## Know your Rights! Don't Talk to Cops

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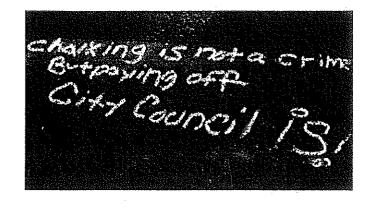
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#### **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

- If police approach you, and ask to speak with you, say no and ask them if you are being detained. If you are not, you can walk away.
- If you are detained, the officer must give you a reason. You do not have to consent to a search. You only have to give them your name.
- If you are arrested, the officers must give you a reason for the arrest. You have the right to remain silent and the right to a lawyer.
- If you want follow-up after your arrest, give someone (preferably a Legal Observer) your full name and your birth date. Or you can call 888-9RESIST once in custody.
- You have the right to observe and video tape police activity; tell them that "You are here to observe, not to interfere."
- Get the officer's badge number and card.

#### Some tips:

- Chalk in teams! Make sure someone is ready with a camera!
- Do not let the cops instigate
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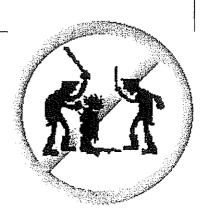




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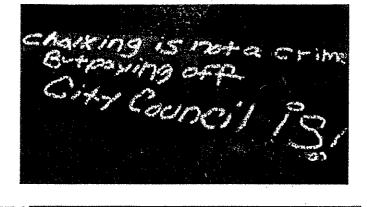
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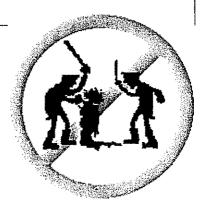


#### **Brief History**

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Did the Mayor Antonio and other politicians got a donation, or were hoping to get a donation, when they allowed an event also sponsored by Nike, a large corporation with deep pockets, enough to make them look the other way around?

Should "freedom of speech" be only allowed when it serves politicians and money?

What should we do to protect our constitutional rights and eroding freedoms?

Whatever you do, do not do anything illegal!

## Freedom of speech is not illegal!

AWAKEN, investigate the truth! What really happened that day? HOPE CHALKS AGAIN!

