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The rain pushes against my windows at night;
It falls upon me at day
Wherever it falls the dampness clings.

The sun strikes,
Wrinkling the land,
Leaving it beautifully dead.

--Ed Cotton



THE WHETHER REPORT

What the Staff has been Doing This Winter

--Tony Graham-White reports that he's working, and also taking courses at Stanford--three in literature, and one quite exciting one in acting. Surprisingly, he was asked to direct a play for the Modern Language Department in German. Only thing is-- he doesn't speak German!

--Paul Goldstein is researching into the foundation of mathematics right now. In January he will be at Stanford as a teaching assistant in calculus. Paul spent a very interesting Thanksgiving--cooking an entire lamb on his front lawn.

--Kathy Brown

--Tom Grissom is now a full time graduate student at Stanford. He is also a teaching assistant in the school of education, and has full charge of the tutoring program.

He says he has moved to East Palo Alto because he likes cheap houses (or was that low priced houses?).

If you ever need a job on Saturday, call Tom. Submit your complaints, questions, or problems (especially about tutors) to Tom.

This issue will have no interview of dear old Penny, as she was dognapped on the Stanford campus, on Sept. 27, her second birthday.

--Dana Stevenson

--Perhaps some of you didn't know it but, Dr. Allen, known to most of us as Bernie, went tromping about the western half of Europe during the latter part of the summer. She spent a week in England traveling from north to south, and found the British Museum to be the most interestin part of her stay there. She also spent a month in the Netherlands. The thing that amazed her most about the country was its extreme cleanliness.

Today, Bernie spends most of her time attending an anthropology class on the traditional Chinese society, working part time in the counseling office at Stanford, and preparing to teach a class on the civil rights movement. She has also been meeting with the Upward Bound mothers to discuss some of the plans for next summer's program.

-- Leon Fair

--Dr. Ryan says that over the winter he will be teaching at Stanford, and also planning ahead for next summer's Upward Bound. He will be planning just where we will stay and the subjects we will have. He plans on having some of the old Upwrd Bounders and some new Bounders. He will as well be working with a committee which is studying English in the schools. He hopes we will have a bigger and better Upward Bound next year.

--Brenda Williams

The Difference Between

Gunn and Ravenswood

To me Gunn is better than Ravenswood because there's not a lot of Negroes there. Yes, I think this is Ravenswood's main problem. Why? Simply because there are some kids over at Ravenswood who are loud-mouthed, who don't want to learn and who are just attending school because they have to. No, I'm not saying that Gunn is perfect and doesn't have its ups and downs, but there aren't any loud-mouth Negroes there. They're over there to learn and to get a good education, because they know how important it is to have an education. They're not there to show off their fancy clothes or to see who can yell the loudest.

If you were to take one loud-mouth from Ravenswood and send him or her over to Gunn I don't think they would act the same way. Why? Because they would look like a fool acting loud over there. They wouldn't be able to make friends easily. And sooner or later they would stop, unless they didn't mind being by themselves.

Another reason why I think Gunn is better than Ravenswood is because they have a broader range of subjects to choose from. It doesn't matter what grade you are in. You are put in subjects according to your ability. For instance, English classes. There are different levels and you can get put into any, regardless of what grade you're in. If you think you're doing good in an English class, and so does your teacher, she may recommend you to your counselor and he or she will put you up to a different level. You can go up to level five. As far as History is concerned there is a broader range of classes you can go in. At Ravenswood there are only four that I know of and you're placed in a class according to your grade; whereas at Gunn you're placed in a class according to your ability.

In my Government class we do things that keep the class interested, not reading some dull book. Right now we're doing something that is concerned with the future. We're trying to find out what Palo Alto might be like in 1990. We are going to different places, on our own, in Palo Alto and asking the people what they think it's going to be like in 1990. This to me is very interesting.

In Physical Education we get to pick what activity we want to participate in. This is because then we will be happy in what we are doing and can't complain to our teacher because this is what we picked.

