

'Society is frozen'

--R. Jones

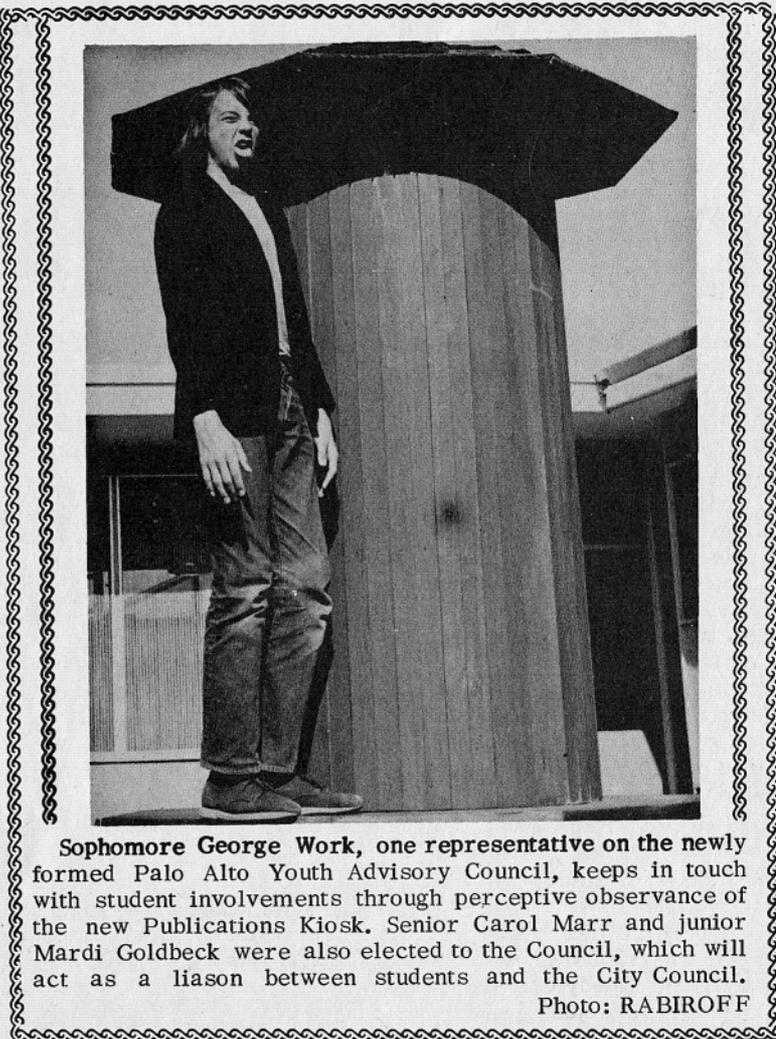
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towards the Panthers; the business community has been violent for 300 years.

"Violence is one means of communication, a very justifiable means, but I can't operate in that way yet; maybe tomorrow I will." He sounded an ominous note when he said, "Every spirit that's free will be there (violence)." Later on, he said that he simply did not have the strength to be non-violent, and that as the nation moved towards fascism, he moved towards revolution. "We're not gods, so that we're not on the level of non-violence."

He made it clear that his dismissal from Cubberley did not cause him to change suddenly or radically, like stepping into a cold shower, but rather was one event in a flow of change which had begun many years before. "I've been a constant witness to frustration and this thing was just one more frustration. It helped me realize that society won't change. I lost faith in society. My dismissal came as a great shock because community - student support was really there. The fact that I was dismissed allowed me to focus on who really makes decisions in the community."

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Sophomore George Work, one representative on the newly formed Palo Alto Youth Advisory Council, keeps in touch with student involvements through perceptive observance of the new Publications Kiosk. Senior Carol Marr and junior Mardi Goldbeck were also elected to the Council, which will act as a liason between students and the City Council.

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spacious office of Multimedia Experimental Services, where Jones works. Four or five cute little secretaries went about their work while a guy dressed in flashy duds (he's the "dough behind the operation") stood around and drank coffee.

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you come down on me, I'll fight you. ...Man has to fight for his survival and his freedom. ...I won't go out and destroy the earth to change society, but I will die for a brother taken away or my own self-defense."

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FHS offers new educational form

The newly formed Free High School, in Palo Alto, is determined to create an educational form where students will be able to grow in search for the truth.

"The Creative Spirit must live", the school insists. Learning experiences will be centered upon the individual and collective needs of participants and society, respectively. The school hopes to establish an atmosphere of equality, so that real education can begin with a sharing of experiences and ideas. The Free High School is supplementing the public high school education with courses that will help students to sense and understand our society. The goal of the courses is to be responsive to the needs and wishes of the students.