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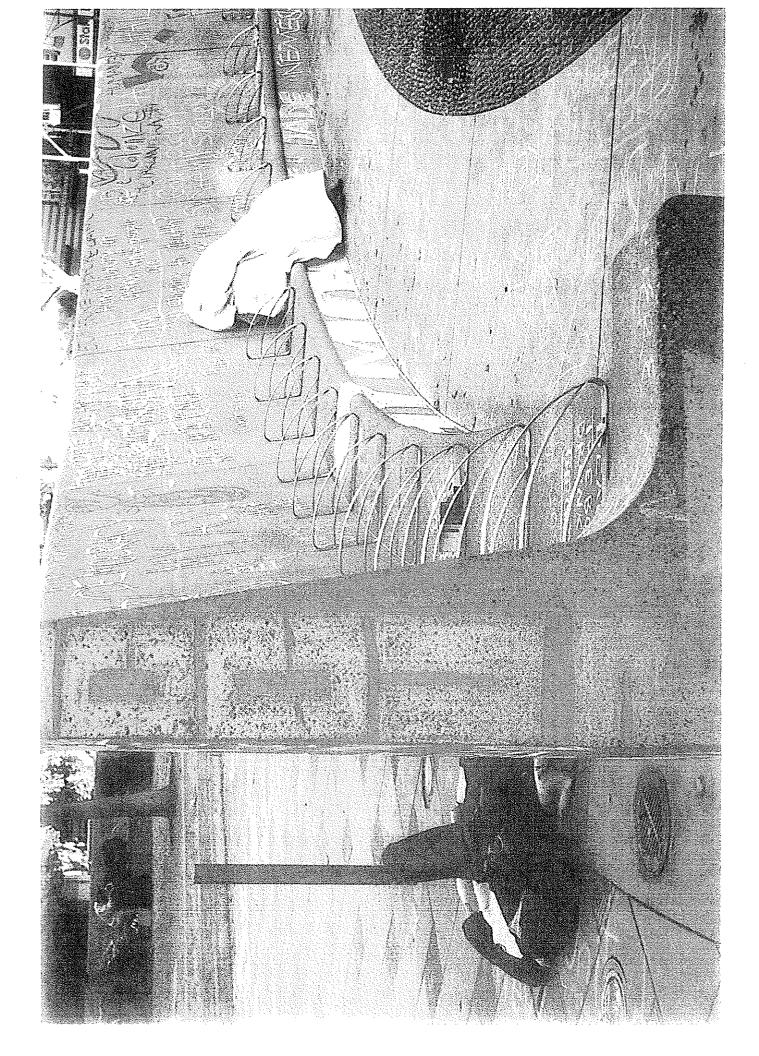
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