If the teachers at Gunn feel that you need help in anything, they're willing to help you in anyway possible. I'm not saying they don't do this at Ravenswood because I've known a student to go up and ask a teacher. It seems to me that some of the teachers at Ravenswood don't really care what happens to the student. But you can find some really nice teachers at Ravenswood if you are lucky. At Gunn before they go on to something different they make sure that each and every student understands their work. To me the majority of the kids at Ravenswood aren't really ready to settle down and learn. Another problem with Ravenswood is that you can go to school pregnant for four months, I believe, at Gunn as soon as they find out you are kicked out, which is the way it should be; I think because the pregnant girls set a bad example for the others.

The lunches are better and you have a wider variety to choose from. Therefore most of the people don't go off campus, but you can if you want to. They have plate lunches for 45¢ that consist of some kind of hot plate, desert, and milk. If you don't like this you can always get Hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries or cold sandwiches. There's two different kinds of drinks to choose from or hot chocolate or milk shakes. Then there are the vending machines with drinks, fruits, and candy.

Now let's talk about tests. One day during a test in my Government class our teacher walked out of the class and told us that if we wanted help he would be outside. No one cheated. I was shocked. I told the girl next to me that if this was at Ravenswood I think that the people would have cheated. In Algebra the answers are in our books, we have to show our work and check our own answers or ask a friend to show us how to do it and make sure that we understand. Because if we just copy the answers from the book or copied from a friend, how would this help us when it came time for a test? Or take our English teacher, she doesn't believe in giving tests so instead we write essays, when we have finished a book. We don't copy from English books either, we read different paperbacks. We don't write Book Reports either.

Let's take my French class for another example. When I got to Gunn I was all set to go into French II but after about a week or so I didn't understand a word the teacher was saying so I had to repeat French I and came to find out that the teacher at Ravenswood didn't teach us anything like the teacher is teaching us here. Is this because I'm around a new environment? Knowing that this could be true I think some of the teaching at Gunn is better.

If I were paid to go back to Ravenswood I wouldn't go. I like it much better over at Gunn. There might be a lot of people who disagree with me but I do have a right to state my opinion, and this is how I feel.

--Toni Wadley

---San Mateo High School is a nice place to be. The people at San Mateo are alright. All the teachers are nice, and easy to get along with

The work at San Mateo isn't very hard and its easy to make good grades. My favorite class is science; I've learned a lot in that class. Some day I hope to be a science teacher in a junior high school.

--Ed Cotton

---When I first found out that I had to go to Palo Alto High School I didn't like it because I thought about my friends and how I'd miss them. I thought about lots of things, such as meeting my new friends at Stanford, and getting to know them better when I started school, maybe even having some of them in my classes.

Then the day came when I had to go to Paly. I was scared and didn't know what to do when I got into one of my classes, because I didn't have any friends. But, as days went on, I met lots of girls in my classes and they introduced me to more girls. They're really nice girls, and all very smart.

I feel better at Paly because the atmosphere for working is everywhere, and makes you want to do your best. The kids really participate in discussions, and you get more out of a class like this.

The school is old and the floors creak, but there are coke machines that help you forget that old creaky floor. The school isn't pretty, but a school doesn't have to be pretty to educate a person.

I like Palo Alto High School, and I'm glad I'm going there now. I've grown in this school as if I'd been there a long time. People say, "But I miss all my old friends." I thought the same way but now I think, "Keep your old friends, and make new ones too."

--Annie Mah

---The greatest difference that I find between Ravenswood and Paly is the students themselves and their general attitude shown toward their work. The students at Paly seem to be more academical inclined than their counterparts at Ravenswood. Perhaps it would be better to say, more motivated.. However, the apathy shown toward work by the majority of Ravenswood students does exist at Paly, but to a much lesser degree.

One seems to have more freedom at Paly than one does at Ravenswood, which I think is essential to the growth of ones own ideas and helps one to cultivate a more academic atmosphere.

I do think however that the students of Ravenswood exhibit a greater amount of friendliness toward each other and strangers than those at Paly. I seem to detect an air of snobbishness about them. Already they seem quite deft at masking their feelings. Sometimes I think that they've been robbed of their youth, and that they've been pushed too much. But I think that of most youths of today. All in all, I find Paly a pretty reasonable school to go to.

--Leon Fair

---For the short time that I have attended Menlo-Atherton, I really can't tell you too much about it.

