

# The CALIFORNIA Tech

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## Future Frosh

### Agony and Ecstasy

by Al Drehman

Now that this year's frosh have had a chance to settle down, perhaps it is time to look into freshman admissions in general. Each September, around 220 frosh arrive and the Freshman Admissions Committee heaves a sigh of relief as one more year of work has been realized. However, few of us have any idea of the complexities which face the Committee.

#### Standardized Tests

Everyone knows that the standardized test scores play an important role in admissions, but there are many students with excellent scores who were never even contacted by Caltech. Why? Well way back in high school when you took your PSAT you filled out an interest sheet. You probably did not think too much about it at the time, but virtually every undergraduate here indicated an interest in science, math, or engineering. If you marked undecided you were not considered as a probable potential Techer. Admittedly you could have contacted Caltech on your own and become a potential student that way, but you would be an exception.

#### Who Is Considered?

In the past only those indicating an interest in the sciences, and having 600+ and 700+ on the PSAT verbal and math sections respectively, were contacted by Caltech. This group amounts to about 2800 high school students. If all of them were to apply there would be little or no problem getting a class of 220. Of course not all of them do apply and of those that do apply, about 42% are accepted. Of those that are accepted, only a little over 56% are actually enrolled. These figures are fairly consistent over the last four years, but are quite far from the average over many years.

On the average, over the past four years, about 915 applications were received each year. However, if we take an average from 1953 to 1975 inclusive, we get an average of 1150 applications per year. Also prior to 1970, the average frosh class was around 200. Think about it. Our applicant pool has gotten smaller and our admissions standards are going down? Not quite yet, but it has become a major concern. State universities and other private institutions are threatening our applicant pool and lowering the percent of accepted students that enroll. If this continues unchecked, Caltech will face an educational crisis.

#### Other Problems

It is generally agreed that the admission of women has been beneficial for everyone, but the number of women enrolling each year is decreasing. Since 1971, the number of women enrolling

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P.F.D. also put in an appearance here at Tech during the Saturday night Dabney House bonfire. Photo by K. Yoshida

## P.P.D. vs. Black Hand

At 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4, Caltech was invaded by 10 P.P.D. officers, 8 in cars and 2 in a helicopter.

Responding to a call that a person whose hands were tied behind his back and whose head was covered by a sack was being put in a car on campus, the P.P.D. arrived. They notified Campus Security that they were coming on campus and asked if Campus Security had any new information on the kidnapping.

The Security force on duty (consisting of Officer Agent and 2 others whose names are not currently available) began their own investigation, and following a tip given them by a California Tech staff member soon discovered that the Black Hand had struck and

told the P.P.D. who promptly dispersed.

3 days and 15 minutes later, the Pasadena Fire Dept. responded to a call that Dabney House was on fire (a malicious rumor, and untrue) and put out the Dabney bonfire, also interrupting the party in progress. After the P.F.D. left, the bonfire was relit and burned to its conclusion without further incident.

On Wednesday, Nov. 5th, Campus Security thwarted yet a third invasion attempt by stopping the fire engines before they reached campus in response to an alarm accidentally set off by Dabney House when they tried using a fire hose to retaliate in the Fleming-Dabney Water Battle of that evening.

## News Briefs

### Push Pawns

On Saturday, November 22nd, the Caltech Chess Club will hold the "Best Saturday Swiss" chess tournament. The tournament will be a USCF-rated 4 round Swiss-style contest. The entry fee is \$5 and USCF membership is required.

The tournament will be conducted in Clubroom 1 above Winnet Lounge. Registration is from 9:00-9:15 a.m. with the rounds played at 9:30, 12:30, 3:30, and 7:00. The time control will be 40 moves in 75 minutes. Prizes in terms of the entry fee total will be 1st-55%, 2nd-30%, and 3rd-15%. Please bring your chess sets and clocks if you have them.

For further information, please contact Rock Howard in Dabney House or anyone whispering "Best" while playing P-N4 in the Dabney House Lounge.