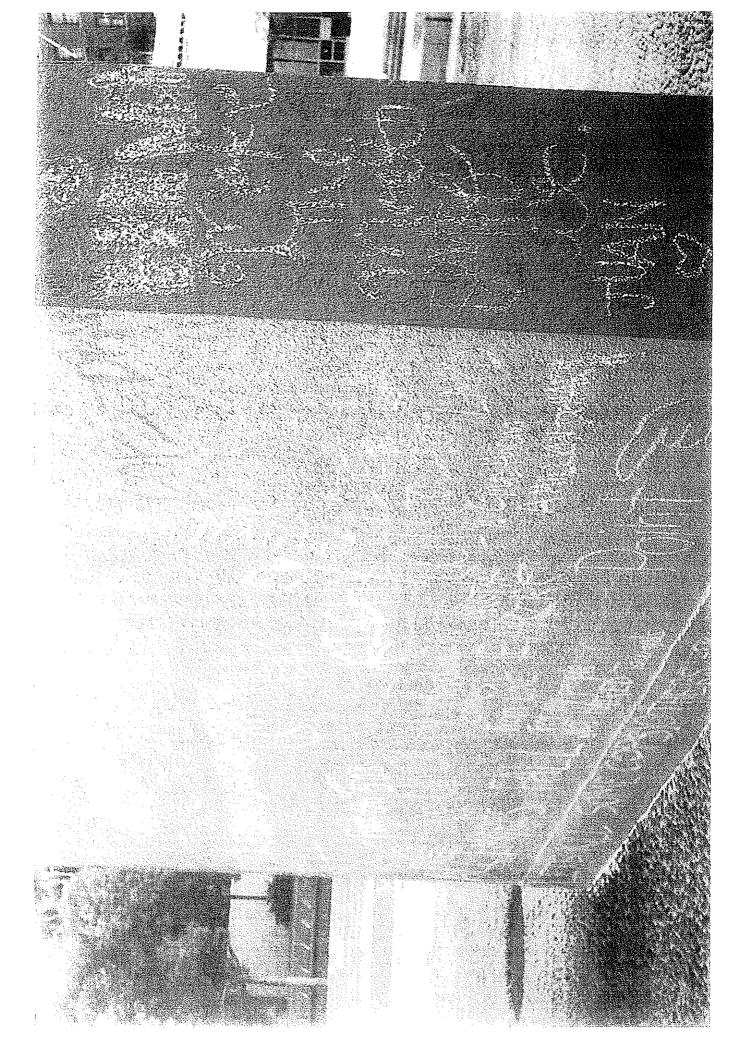
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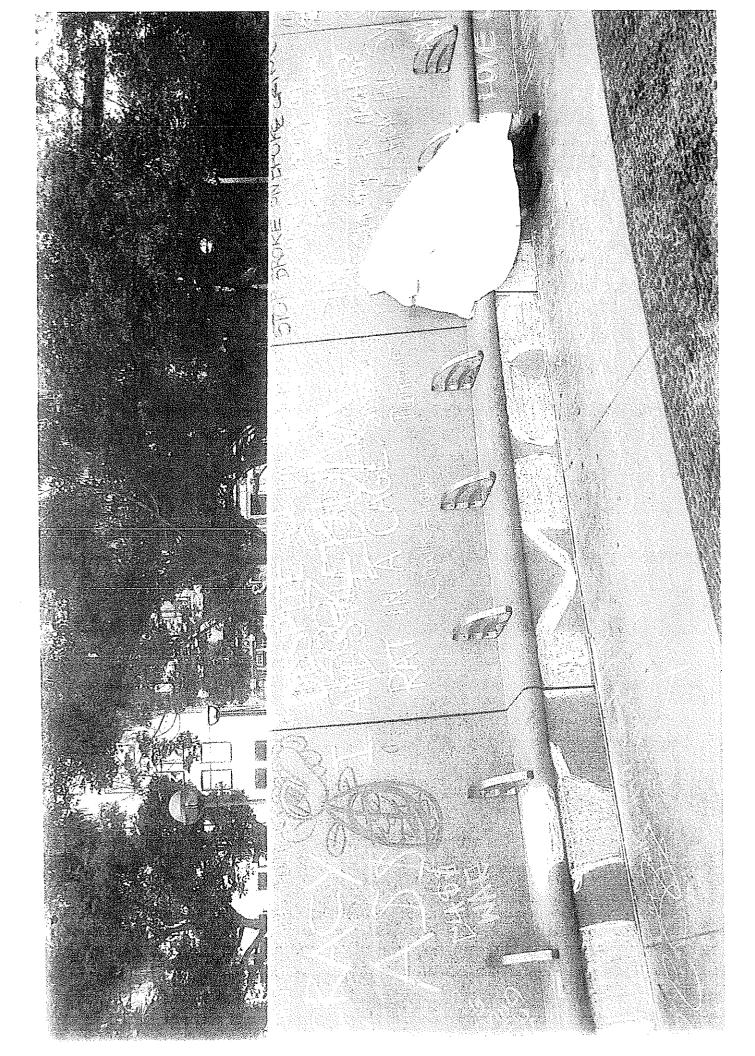
