Central America has now become a crisis of the U.S. Government. Recently the Reagan Administration has become inundated by allegations, investigations, resignations and indictments. The realities that have materialized from the "Contra-gate" scandal have proven the problem to be more than one of 'management style'. The problem has been realized to be one in which the glamour of running a 'covert' and illegal war corrupted the U.S. Government to seemingly that highest level.

The result of the U.S. foreign policy under Ronald Reagan's presidency has been an ever-deepening war that has enveloped not only Central America, but the whole Western Hemisphere. Nicaraguans and Salvadoreans die by the thousands. With the murder of Benjamin Linder by the Contras in Nicaragua and the death of Staff Sgt. Gary Fronius in El Salvador the war has been brought home to America.

these dudes
Seth Beltran

Oh man there's these dudes man, these total black guys who play basketball up in the gym. Jesus they're great. Pure total black skinny leg dudes. Some of 'em got legs that are too long and their arms too. But god man these guys, you gotta watch 'em play!

This one guy I was watching...He'd shaved his head and he was really black, we look so different you know maybe we are different. Bony head with eyebrows stickin' out, cheekbones, and these eyes. You know I was hopin his would never catch mine lookin at his. He was wearing sweat pants and no shirt and he had these arms. Gangly. Thats it. And this back that made a V. He wasn't skinny but his stuff was just laid on there in chords and then they sucked the air out from between his skin and his muscle stuff. He looked like some wild animal you know I swear he was beautiful and alien. Totally. He's running down the court guarding a guy and the dribbler changes direction. So the first guy plants a foot, dips his other knee

to the ground, touches his fingertips to the floor, spins you see, and all about a thousand miles and hour and the dribbler does not get away man and it's like Yosemite Valley being made in a second or a baby growing in there or a sharp knife or the most bluest blue you've ever seen where you open your mouth and blue comes out.

Man you know there are some people who can't ever feel like how it must feel to be the super blue or the pure light like that guy. When he's doing that there can't be any thought going on. It must be like seeing "The Dude" or hell man it's being "The Dude." Where life is just experience and not judgment.

There's another full court game going on next door. There's some chinese guys and some chubby guys and there bumping into each other and one guy even looks green. They're hopin around like rubber eggs. There are no black guys in this game.

And didn't Larry Bird say that it wasn't Michael Jordan playin, but God, "The Dude" himself, impersonating Michael Jordan?

BOMB SHELTER DISCS

Andrew Darrow

The Alternative is nearly a year old, and it is time to review the past. The following is a list of the twenty suicide discs included in our reader's bomb shelter discs lists during the past year. As you remember, a suicide disc is that album that you could do without.

The First Annual Anthology of Suicide Discs

1. "Sports" (1983)-Huey Lewis and the News
2. "H20" (1982)-Hall & Oates
3. Anything by Van Halen
4. "Thriller" (1983)-Michael Jackson
5. Anything by New Edition
6. "Suddenly" (1985)-Billy Ocean
7. "Like a Virgin" (1984)-Madonna
8. Patti LaBelle singing "We are the World"
9. All 12" dance singles
10. Anything by Wham, Duran Duran, Ratt, Motley Crue, Twisted Sister or Frankie goes to Hollywood
11. Anything by Stryper
12. Anything by Madonna
13. Any attempt by Prince to be musical
14. Anything by Chicago after 1974, and Queen's "Another One Bites the Dust"
15. "Walking on Sunshine" (1985)-Katrina and the Waves
16. Anything by the Village People
17. Anything by the Beach Boys
18. Turn on SLY 96 and take your pick
19. Anything played on KCPR (regular format)
20. "You Light up My Life" (1977)-Debbie Boone

LAST WORDS: Okay all of you cats out there who want to know about the suicide disc in the making: Peter Gabriel is producing Donny Osmond's new "comeback" album. I'll see you at Boo Boo's for the grand release.

GAMING ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES WEEKLY GAME NIGHT

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly's Simulation and Adventure Gaming Association (SAGA) will host "Friday Night Game Night," every Friday at 6:30 p.m. from now through June 5 in the Julian A. McPhee University Union.

Game Nights will feature board games, group games, war games and lessons.

Each night will showcase a different game which will be explained, taught and played. Other games will be available, however, and participants are invited to bring their own favorite games as well.

Many of the games, particularly the war games, re-enact historic battles using information available on such factors as the weather, troop strength, and terrain and munitions. These games might include the beginning of civilization, the Battle of Waterloo, the invasion of Normandy or the Russian campaign of World War II.

Fantasy game situations such as commanding Star Trek's Enterprise, often allow the initiating players to set the scenario.

Following is a schedule of the weekly Game Night

highlights.

--May 1--Risk: Conquer the world in a single night.

--May 8-- Talisman: Enter a quest to become the new emperor.

--May 15-- Star Fleet: Captain the Enterprise or other starships in ship-to-ship combat.

--May 22-- Civilization: Be the guiding force behind the ancient civilizations of Rome, Egypt and the Mediterranean.

--May 29-- Car Wars: The ultimate in demolition derbies.

--June 5-- Monopoly: The classic game of real estate investment.

Game Nights, which are free and open to the public, are sponsored by SAGA, a program of Cal Poly's Associated Students Inc. Anyone attending should check at the University Union Information Desk each week for specific room numbers.

BOMB SHELTER DISC LIST

John A. Kohlsaat

To quote Rod Serling:

Submitted for your approval, a list of 10 special albums to take into...

The Bomb Shelter Zone.