### NSBE LAC

The National Society of Black Engineers, Los Angeles Consortium will hold its second annual

general meeting this Saturday, the 15th of November at Olin Hall on the campus of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

The Society is an organization for Black college students who have an interest in science and engineering related fields, and urges any interested students to attend. More information can be obtained by calling 295-7408 or 757-7946.

### Sticky Things

Campus is instituting an additional program of issuing student parking decals.

Officer Moore, campus traffic officer, will be at Winnett Student Lounge each Tuesday and Thursday between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. for the next two weeks to issue decals to students who presently do not have campus decals. In addition to this convenient service campus decals can still be obtained at room 25, Business Services Building between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

*One of our copy-setting beasts suffered repeated mechanical malfunctions, so don't bother counting the typos. Thanks to Biology for trying to help.*

## Thanks, Mary!

by D.J.E. Callaway

If you live in the south complex, you have undoubtedly met Mary Townsend, who is the supervisor there. Your most frequent encounters with her are those times (once or twice a year) when you decide to change your linen. If you have not talked with her further, you have probably missed out on a lot. And as she is retiring at the end of this year after 28 years (Imagine! Seven whole generations of Techers!) this is one of the last times you may have a chance to find out about her.

"Things have really changed since I started working here", says Mary Townsend, "Caltech was a different place in 1948. The south complex was packed--there were 100 people in Fleming and Ricketts. And it was so beautiful... of course, it's very nice now, but it's not so pretty as it was then. I worked in Fleming then--we used to clean the rooms every day, and got to know the people in them very well."

"My job was to see that students were comfortable. When people need something, I try to find it for them. I try to see that the girls are on the job, and to get repairs going."

"The students were an older group, then, too," she continued. "People left to go to war, and returned later to complete their education. Some people living here were 25 or 27 years old. And during the war, the navy was here too. They were very strict--the place was spotless when they left."

"Back then, you couldn't go in the dining room to eat without shoes or to dinner without tie and coat. They didn't stop doing that until around 1960."

"And the pranks! It seemed that Caltech was noted for its pranks. I can remember once when some professors parked a plane on the Olive Walk, with

### Little Braves

Anyone interested in participating in the "Little Braves" program of the Pasadena YMCA should contact Phil Naecker (Fl.) or Jim Backus (Da.)

### Free Music

Caltech-Occidental Chamber Symphony Orchestra presents an evening of music for the classical orchestra--Marc Blake, Director. The concert will be presented in the Alumni Auditorium, Johnson Hall, Occidental College, on Wed., November 19, 1975, 8:15 p.m. Admission free.

steps leading up one side and down the other. Some of the students took the plane up Hill and across Colorado, parking it in front of a professor's house. And I can remember Blacker House building a slingshot out of wood and tires--they set it up in the middle of the courtyard and shot eggs and oranges at the other houses. It took four or five people to pull it back each time..."

"Ditch Day was always something special. During the time when shirt and tie were required for dinner, some students decorated a tree on the Olive Walk with their ties for Ditch Day. It was very pretty..."

"For one Ditch Day, some people in Fleming filled a balloon with water and put it into one of the boys' rooms. When he opened the door, it broke, and the water sent him flying down the stairs! And I'll never forget the time they put a horse in Blacker O, after fixing the room so the lights wouldn't go on. When the boy living there came back, he had to grope around inside. Was he surprised when he found the horse!"

"Things seemed to happen whenever the oranges got ripe, so one year physical plant sent over some people to pick the oranges before the boys got to them. When they came back from lunch, though, all they found of the barrels of oranges they had picked was a note saying 'thanks for the oranges'. I think that year they had the biggest orange war ever."

"But in all my years here, I never had a student say a cross word to me--they were always polite. Some of them even come back to say hello. Just a few weeks ago, one of the sons of a student I knew came by... When that happens, you know it's time to leave. I'm leaving now, but I'll be taking a head full of memories with me."