Right now I think it's fine--though nothing to write home about either. I don't think I like it any more or less than I did Ravenswood. In other words, it wouldn't have made much difference to me which of the two schools I went to. I feel that I am learning just as much at Menlo-Atherton as I could have at Ravenswood.

--Vanessa Fair

A Silver Thread

Softly ringing like chimes and bells,
Gurgling, babbling to rock and sand,
Sparkling, flowing throughout the land,
Snaking and winding down hills and dells,
Then plunging earthward in a silver thread,
Faster now it rushes onward,
Boiling, seething, flowing downward
To the setting sun it turns its head.
Winding not, but straight and thin,
O'er sun baked desert its water flows;
Before it a carpet of green there goes;
Its gift of life now given to kin,
It flows then through dune heaped land,
A silver thread, it melts in the sand.

--Leon Fair

THE SOCIAL CLIMATE:

Happenings In and Out of East Palo Alto

Dana talks about Y.U.C.

Y.U.C. better known as "Yuc" is a youth group sponsored by Bob Hoover in East Palo Alto. Its purposes are to: motivate young people to better academic achievement, get young leadership in East Palo Alto and in our high school, to help kids to associate the work they do now at school with their future education and to have a good time.

This summer Y.U.C. took a few trips to investigate future job opportunities. Presently, they hold weekly meetings (which have an unusually high attendance rate). Some have been given tutors from Stanford, and everyone was assigned a college to write to, to get a catalogue containing information about that particular college.

Bob Hoover, the man who spoke to Upward Bound's social science classes about organizing East Palo Alto is working as a paid community organizer. He investigates East Palo Alto injustices (like street lighting, sidewalks, and street cleaning, if they are inadequate). He also begins projects to stop exploitation of East Palo Alto's people and education, and attends meetings, and meetings...

--Dana Stevenson

Ed on the Day School

Every Saturday morning, I have been attending the Day School at St John's Church. The school, set up by the Mother's for Equal Education, begins at 10 o'clock, and ends at 12 noon. When you first go there you'll have to take a test. Your score on the test will decide what group you're going to be in. These classes can help you to read, write and spell more correctly than you are doing now. I hope to see more of Upward Bound students there in the near future.

--Ed Cotton

U.B.'s at Les Ballets Africains

Donna, Debbie, Dave Hill, Phil, Linda, Silvia, Syrtiller, Bernie, and I were the only ones who experienced the sight of the beautiful African Ballet. The color of costumes and settings were spectacular. One point emphasized in their dances and skits was the BEAUTY AND PRIDE of the black woman; their men never let them forget this.

--Dana Stevenson

Les Ballets Africains were exciting and colorful. All of the dances told a story of some sort. For instance, one of the dances showed a young girl and boy in love. They were caught making love by a neighboring enemy tribe. The girl was raped and they were both beaten badly and then killed.

There was another story told I thought I understood. This one was about a young couple who got married. A jealous cop who loved the girl, framed the boy, and put the newly wedded groom in prison



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After they took the groom away, the people attending the wedding and the bride mourned bitterly. Then, in her grief, the bride killed herself.

There was even a comedy story about three guys trying to get this girl to like them. The battle between them was hilarious.

The costumes in every dance were beautiful--color like you have never seen before. Also, in some dances the girls were bare breasted.

Les Ballets Africains is something you would have to see to really enjoy--if you have the chance--don't miss it!

--Sylvia Harding

Greg and Rhoda VIP's

Greg Kendall and Rhoda Williams were among the ten outstanding Midpeninsula high school students who were honored at a recognition dinner held by the Palo Alto-Menlo Park Optimist Club. High school counselors picked the ten students on the basis of participation in school activities and grades.

--Our wire service

Soul Music at Cal

Saturday, October twenty-ninth, the Johnny Weston sextet played at the University of California. They gave a history of jazz which started first in Africa, and was developed in the U.S. by the American negro.

