

LaBelle's FAILURE TO GAIN TENURE LAID TO POLITICS

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In the last two issues of *The California Tech* there have been articles about me. I hesitate to embroil matters further but hope that the following comments will make my own position clear. I had a verbal agreement with the administration not to comment publicly in any way about the tenure decision, and was told by the Provost that the article of Feb. 6 needed "no reply" by the administration. I have been told by a member of the *Tech* staff, however, that the article of Feb. 13 was based on an extensive interview with a member of the administration. Since the administration has broken the agreement, I feel I am no longer held to it. I must speak out in my own behalf—not to dispute a *fait accompli*, but so that I may, with a measure of self-respect, leave Caltech. I at least want to leave the impression that I am a real person with my own point of view rather than just an object or an embarrassing "situation" over which others argue.

Let me state a few facts. In the fall of 1974, the tenured Literature Staff unanimously recommended me for tenure and promotion. The Divisional Committee on Promotion voted against tenure, and the Institute Administrative Council upheld this decision. At the urging of my colleagues in literature, whose evaluation of my work had been ignored, and because of the favorable tone of most of the outside letters, I protested the decision. There were basic procedural questions involved, not only in my case, but in the case of others who had been promoted in the Division. I subsequently learned that my salary had, over the course of several years, been considerably less than that paid to an untenured male English professor with one year less seniority. Some have called this sex discrimination; others deny it. The stated reason for denial of tenure given to me by the Chairman of the Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Robert A. Huttenback, was my failure to have a book accepted for publication by a major scholarly press. In September of 1975 my book length study of the modern American poet Theodore Roethke was accepted for publication by Princeton University Press. In the field of English and American literature, Princeton is one of the most highly respected presses in the world. I immediately went to the Chairman and requested re-consideration of my tenure. Since I had now fulfilled the very stringent requirements that the Division had set for granting tenure, I somewhat naively expected that the Division would welcome the opportunity of having on its staff a woman with a book at Princeton at a time when many major universities are looking for qualified women. By that point (fall 1975) I had also co-authored a book published by Dover Press on William Blake, was editing a book on Swinburne's *Aphorisms* for the American Blake Foundation, and had published or accepted for publication articles in the following journals and collections: *Northwest Review*, *The Visionary Hand*, *The Explicator* (two articles), *Forum*, *Concerning Poetry*, *The Walt Whitman Review*, *Demoiselle*, *Blake Studies* (three articles), *Modern Language Quarterly*, *Kenyon Review*, *The Virginia Quarterly Review*, *Younger Critics*, etc. The immediate response to my request for reconsideration was "no." Subsequently the Chairman did decide to go through a lengthy procedure of reconsideration involving anonymous outside readers. At this point another factor was introduced into the tenure consideration: I understand that the outside readers were asked to compare my work with another member of the English staff who was being considered for tenure. I have not been permitted to see these letters. On the basis of the letters, the Divisional Committee on Promotion recommended "no tenure". The vote in the Institute Administrative Council was split, and the Provost and the President made the final decision of

"no tenure." Through the entire exhausting affair, I have had and continue to have the unanimous support of the tenured English faculty—those members of the Caltech community who are professionally qualified to judge my work and my role at Caltech.

So much for the facts as I know them. I now wish to comment on them. Whatever the impact of these events on my own career, I think the consequences for Caltech are unfortunate. One of the basic principles of academic organization in the United States is that the tenured members of the faculty in any given field have a major voice in determining who will join them. Administrative and budgetary matters may rest in other hands, but the establishment of professional standards and the evaluation of a tenure candidate's scholarship are up to the tenured faculty in the candidate's field. This is only common sense: physicists, not political scientists or English teachers, set the standards for their field and evaluate the work of tenure candidates in physics. When the opinions of outside experts are solicited, these supplement—but do not replace—the voice of the school's own faculty in the field, for only they have the professional experience to interpret properly such opinions and their relevance to the standards and needs of their own school. The reverse has occurred in the present case. The tenure decision process has been almost completely taken out of the hands of the tenured English staff. The opinions of five outside experts have replaced them, and these opinions have in turn been evaluated by a committee with only one member from the English Group. If I were a tenured English professor at Caltech (to imagine the impossible for a moment), I would be outraged at having one of my basic rights and responsibilities taken from me. However fair or unfair these procedures have been to me, they have been grossly unfair to the tenured English staff.

Let me now turn to the standards by which I have been judged, as distinct from the methods by which they have been applied. The standards are very high. Caltech should demand no less. It may be more than a little presumptuous to apply the requirements of high-power graduate schools of English to the small Caltech literature staff, but presumption has often been the first step to true excellence. Yet I feel I have failed to meet these standards not because they are high, but because they are narrow. The powers that be in the Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences (that automatically excludes the tenured English staff) seem to have decided that only those literary scholars of one particular type are truly excellent. This species is characterized by strong theoretical interests and expertise at speculative criticism of a philosophical cast, often couched in specialized and highly allusive rhetoric. This school of criticism is represented at its best by a small group of admittedly famous and sometimes brilliant professors on the East Coast and their former students. I lack both the personal and intellectual ties with this group now necessary for gaining tenure at Caltech. My own interests lie elsewhere. I have pursued historical research and criticism based on it, I have written on the visual arts as well as on literature, and I have even indulged in textual research at the Huntington Library and the British Museum. I should have known better. To the new hermeticists, these are all sure signs of a second-rate intellect. The written opinions of my supporters both inside and outside Caltech (some of whom are just as famous and brilliant as the other group) have been ignored because they too are not members of this single acceptable school of literary studies. The best universities of course try to achieve a balanced faculty representing a broad range of interests and approaches. Yet I must admit that if Caltech pursues its present narrow-door policy voraciously enough, in ten or fifteen