## Bird Pinched

Will the woman who picked up a small half-moon parrot just outside the bookstore please contact me--the parrot is my pet and I would like him back. (I would also like to contact the person who saw the woman carry the parrot away.)

**Parrot:** 7 in. tall, green with an orange forehead and blue wing feathers. His wings are clipped and his name is "Captain."

**How to contact me:** Tracy Larrabee, x2173 or 449-9414, Ricketts House, Caltech.

Raging Controversy

# Frosh Admissions

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in the freshman class has dropped by about three each year.

Many feel that if this trend is not reversed, the social pressures caused by such an extreme male-female ratio could cause more damage than a non-coed campus might. This fear is by no means unfounded, and it is quite likely that the women would suffer the most.

**Solutions**

Enough with the impending doom and on to how the Institute will, or at least try, to solve these problems. Obviously, if we increase our prospective applicant pool we should expect an increase in the number of applicants. How do we go about this? As was mentioned before, there are around 2800 high school students with the required PSAT scores (70+ math, 60+ verbal) who expressed an interest in science, engineering or math. What wasn't mentioned was that there are over 3000 more students with the required PSAT scores who are undecided or interested in humanities and social sciences. (2700 undecided, and 500 HSS). Admittedly we can not expect a doubling of our applicant pool by simply contacting these students, but a significant increase, say 20 to 40%, can be expected. This would put our applicant pool over 1100 and perhaps considerably higher.

So far, little is really known of this virtually untapped resource of potential applicants as this year will be the first time

that they will be contacted en masse. The results won't be known until next year's frosh class are enrolled. Even then, one must remember that it may take several years for the full effect to be realized.

How about trying to increase the percentage of those accepted that enroll? That isn't a bad idea, and something is already being done. The Oliver Committee, headed by Dr. Oliver, has come up with a different style for the "Facts About Caltech" booklet. Unlike previous years' booklets (which were mainly the work of one secretary), this year's booklet was written almost exclusively by students and faculty. Each department wrote its own section and students did a great deal of work in selecting good pictures. Overall, far more time was devoted to creating a booklet which would give a more human view of Caltech. In previous years, the booklet tended to be cold and sterile.

**Women**

What about women? That too is being worked on. Barbara Brown is now coordinating the recruiting of women and Barbara McMahon is preparing a brochure for prospective women applicants. At the same time, three undergraduate women, Louise Saffman, Ruth Ann Mullen and Carol Stevens, are working on a personal letter which will encourage women to come to Caltech. It is hoped that this will help increase the span of interest

of future Cotechers. Due to this increased emphasis on recruiting women we should expect a sharp increase in the number of women enrolling over the next few years. Forty or so is the present goal over the next two or three years.

**Other Methods**

Besides contacting high school students through the mail, it has been suggested that faculty members, in the course of their travels, make visits to nearby high schools. This could easily increase interest in Caltech without particular cost to the Institute.

Teachers can also do a lot of recruiting individually in their own home towns. If every Teacher were to convince just one person to apply, the applicant pool would be over doubled.

Caltech has long realized that the student body is very important. Obtaining a good student body is a concern of everyone here, not just the Admissions Committee. As Dr. Fred Shair put it: "In the long run, the educating and training of young people may well be our (Caltech's) most important function, as far as having an impact on the world is concerned."

I would like to thank Dr. Shair, Chairman of the Freshman Admissions Committee, for his invaluable assistance in making this article possible.

# BOC Rapped, Case of Mistaken Identity

The Honor System at Caltech is an institution which immediately informs outsiders that Caltech students are atypical. The fact that students are here considered responsible and trustworthy enough to police themselves creates a very pleasant atmosphere in which learning is a very fulfilling experience.

In order for such a system to endure, it is essential that all students be responsible for their actions. Many other schools across the country are eliminating their honor systems as a result of controversial violations, resulting in numerous reprimands or permanent expulsions, that convinced school officials that the temptation produced by the honor system was too great, or that the students were incapable of living up to the responsibility.

I hope this does not happen at Tech, and yet, one recent case that went before the board I feel shows a failure on the part of some individuals to live up to responsibility.

