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Radical Orientation Program For UCSC

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"Orientation Week for new students at UCSC is usually a fairly tame series of tours, introductions, meetings and receptions. This year, however, students are finding a different less conventional welcome awaiting them in the form of "Counter-Orientation."

Sponsored by the Community Union, a broadly-based organization in Santa Cruz, the Counter-Orientation is based on an

18-page mimeographed publication and a two-week program of films, speakers and workshops ranging from "The Political Economy of Ecology" to Women's Liberation.

The tone of the Counter-Orientation, and specifically its illustrated pamphlet, is highly political and almost spartan in its demand for "social practice, not some kind of guilt trip." The introduction calls UCSC "the center of student apathy, drug use, liberalism, alienation, and co-

optation . . . where sex, studying, talking and mescaline go hand-in-hand."

"Your real education will come from your friends," the Counter-Orientation states. "It is through discussions late at night that you will learn about Vietnam and why we are there, about capitalism and why it cannot adequately feed and clothe all the people." The need for an alternative to the university's orientation is present because "there is a need for uniting students for progressive action

among the people in the community."

Students are offered a kind of radical Fodor's for Santa Cruz along with the politics. There is a brief run-down of places to eat, shop and find entertainment, some local personalities and local politics. An article on the controversial hitch-hiking ordinance points to "a desperate need for all oppressed groups in this area—the street freaks, the elderly, the poor, the Third World—to unite."

Activities scheduled for the

upcoming week as part of Counter-Orientation, which are free and open to the public, include GI's from Fort Ord Tuesday at 8 p.m. (Stevenson College)

The Community Union, whose facilities were used to print and distribute the Counter-Orientation materials, describes itself as "a united front of independent radicals and revolutionaries, including the National Welfare Rights Organization, Women's Liberation, the Revolutionary Union and the Black and Brown Coop."