They started their journey in Africa where the drums play a major part in music. Then they traveled to Jamaica and from there jumped to the U.S. where jazz first began. It all started with the natives singing the music of their homeland. The African slave becomes the American negro and develops an interest in the white man's instruments; he decides to play them. When he plays he develops his own tunes from the American white man's instruments. The music he develops is jazz--which is music for the soul because when it's played, if you have an appreciation for it you can feel this music all through your body and it goes deep and reaches everything--including the soul. You can tell when it reaches the soul by a tingling feeling that runs from your heart to your toes.

It was very arousing to my senses to hear this beautiful music, and I hope more people grow to appreciate it as I have.

--Sylvia Harding

And Stokely too...

There were several speakers at the University of California on Black Power Day. There were two that really impressed me. They were Brother Ron Karenga and Stokely Carmichael.

Brother Karenga is a man who heads a nationalist group called "U.S." whose headquarters are in Watts. The "U.S." stands for "U.S. Black Folk." Karenga has started a school in L.A. for negro boys and he teaches them the negro culture, the lost culture of our ancestors from Africa.

Brother Karenga spoke loud and clear, and what he said could not have been interpreted any other way than the way he meant it. He was enthusiastic and very militant. The kind of man you would not want to be against you.

Then there was Stokely--calm as a cucumber, but deadly as a poison dart. He is verbally cool, and physically able to defend himself in case of attack. Coming straight to the point, he tells the white liberals what they can do to help the negro--if they are, as they say, willing to help us.

Stokely also explained what the term "black power" meant. Like a beautiful black panther he sprang at Cal's liberals, telling them the truth about "black power", turning the convictions of the newspapers into his. He told them what "black power" could do and had done. But he also emphasized the fact that the black man still has very little, if any, power in this country.

He says--"black power" is getting what you want without using violence, but if someone uses violence against you, protect yourself by hitting back. This is known as self defense.

I think Stokely is the greatest, and I back him with all I got, and the only people who don't understand "black power" are the fools and the black bourgeoisie. This last paragraph is an opinion of my own. But the rest is fact, not fantasy.

--Sylvia Harding

To hell with the world,
What has it done for me?
To hell with the world, oh
Why can't I be free?
Why do the whites think they are
So much better than I?
When we all live, and we all die,
To hell with the world

--Toni Wadley

Strange is this land America, Strange is
this country named the United States.
We are united in words, but not principle
this is the land I love, these are the people
I despise. Heroes have you died in vain?
What have you died for? I would not
mind dying for the land, but I
would not want the people to benefit
from my toils. Am I selfish just to love
the land?

--Lucille Kong

BIRTH

And on that night the virgin gave birth to a child alike thousands after her. The babe laid in swaddling clothes among animals in the cold night breeze. And the three wise men came with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Being warned in a dream not to return to the Great, the wise men went back to their own by another way..

It was revealed in a dream that the virgin should leave and she left

Weeping and loud lamentation;

women weeping for their children,

and they would not be comforted,

because they are no more

after the death of the innocent the virgin returned.

--Lucille Kong

The Sea

The pounding of the waves never ceases

As I see the incoming waves my love for the sea increases

As it is powerful and strong: it is kind.

The sky's dark, the winds blow, yet the sea has no strife.

--Lucille Kong

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Upward Bounders Think About Their Summer

--So far I think being in the program has helped to give me a more mature outlook on school, and has also helped to broaden my background in math, English (especially novels), and social sciences.

Also living with the kids during the summer was a good experience, giving me an example of how college life would possibly be like. I've developed a different attitude about people. I no longer feel that I have to depend on others and have to be with someone all the time. I have begun to appreciate the knowledge that solitude isn't awful. This to me is the most important thing the program has done for me.

--Kathy Brown

--During the eight weeks that I stayed on the Stanford campus, with the Upward Bound group, I learned a lot of new things, met a lot of new friends, and got to know a few of my old friends better. While I was at Upward Bound I got to know a few new steps in Algebra and English, and also read a few good books. Upward Bound has given me a chance to live in a college atmosphere, and get some idea of what it's going to be like when I get there for good, in a few more years.

--Ed Cotton

--The Upward Bound program has changed me a great deal. At first I didn't know how to communicate with people too well. But staying with girls my age and a little older changed all that. I used to go visiting and listen to the other girls' problems, and I used some of these girls' ideas to solve my problems and it helped me a lot.. I was fond of them and all that, but most of all we understood each other.