The case involved one Caltech student, identified by another Caltech student as having entered an

office illegally in order to use phone, allegedly for a long distance call. He did not challenge the student or obtain anything but a sketchy description of him at the time of the alleged violation, but later saw a student whom he felt certain enough was the one he saw to press charges against him before the BOC. On the basis of his positive identification, the BOC decided to have the case tried. Before the trial, however, another student, having been told of the case and realizing an error had been made, came forth and identified himself as the person seen in the office.

The momentum of the case was already set, however, and the trial of the first student occurred anyway, and although he was found not guilty, there are a few things about this case. The first that the witness obviously did not weigh very heavily the possibility of his being mistaken, and the possible emotional impact of a misguided accusation. Secondly, the interesting fact that a confession did not attract sufficient interest to have the confessor appear as a witness, and finally but most important of all, I feel an apology is owed to the innocent student not only from the BOC, but also from the student who mistakenly accused him.

In order for the Honor System to work its power and influence must be respected.

-Robert L. Thornton

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# The Life of a Spy

by Bill Cosby

(The winner of three Emmy Awards for his performance in NBC-TV's "I Spy," and the recipient of five Grammy Awards for the Best Comedy Album, the versatile Bill Cosby made his motion picture debut in a powerful dramatic role in the Jemmin, Inc. production, "Man And Boy." Given the NAACP's Image Award of 1969-70, Mr. Cosby is also prominently active as a national chairman for the Hemophilia Foundation, national co-chairman of the Opportunities Industrialization Center, and a member of the boards of directors of Mary Holmes College and Ebony Showcase Theater.)

When I was a kid I always used to pay attention to things that other people didn't even think about. I'd remember funny happenings, just little trivial things, and then tell stories about them later. I found I could make people laugh, and I enjoyed doing it because it gave me a sense of security. I thought that if people laughed at what you said, that meant they liked you. Telling funny stories became, for me, a way of making friends.

My comedy routines come from this story-telling knack.... I never tell jokes. I don't think I could write an out-and-out joke if my life depended on it. Practically all my

bits deal with my childhood days back in Philly where the important thing on the block was how far you could throw a football.

I think what people like most about my stories is that they can identify. I had a man once stop me and say, "Hey, you know that story you tell about street football and you'd cut behind a car? Well... I used to do the same thing in the country, but I used a cow!"

The situations I talk about, people can find themselves in.... it makes them glad to know they're not the only ones who have fallen victim to life's little ironies. For example, how many of us have put the ice water bottle back in the refrigerator with just enough water left so we won't have to refill it? Be honest now.

That's how I got involved in comedy.... it just sort of happened. Once I decided it was a way to make a living, the struggle was on. Breaking into show business is one of the hardest... longest... most discouraging things you can do. If you want to make the old school try, you better have plenty of guts and determination 'cause you'll need all you can muster up.

I was quite satisfied with my work after I got going. Night clubs were good to me... and TV suddenly started opening up. It wasn't until "I Spy" came along that I really felt established... at least to a certain degree. It was so completely different from anything I had ever known. Story-telling is one thing, but playing a definite character... and serious yet... that's something else. I also play a serious character in my first film "Man And Boy." I really enjoyed it. I must admit I was nervous in the beginning, but the experience has really been great for me. I know it's hard to keep pushing yourself into different areas, but you have to if you want to be around in a few years. In this business, if you stand still, you disappear! [CAMPUS COLLOQUY. All rights reserved.]

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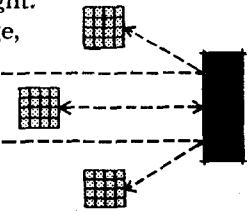
Three of the Junior Class officers showed up at the Mudeo site last weekend only to find student interest somewhat lacking. They'll try again next week, so be sure to be there for the fun!