years it may well acquire a reputation as a high-level specialist institute of literary theory. How well this will serve undergraduate non-majors (i.e., about 98% of our students) is another matter. Curiously, the rigorous standards now set up for making tenure decisions have not affected hiring procedures. The English teachers hired in the last few years have to date not published anything of the approved persuasion. This would seem to insure a series of tenure hassles. Instead of a narrow door, Caltech will have a swinging door forever set in motion by rejected assistant professors. For its own peace of mind, the administration should force the Humanities and Social Sciences Division to get its hiring policy in line with its firing policy. This can be done either by employing only bone fide followers of the approved school of thought, or by dramatically lowering the standards for tenure now that they have served their purpose.

One can of course find a great many opinions on both sides of this emotionally charged issue of tenure. Besides my scholarship, my teaching record has been called into question. I can only refer readers to students who have taken my classes for an opinion on that matter. I have also been accused of being "invisible" and not contributing to Caltech. In light of the public debate over my tenure issue, I find this somewhat ironic. I am of course invisible to those who do not care to come to the public lectures and seminars I have given. It has also been said that I have not participated in divisional and institute committee work. I have worked on two institute committees, but since appointments to divisional committees are completely in the hands of the Chairman, I have had no control over my participation on such committees. I have on numerous occasions accepted extra teaching loads at the last minute and have performed various committee services for the Literature Staff.

The article by C.Y. Achmet in the Feb. 13 issue of the *Tech* offered a list of eight allegations which the author refutes. These are not my allegations and I have no idea who made them—although there is more than a little truth in some of them.

I will be leaving Caltech shortly. I do so with regret because I have made some very good friends, particularly on the Literature Staff, and because I have enjoyed teaching Caltech students. I very much hope that this will end the series of articles in the *Tech*. I have long since learned that neither side pays any heed to the arguments of the other and further debate is thus useless. It seems that the Divisional and university-wide administration has been unwilling to give me tenure under any circumstances, and my attempts to fulfill requirements were thus futile. I have found myself in a highly charged political atmosphere. I have not attempted to match political talents against those with much more experience in such matters. Rather I chose to do my work to the best of my ability and meet stated criteria for gaining tenure. Yet each time I met the requirements, they were immediately raised, or narrowed, just enough so that I could not meet them. Perhaps my failure to gain tenure has a great deal more to do with my inability to succeed at the political process than anything else. I think many women who embark upon an academic career are ill-prepared for the rigors of divisional in-fighting, and I admit my own weaknesses in that field.

My scholarly work has been well received by a great many people whose opinion I respect and by journals and publishers of universal renown. Last week I contracted to do another book with Dover Press, had a lengthy article accepted by *The [London] Book Collector*, and had one of my earlier articles nominated for a national award. I must now try to turn my attention to these positive achievements of my career and leave Caltech with a mingled measure of frustration and sorrow.

Monday, February 16, 1976

Critics Should Be Trained

Dear *California Tech*

The letters concerning the exhibitions at Baxter Art Gallery from Ms Freinkel and Mojo (issue of December 12) interested me. While Mojo was confused (he indicates maybe there was worth to the then current exhibition but does not know, perhaps, how to go about comprehending the works displayed), Ms Freinkel having strong expectations as to what is acceptable in art, was adamant in her rejection of the works exhibited. What I find interesting is that young scientists (I presume both the writers are) think that the *meaning* of contemporary art or even traditional work should be immediately accessible to them or, indeed, wholly embodied in individual works or objects.

It is of course all right that the writers have not educated themselves to the aesthetic context that gives rise to such works. What is dismaying is that Ms Freinkel at least is seemingly unaware that her statements may be rendered suspect by lack of education or training or exposure. Outrage is no substitute for criticism. More familiarity with art, current or otherwise, makes more measured evaluations possible. One might expect something other than the expression of pained sensibilities.

Finally, if there is a question, I don't think what Ms Freinkel and Mojo ask—*Is this art?*—is the significant one. In this context their query is a red herring. It prevents them from seeing the works. Moreover, I don't think it a valuable exercise to try to ascertain whether works are

“beautiful” and thus may be placed in the hallowed pigeon-hole called art. What may be at issue is what the sometimes curious works at Baxter look like and what they are about, whether they are important or powerful or even interesting images.

Like Ms Freinkel, I, too, welcome further discussion. Here's to frequent meetings in the sands in Baxter's basement.