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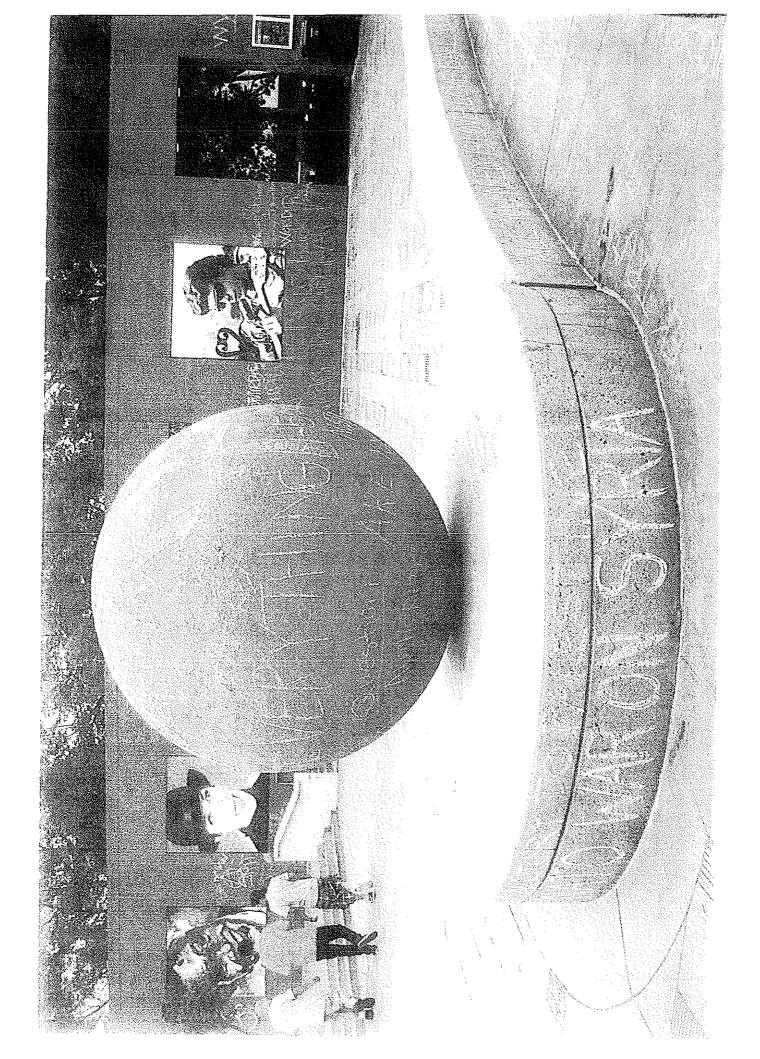
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