for years with no trouble from Paly students), the Council voted to file a protest with the ABC.

We were next, and George Morgan, the City Manager, objected because of trouble in that part of town (meaning mainly the Poppycock and vaguely the old Tangent). They tried to vote again without debate, but we saw what was happening, so our lawyer shouted for permission to be heard. They granted it, and he valiantly defended us, pointing out our non-profit nature, our purpose of giving young people an alternative place to visit instead of hanging out on the street, our non-connection with the prior owner, the limited hours proposed for beer sale, and the limited area of the building in which it would be served.

Cully took the mike next, and stated flatly that he expected the Council to disapprove and saw that they had no choice. He asked that they tell us what we would have to do during the next six months so that at the end of that time we would be allowed a license.

Mark went to speak, and explained his newness in the restaurant business and what he hoped to accomplish. He repeated Cully's request for advice on how to obtain a license at a later date.

The Council debated a while, deriding constantly conditions at "that end of town". Then Grant Spaeth shocked the room by bursting out in anger at those who would stop a man (Mark) from selling beer in his business (the Full Circle), when there are fifteen beer licenses within a block-and-a-half, and most of the Councilmen liked to drink beer themselves. He said there was nothing known about Mark to warrant an objection, and that protesting on the basis of one opinion (George Morgan's) was unfair. He suggested that if this license is protested, the other fifteen should be revolked.

Lisa asked me if I was going to talk. I told her I had nothing to say, while I absentmindedly snapped pictures, wondering whether any were in focus and whether I was holding the thing steady. "Can I talk to the microphone?", she asked. "What would you say?" "I don't know." I thought a few seconds. "Why not tell them if the Full Circle serves beer whether you as a kid would drink any. Would you?" "Ecch!", she replied.

We lost, as expected, though we got about two votes. In the midst of a very long discussion about serving hard liquor at <u>The Shutter</u> (on the "other" end of University -- the 400 block instead of the 100 block), we went out to get Lisa some water, and never returned.

## Larry Tesler

# Free University Will Move To Full Circle

The Midpeninsula Free university voted at its February 19 General Meeting to move its entire operations from Menlo Park to the Full Circle Community Center, 117 University Avenue, Palo Alto, by May 1, after the full Circle community meeting voted by a narrow margin to accept the move. The Free U will occupy a second—floor office, with rent, access and other details to be worked out during the coming months. The building itself will continue to be controlled directly by the Full Circle Cooperative, and all parties have expressed a strong interest in avoiding the facilities' becoming "exclusive" Free University property to the exclusion of other groups. The Free University contribu-

ted \$1500 to the initial Full Circle fund in January, and while this wasn't contingent on the Free University's being allowed to move to Full Circle, the Free U was granted right of first refusal on any office space the Cooperative might decide to rent.

#### Small investors Needed To Enable Opening

Full Circle's interim board of directors, reelected to a second 2-week term on February 15, has issued an urgent appeal for short-term investors willing to contribute \$10 or more before the building opens; manager Mark Jensen has warned that unless \$4000 is raised in these amounts within the next two weeks, the building won't open and the lease may be terminated, because there will be no funds to stock the restaurant. Rent alone is costing \$35 daily, and the cooperative can't afford to hang onto the building if it's not bringing in money. Jensen has warned that the community can't take the threat of closing lightly: if we don't get the \$4000, it'll happen.

#### Free U Move Debated

The February 15 Full Circle community meeting hotly debated the Free University's proposed move and finally gave its approval by a narrow 20-18 vote. Interim board member Bruce Pollack argued that the Free University's complete move would alienate other groups, such as Stanford political activists, by giving Full Circle the appearance of being "not a community center, but a Free University place." Pollack continued, "The Free U has been pregnant for a long while, and it's finally had this baby (The Full Circle). Now it doesn't know how to relate to it, it's trying to protect it from other movement groups." Board member Debbie Strahm added, "A lot of high school kids who should be here won't be allowed by their parents to be here if the Free U headquarters are here."

Lee Herzenberg responded to the objections by pointing out that the Free University-run community message center to be installed in the building would be an active force encouraging other groups to use the building, that this service would make other groups feel that Full Circle is "their place." Chuck Noble added that Full Circle's structure allowed for it to be run democratically by whoever comes there, and that it's "paranoia" to assume that the Free University's presence will prevent others from aggressively asserting their rights.

At the Free University General Meeting, debate centered around whether the Free University would be sacrificing vital activities by moving, and whether it could stand the risk of moving into a building with a short-term lease with no renewal option. The large majority of members present felt the losses would be minimal in light of the advantages of moving closer to Stanford and to the center of activities of other groups, and Jay Saunders, Free University member and owner of the Menlo Park building, hastened the decision by giving 3 month's notice of eviction so he could begin considering the future use of the building. Saunders noted that he had bought the building a year and a half ago with the understanding that the Free University would then take appropriate steps to raise funds to buy it from him, but that this idea had lapsed long before the Full Circle move had come under discussion.

#### **Renovation Continues**

The opening date was moved from March 1 to March 15 because of delays in renovation caused in part by the lack of licensed plumbing and electrical experts. Contractor Phil Williams has issued continuing appeals for licensed people from within the community, and at the February 25 interim board meeting warned that



### Full Circle Cleanup Crew

THE EQUIPMENT NEEDED BOARD READ, "WE URGENTLY NEED CLEANING SUPPLIES, A STEPLADDER AND SOME GOOD MOP HEADS" AND THE GRAFFITI REPLIED, "WHO AROUND HERE SMOKES A LOT OF MOP?"

there was an "immediate" need to hire outside experts if volunteers couldn't be found. This move could cost Full Circle up to an additional \$1200, deepening the possible financial crisis.

Immediate attention is being given to rebuilding food service facilities and adding a rear exit to increase the restaurant's seating capacity. Secondary work will be devoted to redecorating the rest of the downstairs area, and Free University member Nick Peyton has been appointed Evening Manager and entertainment director with the responsiblity of supervising the renovation of stage facilities. Peyton noted at a board meeting that his immediate booking plans exclude amplified music.

Other plans include:

-the renovation of the downstairs shoeshine parlor into a delicatessen. Robb Crist's proposed "crisis center" was felt to be too large a conflict with other Full Circle operations and services. Crist had asked for a one-month trial period to test the operation.

-a \$300 gross-per-month limit on salaries, with special cases needing more to be considered by the cooperative's governing board.

-a menu ranging from hot and cold sandwiches (proposed prices 65-85¢) to full meals, including a wide variety of coffees, a do-it-yourself dial-a-pizza system, apoor people's plate and a Northern California Yogi Bowl. Restaurant consultant Vern Gates feels that commercial pizzas, in particular, are badly overpriced, and adds that "there are five

or six pizza places around here that I'd like to see us drive out of business." Several board members have argued that the proposed prices, which Gates considers "reasonable, lower than usual but not rock-bottom" will still preclude some low-income patronage, and proposed solutions range from serving low-priced leftovers to giving food away to people obviously unable to pay for it.

-an effort by Jensen to have the city list in advance its criteria for approving a beer license. Jensen withdrew his current application on the heels of a 7-2 Palo Alto city council advisory vote against the license (see accompanying article by Larry Tesler).

## Fred Nelson

## **GUIDE TO AMERICAN LEFT**

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