Besides learning how to get along with people, I have learned the importance of the teen activities they have. I'm not sure they will do me any good because I don't participate in the activities, but at least I learned that the activities were there if you wanted them.

--Brenda Williams

Memories flow softly out of my door.

Into the yard they scamper, greeting years and months gone by,

Ushering them unhurriedly into my room.

I stand before them with tired frame,

Peering inward-then outward again.

Silent they speak in unheard words,

Remembering what was once forgotten.

They speak to me of a sprouting oak rearing boldly into a chaotic
sky.

Only to be felled by an arrogant wind.

They speak to me of haggard nights,

Minced between forgotten days.

--Leon Fair

Beneath the wilted sky,

Heat-mounds stain the land--

Shadows of crystalized light

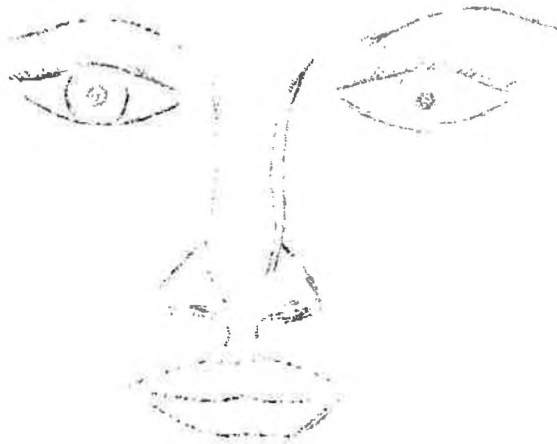
Quivering above the sand.

--Leon Fair

DEBORAH

With quietness she walks,
her eyes softened by the sleep of night.
I wanted to talk,
But all words, all thoughts, were lost to fright.
A passing memory is all she leaves
Of love that is not-- a dying breeze.

--Leon Fair



RAVENSWOOD'S RUMORS REVEALED BY RHODA

Sitting down, really thinking of what I dislike about Ravenswood, I finally came to a conclusion. It's not the teachers nor the homework, but it is merely having to spend nine months in the same P.E. class with Debbie Peebles.

Chris, what happened to your hair?
Did Floyd decide he likes black heads
better than redheads?

A teacher at Ravenswood said, "David Hill will one day become a very famous athlete." I strictly agree, but under one condition-- that he leaves the women alone.

Linda Redick! The heats finally caught up with J.S., huh? That means no more blue wildcats at 115 Lotus Way until January.

Donna Darby still doesn't know why C.J. and T.W.'s room was contaminated for two days.

Well you got to give it to the girls of Upward Bound. They really and truly know how to hold on to their guys. Bet you you'll see the same guys, cars, and motorcycles up at Phi Delta Theta next year. Oh! I forgot. All except Dean. Ask Lynne about that.

Where have you been!
1) Frank Courtney 2) Lucille Kong
3) Sherman Kong 4) Gary Miles
5) Brenda Williams
We all go to the same school but I haven't seen you since August 12.

Grant Mclean, Mike Munson tutor says, "Where is Mike when he comes to tutor his Ask any Ravenswood Upward Bounder that and he'll simply reply, "Diary Belle".

Steve Payton has made it big this year by showing his athletic ability on the basketball team. Keep up the good work, Steve, but remember: Keep cool with the women or you'll find yourself in the same boat as David Hill.

WHAT IS SOUL

SOUL IS GOING TO A BANQUET TO RECIEVE AN AWARD AND FINDING GREG KENDALL THERE
SOUL IS SEEING DAVID MOUTON DANCING AGAIN
SOUL IS GOING NATURAL NOT BECAUSE YOU WANT TO BUT BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO
SOUL IS SEEING KATHY BROWN HIT THE DUCK WHIL SYLVIA HARDING IS DOING THE PHILLY LOG
SOUL IS SEEING STEVE VINEY BABYSITTING
SOUL IS A PARTY OVER AT TOM'S HOUSE WITH ALL THE STAFF THERE

WHAT SOUL IS REALLY

SOUL is really hoping that school will be out soon, so we can all pack our bags and return to Stanford. SOUL is getting back together to start where we left off, with all the mistakes and unorganization being replaced by a very educational and well organized program with all the Upward Bounders putting in a great amount of effort to make the summer groovy.