## Budweiser

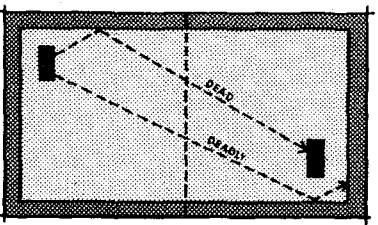
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# HOW TO WIN AT Pong


**1** You can sometimes control the direction of the ball by where it hits your paddle. If it hits the center it will go straight. If it hits the right edge, it will go right, etc. Flicking the paddle to get a spin might work but is less controlled.



**2** Avoid the sharp angle shots since they tend to slow the ball and are easy to return. The most effective angle shots are those that rebound closest to your opponent, the deadliest being the shot that rebounds just as it hits his line of play.



**3** Shots down the middle are boring and slow. However, late in the rally after the ball has speeded up, a middle shot can be a killer if used deliberately to surprise your opponent.



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## Têcher

### After Dark

by Pam

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Leakey Lecture series next Wednesday presents Jane Goodall, "Chimpanzees: Relationship Between Neighboring Communities." 8 p.m. in Beckman, students \$3.50


The ASCIT movie tonight is "Camelot". 7:30 and 9:30 in Baxter. ASCIT members \$0.50, others \$1.00.

Chamber Symphony Society of America presents "What Else Happened in 1776?" Selections by Mozart and Haydn. Sunday 8 p.m. at Royce Hall, UCLA. Students \$2.50. Call 825-2953.

At the Ice House through this Sunday: Denny Brooks, a performer with the Carpenters; comedian Jay Leno; and Nancy Nevins. Monday night the Roto Rooter Good Time Christmas Band returns for one night only! Tuesday Tim Morgon returns along with the Reeko Brothers and Martin Yarbrough. At 24 N. Mentor, call MU1-9942.

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## Vivat Trimberger?

The mighty Caltech soccer team exhibited both sides of its schizophrenic nature last week, losing both of its games by identical scores of 5-1. On Wednesday the Beavers fought undefeated Pomona evenly through the first half, and except for a blunder by the Tech goalie would have been tied 1-1. Rich Atwater took another short leave from his I.H.C. duties to score Tech's goal, while the defence held the Pomona offence at bay. During halftime, however, it seems that this team vanished into an alternate universe, for the team that played the second half was not as spirited, and Pomona rolled up three more goals to finish off the game.

This same team started on Saturday, and watched as Claremont rolled up a 4-0 lead in the first half. During this halftime the inverse transformation occurred, and the true Caltech soccer team returned to the field. Early in the second half Steve Trimberger broke into the clear and made a perfect pass across the goal to Joel Okazaki, who put the ball in

the waiting net. The once beaten Claremont team could score only once, as they were outplayed by the real Beavers. For his courage in coming back from his crippling injury earlier this year and for his excellent pass against Claremont, Steve Trimberger in awarded Beaver of the Week!

Despite these two losses, dropping their record to 3-8, our Beavers have a lock on fourth place and perhaps a chance at third, behind Pomona and Claremont. Tune in next week for the final results, and the announcement of Beaver of the Year.

### Who's On First?

Anyone finding forms from "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities please fill them out in a semi-believable manner and send them back. Please don't sign to buy anything unless you intend to pay for it. (i.e. if your house wants a plaque which says Jose Frink, Alf. Bedoya, Al Fansome, O.C. Box, etc. is listed in Who's Who). Any questions: call Jim Backus, x2120.

## Swish Hitters

### Ready

The times they are a changin', and with them change the sports. Right now they are a changin' to basketball, and Caltech's board-hammering ball handlers are already at work.

Coach Hudson Scott, ably assisted by former undergraduate and current grad student George Fox says that the team has potential for a good season. Primarily they lack experience.

The team plays both a junior varsity and varsity schedule in the SCIAC, and in addition has scheduled eight non-conference teams; including teams such as Chapman, Cal Lutheran, and L.A. Baptist.