The primary purpose of this experiment in free education is to help people learn to see and therefore begin to act and change the conditions of peoples' lives. Classes meet once a week in the evening or late afternoon as long as interest continues. Relevant subjects will be discussed together to

share experiences and resources.

The Free High School was conceived by people from Palo Alto Resistance and the Institute for the Study of Nonviolence. High school participants are urged to share the responsibility for its continuation and growth. They also encourage students to organize classes.

The courses in the Free High School, which began the week of January 26, include the following titles: Seeing It The Way It Is offers a chance to experience various aspects of our society, with the emphasis on doing rather than reading or talking; Why The Tracking System's goal is to discuss the power of the tracking system in the schools; Theory of Revolution is a study of Marx's, Lenin's, and Mao's theories; and the Politics of Protest centers on different aspects of protest. Other classes taught are: Revolutionary Nonviolence, Radical Press, U.S. Foreign Policy, the Politics of Ecology, Women's Liberation, Using Psychology to Criticize Society, Instant Drama, and German--Brecht.



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Jones' major theme lay in the much-used phrase, Power to the People. "This quote has a great deal of meaning for me, because only with the power in the hands of the people will there be social betterment." He felt that if people were given the chance to make decisions, the conditions would improve.

Of all the terms he mentioned, perhaps "freedom" and "self-survival" were used most often. Self-survival seemed to be used synonymously with freedom. He commented, "I don't give a damn where you are as long as I can survive, but as soon as

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Whether or not he had a large following seemed unimportant to him, as long as he survived. He said he did not feel comfortable leading men, but stressed that salvation lay in the individual. "I am not your goddamned savior! You are your own savior."

All this was said with a strong, confident, inner conviction that what he was doing and saying was right. Underneath it all was a basic lack of faith in people's social conscience. "I am basically optimistic, but when I look deeply at people I don't find the concern and will to action they say they have."

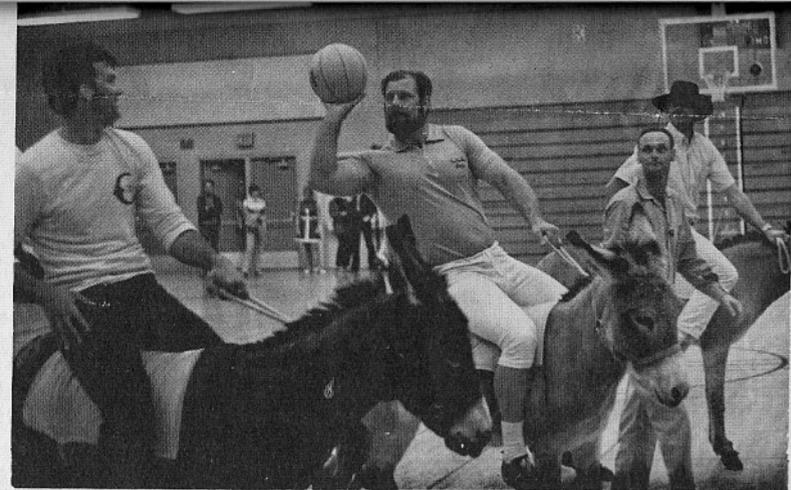


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ASSketballers contend

By DOUG PETERSON

In a miniature rodeo held at the local corral last Thursday, the "rip-snortin'" Cubberley faculty all but horsewhipped a local posse of senior dudes, 36-28 in the annual Donkey Basketball game. Led by such notables as "Buckless" Bob Peters, "Hang-on" Harlan Harkness, and "Wahoo" Win Roberson, the old-timers, despite absorbing numerous pratfalls on the hardwood floor, came forth with a hearty, "Hiyo Silver, and away," in dazzling the opposing saddletramps to a standstill.

The contest started interestingly enough with the riders going one way, the donkeys

another, and the ball a third. However, the reluctant horsemen finally got the hang of it, literally, and after two quarters of play, the youngsters enjoyed an 18-16 lead. At that point, in the interest of public safety, the beasts were led outside for a breath of fresh air and a bulging opportunity to answer the call of the wild.

After their glorious return from the greenpastures, (baseballers, beware) the donkeys were once again called upon to provide the action. Throughout the third quarter, the young bucks managed to maintain their slim one bucket margin.

But the final stanza saw a change in scenery as the old polks, utilizing an unstoppable combination of "Rough-riding" Rich and "Hang-on Harkness," rode off into the sunset with an eight point victory.

So once again this age old tradition has come and gone, soon to be forgotten, except by those oldsters who are now and will be for the next few weeks, planning stand-up lectures for their various classes to take their minds off a certain sore subject of which they have only to sit down to be reminded,

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