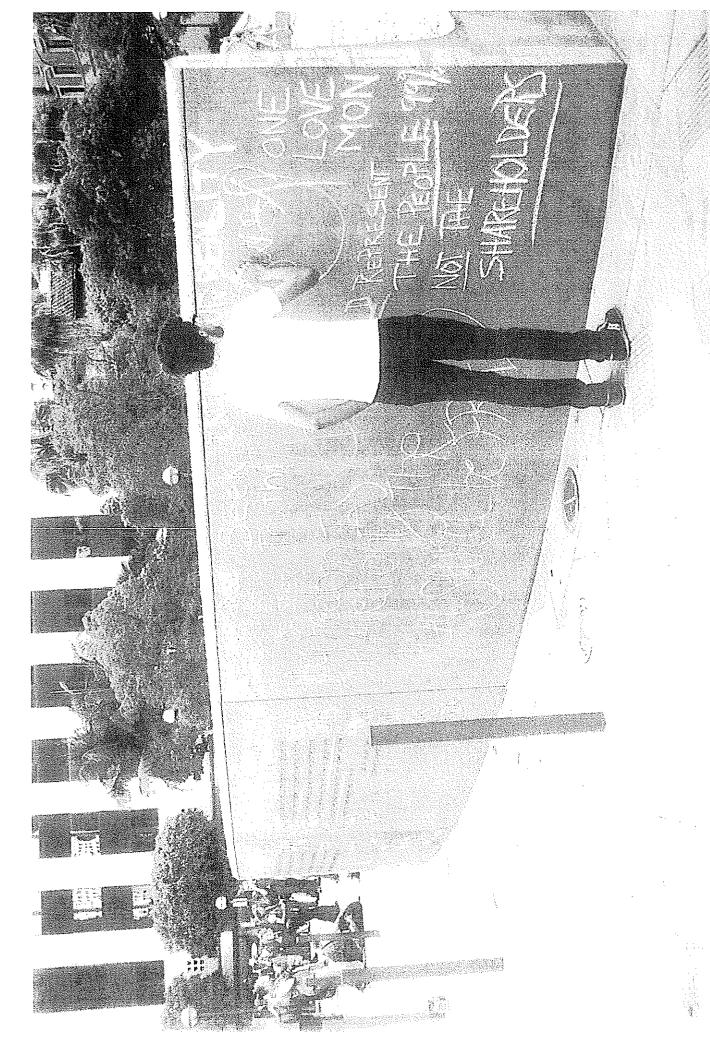
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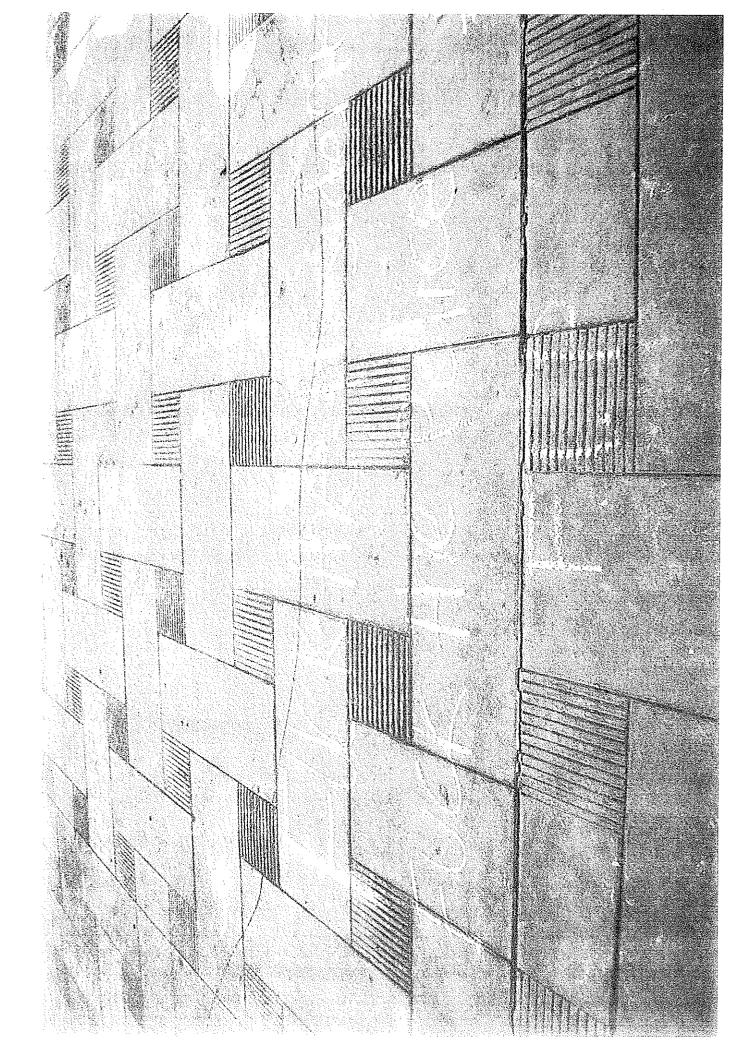