The roundball team is a young team this year, mainly composed of freshmen. Seniors on this year's team are Norm Nelson, Russel Greiner, and Beau Lee (starting 2nd term). Juniors include Peter Lu, Curtis Meissner, and Tom Guthrie. This year's captain and only returning starter, is Soph John Pender. Soph Kevin Miller, an experienced guard, is also back.

Some of the frosh Coach Hudson Scott is expecting great things from are Dan Pleasant, an experienced 6'6" freshman from Colorado, Bart Croes, Charles Curatalo, Jeff Record, Tom Boldt and Chris Lewis.

Students are still welcome to come out for practice. They are held weekdays from 4:20 to 6:00 p.m. Positions are also open for manager and scorekeeper.

Opening game is December 1 against L.I.F.E. college.



### That's Justice?

By ROBERT M. BARTELL

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Liberty Lobby News Service)--How would a husband respond if he heard his wife screaming "Help! Police!" when she answered pounding at the door of their home . . . at night? This set of circumstances did face Kenyon Ballew and his wife, and their natural reactions ruined their lives.

Our police departments and the police officers who carry out their duties under laws that handicap their efforts must be admired. However, federal agents in some instances use "police state" tactics as in the Ballwe case, when they allegedly were looking for illegal weapons.

The case received wide press coverage and Rep. John D. Dingell (D-Mich.) commented on the incident as recorded in the *Congressional Record*. He said, "Mr. Speaker, what has come to pass? Bearded strangers in scruffy clothes smash down the door of a man's home. The man is shot in the head. His wife is thrown half-naked outside as the man lies bleeding on the floor. The home is vandalized, walls smashed, furnishings ransacked, and dozens of personal possessions carried away.

"Where did this happen? Was it in Hitler's Germany, or in Soviet Russia at the height of the Stalinist purges? No, it happened on the outskirts of Washington, D.C. It was committed by agents of the Internal Revenue Service, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

Division and the Montgomery County Police."

Congressman Dingell continued, "He was taking a bath in his apartment about 8:30 one evening. His wife heard shouting and heavy pounding on the door. She said she repeatedly asked, 'Who is it?' All she could hear through the pounding was the demand 'Open up!' She ran to her husband.

"While the husband was getting out of the tub, these so-called 'peace officers' proceeded to bash down the door with an 85-pound battering ram. Naked and dripping from the tub, the man grabbed an antique revolver from the wall and went toward the living room, encountering two officers, whom the police themselves described as dressed in 'scruffy' clothes, carrying guns.

"The record shows that the husband slumped to the floor with a bullet in his brain. The agents then shoved the wife, half-naked, out into the hallway and then turned the apartment into a shambles looking for illegal weapons. They refused to let the woman aid her husband who lay bleeding on the floor, but later handcuffed her and took her to the police station under arrest for what offense we may only imagine."

There was an investigation, and the couple sued. However, Federal Judge Alexander Harvey has now rejected the suit, claiming that Ballew had no right to resist the federal agents even though it turned out that the attack on the Ballews was for nothing—the agents found nothing illegal!

This unjust decision, similar to many others in recent years, appears to cater to the illegal rather than the legal. Law-abiding citizens fear upholding the law because the criminal can sue them for a violent act, and win.

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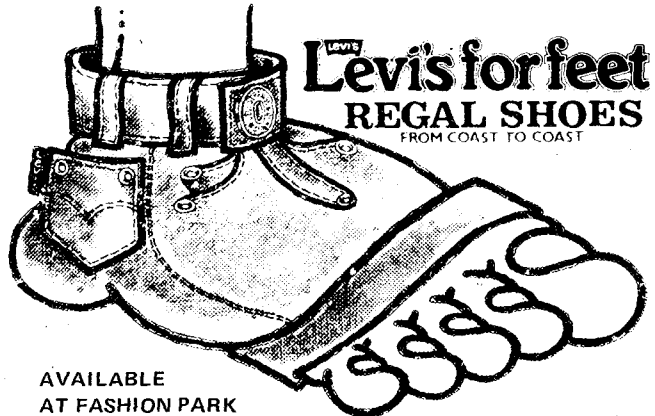
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