1. The Who - "Who's Next"
2. The Doobies Bros. - "The Best of the Doobies"
3. The Beatles - "Abbey Road"
4. Yes - "The Yes Album"
5. Genesis - "The Lamb Lies Down on Broadway"
6. Bob Marley - "Legend"
7. Dire Straits - "Making Movies"
8. Bad Company - "Straight Shooter"
9. Carole King - "Tapestry"
10. Spyro Gyra - "Catching the Sun"

Suicidal Disc: Saturday Night Fever.

APARTHEID

"The Ideological and Spiritual Roots of Apartheid" is an ASI Speaker's Forum presentation scheduled for Thursday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Student Admission is \$2.00. The speaker is philosopher and theologian Andre Lombaard, visiting Distinguished Lecturer from the Republic of South Africa.

Mr. Lombaard first will examine the concept of ideology as an entity in itself, and then he will survey the power and influence of current ideologies on social life, politics, economy and theology on Southern Africa today. The significance of Nazi-type thought patterns on the development of Apartheid will be highlighted.

Mr. Lombaard has given his life promoting justice and reconciliation in his homeland of South Africa. A Cum Laude graduate of the University of Stellenbosch, he has worked with the Black Reformed Church as well as many ecumenical projects.

PERSONALS

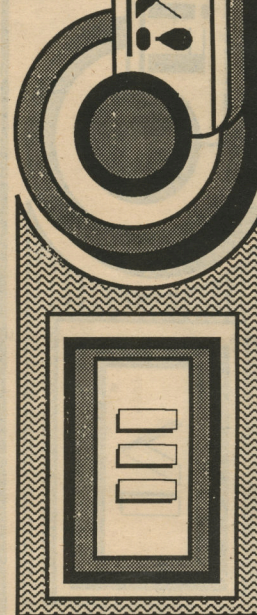
1. Are you an intelligent, cultured, adventurous, and enthusiastic single female?
2. Do you enjoy music, theater, movies, travel, and dining out?
3. Do you have your own Visa card?
4. Do you believe in mercy sex?

Then write something outrageous to:

Akamai Elstner
1533 El Tigre Ct. #G
SLO, Ca. 93401

Number 17
May 1987

Relax?



Mustang Florist

Full Service Florist



(805) 541-2811



775C FOOTHILL BLVD.
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93401

BREAKFAST • LUNCH • EVENINGS
Linnaea's
CAFE

A European style coffee house
1110 Garden St., Phone: 541-5888

May 9: Reception for artist
Quesada 2 pm - 5 pm

May 14: Deep Ecology
Medicine Show \$5 donation
7:30pm and 9:30 pm

May 15: Side Saddle, Blue
Grass \$5 donation, 7pm
and 9:15 (tickets available
at Blue Note)

May 15: Linda Borden,
Country

May 17: Poetry reading

Finis...

Number 17
May 1987



THE DARK ROOM

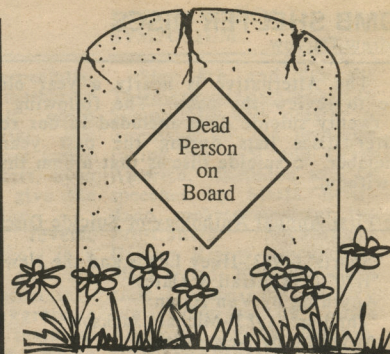
Next Door To The Fremont Theater
1037 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo
Minors Welcome Until 8 P.M.

Great Music
Great Hamburgers
Bud and Coors Pitchers
\$2.50 during Happy Hour



Performing at the Darkroom

May 6 : Secret Service
May 7 : Hooligan
May 8 : 9pm: Dynamo Rye,
11pm: Uiv Acauldin (From Detroit)
May 9 : Social Club and Yellow Pages
May 12 : Things
May 13: Impulse
May 14 : Twinkie Defense
May 15 : Fryer Duck
May 16 : Sting Ray and Downsiders



Disclaimer:

The Alternative is an independent student publication. It, its advertisers and Cal Poly do not necessarily endorse any of the views contained herein. Letters and articles are the opinion of those who write them.

For the benefit of those who are in search of the perfect photograph, please include any technical information (camera, lens, f-stop, etc.) when submitting your work.

Poetry, short stories (less than 600 words), or other art work are also welcome.

Please submit all articles, opinions, work, etc., by 12:00 midnight the Friday before the issue in which you would like the work published.

COMMUNICATIONS

PROFESSIONAL TYPING SERVICE

LINDA BLACK
(805) 541-3883

2747 Chandler, San Luis Obispo, California 93401



Get into it!

Submit your work to the Alternative
Letters, Articles, Poems, Artwork,
Photography

Drop your work into the Alternative Box in room
203 of the Architecture building or send it to...

THE ALTERNATIVE

2747 CHANDLER, SAN LUIS OBISPO CA 93401

Alternative T-Shirts available now!!

Featuring the ALTERNATIVE logo

\$6 Yellow \$8 Tie Dyed

Send check and this order form to:
THE ALTERNATIVE

2747 CHANDLER, SAN LUIS OBISPO CA 93401

Name _____
Phone _____
Size, Color, and Quantity _____



A Crisis Pregnancy Center

• 24 Hour Hotline 461-3405 / 543-6000

• FREE PREGNANCY TESTS

• Audio Visual Presentations On Pregnancy, Abortion and Alternatives, Fetal Development • Open Independent Adoption • Sheltering Homes • Ongoing Counseling And Friendship • Assistance With Medical And Legal Needs • Post Abortion Counseling

461-3405 or 543-6000