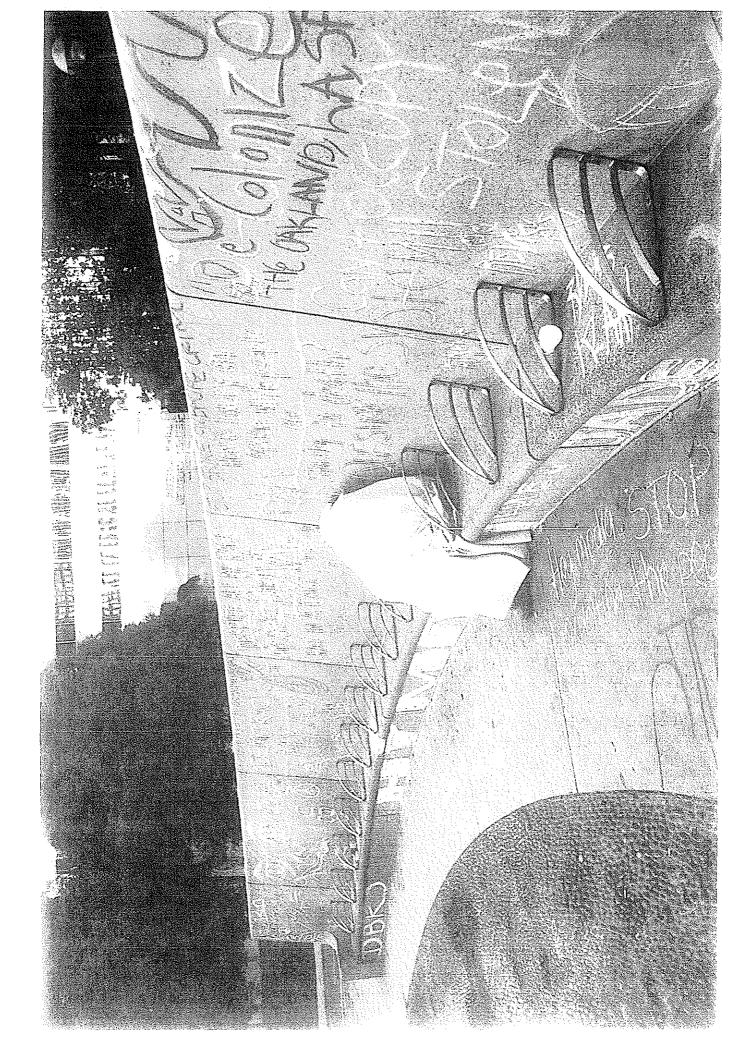




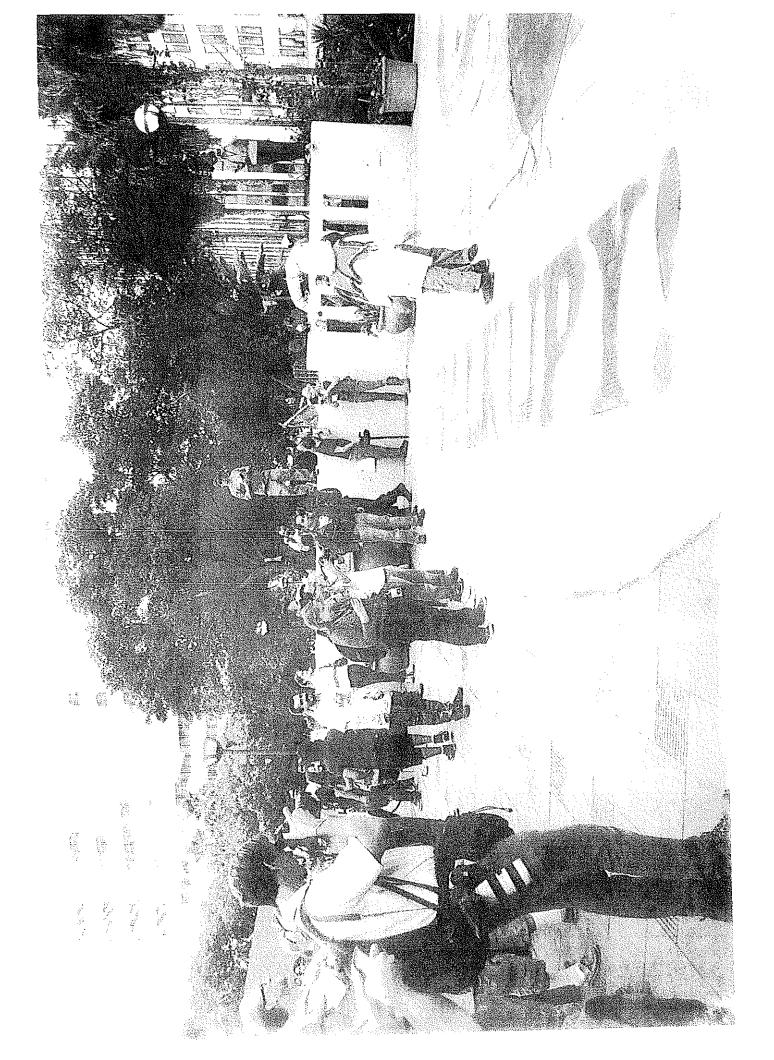




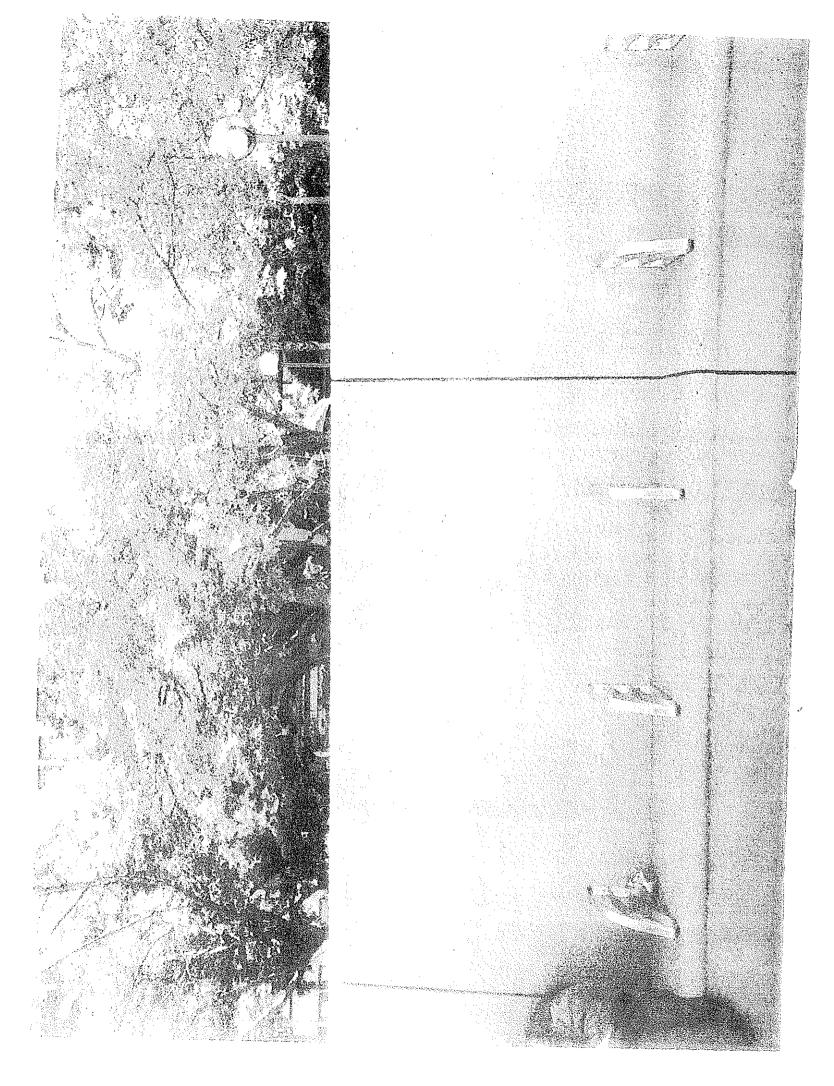








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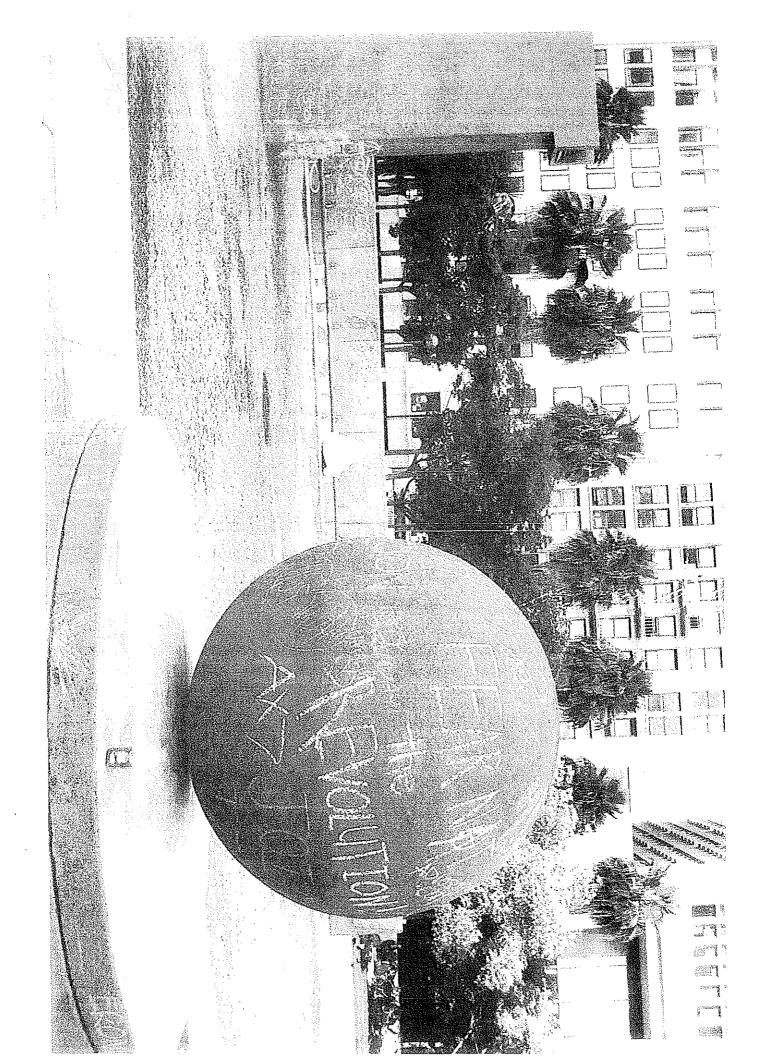