--Rhoda Williams

The leaf -pronged wind breaks,
A withered point against the rocks,
Scattering about
The rusted browns of autumn,
Which whisper a rustling cry.
--Leon Fair



Since time first spawned and life awakened,
In awe I beheld your virgin birth,
Conceived amidst a chaos of blue,
Daughter of the seas, and of the earth.

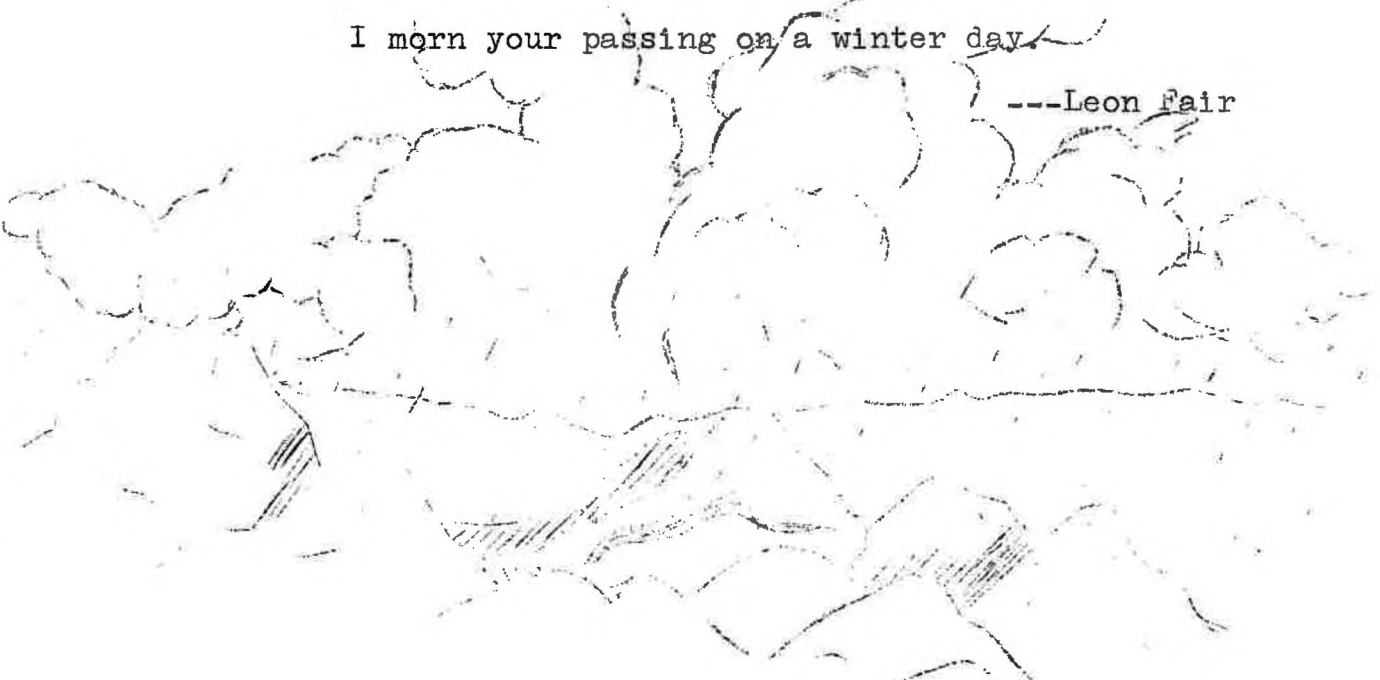
You come with arms of grey and silver,
Stretched across a timid sky,
Raggedly clothed,
Drooping low, and with misting eyes.

You light within a glowing fire,
Caressing me with your wistful gusts.
You embrace me in your drooping arms,
Metamorphosing in the falling dusk.

You soon move onward,
A silver tower, borne on fingers of grey,
Fusing with earth and sky.

I mourn your passing on a winter day.

---Leon Fair



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