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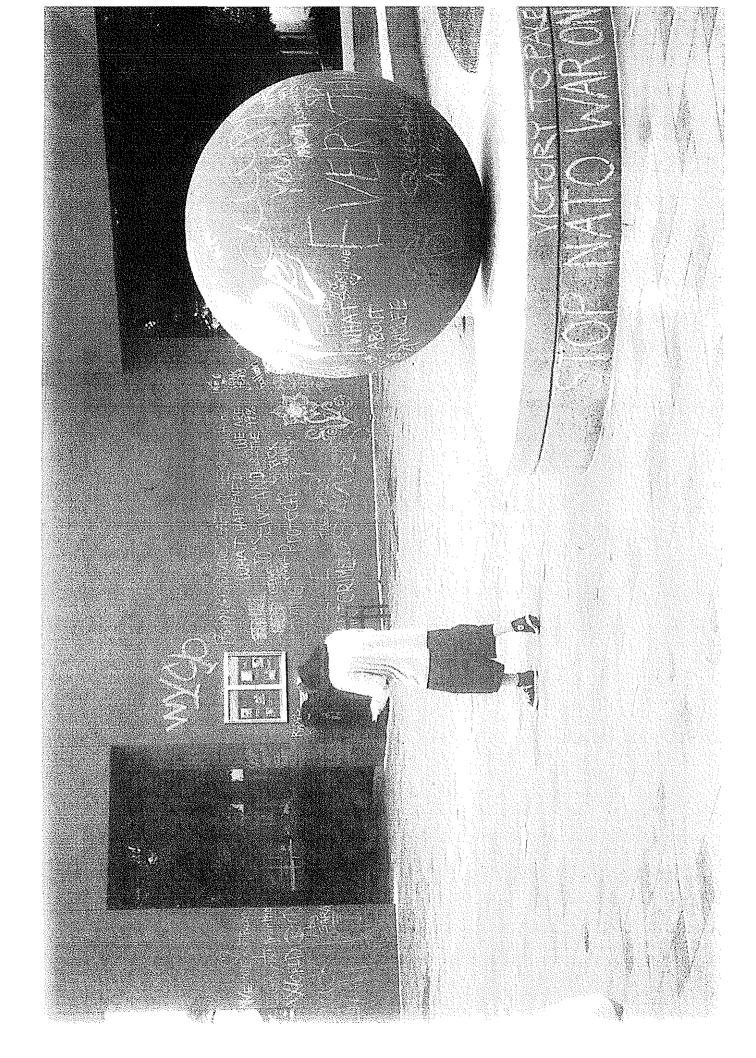
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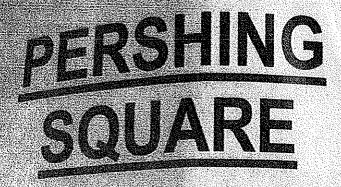
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# DAILY HOURS OF OPERATION:

5:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

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