Sincerely,
*Aimee Brown Price
 Lecturer in the History
 of Art*

Candidate Endorsed

Sirs:

We would like to endorse Robert Chess for the position of ASCIT treasurer. He has a number of qualifications that should not be ignored. First, Mr. Chess has vast experience in financial matters and has, for example, enjoyed much success in dealings in the stock market. Second, he has drawn up incorporation papers for his own company and thus is very familiar with the legal aspects of a corporation like ASCIT. Third, Robert would truly enjoy the position. To him it would be a pleasant task rather than a chore. Please support Robert Chess for ASCIT treasurer. He is the best man for the job.

—Robert Howard
 —Doug Rountree

Parry! Riposte!

The Letters to the Editors

Review Board Disadvantageous

There are serious disadvantages to using a review board for rotation appeals as proposed by the rotation referendum committee. The strongest argument in favor of a review board is that it would have impartial members. This is not necessarily good or even possible. First, no house would agree to any kind of board that did not have a representative from that house on it. There would have to be one per house at the very minimum. Almost assuredly there will be one house that selects a representative not to be impartial but to make sure he *is* partial. It will not be possible to get a board of impartial reps with all houses represented. (Will house presidents not be allowed on it?) In such a case the decision of a review board is apt to be exactly the same as the IHC. If it is not the same, there is no guarantee that it is a better decision. After all, the presidents are the ones who should know most about rotation and be most concerned with it. And the very fact that each president is partial to his own house will keep any house from being treated unfairly, because no president will be

unfair if the other presidents in turn can do the same to him.

The biggest disadvantage to a review board is that the IHC will no longer effectively be running rotation. Anytime a decision goes against one house, that house will immediately turn to the review board whether it was a fair decision or not. Until this review board acts the IHC would be powerless and valuable days would be lost, even the day for choosing new students might have to be postponed as was almost done this year with BOC involvement. A review board just creates another step before the Master will have to decide on his own. Let's not make rotation any longer or hamper it with mechanisms that work against it. The Master holding veto power over the IHC has always worked in the past and the only reason it didn't work this year is due to a new Master who didn't want to hurt anyone or any house. After a year of experience he should be ready to handle any such problems and a time-consuming review board which will hurt rather than help is clearly unnecessary.

—Rich Atwater

Men Who Trust Men Applauded for Courage

So now we have *Tech* editors sneaking around campus playing thief, exposing to its readers Caltech's vulnerability to plunder, and bemoaning the seemingly naive innocence of our community. [Ed. note: at no time has any Tech editor or staff member with our prior knowledge ledge snuck around campus playing thief. As should have been noticed by anyone who read last week's article.] [2nd Ed. note: *Snuck?*] They carry out this crusade, no doubt, filled with worthy intentions of alerting us to the dangers that lurk about.

That security has its value cannot be denied. Those who take no precautions with their property hazard its loss. Still, who can ignore the diminishing quality of life that accompanies a growing mistrust, the principal ingredient of vigilance?

As recently as the 1960's Tech students could leave their doors unlocked without much concern. Without I.D. cards we lived and worked in an environment where honesty was assumed, not licensed. We asserted our rights to tennis courts and nightly use of the library with no proof other than our word.

During recent years, however, apparently in response to the rising crime rates on and off campus, our administration has increased precautions — introducing identification cards to

students, staff, and faculty boosting the number of employees on the security force, and providing for bicycle registration. Interspersed among these programs we hear numerous warnings designed to promote security consciousness.

What have we gained from these efforts? Safety? Peace of mind? Perhaps, to some slight degree. But I sense we've acquired something more—sinister expectations and the acceptance of dishonesty. Acceptance? Yes, we've accepted these things as reality. We lock everything up. And the idea begins to take hold that those who choose to leave their possessions unguarded are creating, either out of naivety or stupidity, unnecessary temptations, and, perhaps, deserve the fate they invite. Yet were not these same temptations present in the decade just passed? Maybe it's time to stop berating those who are too generous with their trust and begin insisting upon honesty. The balance between the all-encompassing faith of total innocence and the paranoid suspicions of total security must be struck somewhere. In this personal choice, I can only applaud those with the courage to risk their property, the faith to believe in their fellow man, and the determination to demand a return to the virtues of trust and honesty.

—R. Jeffrey Blair

Pontification to the Readers

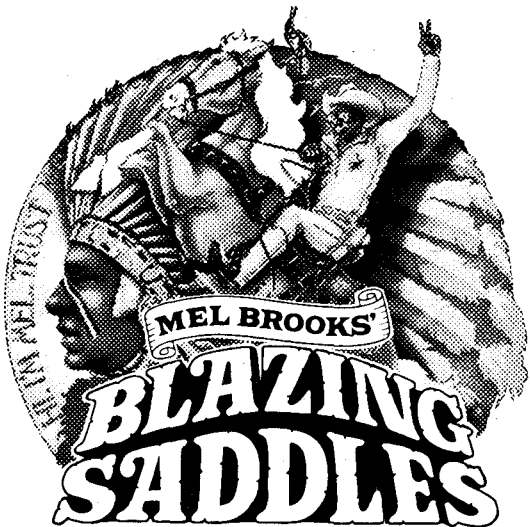
I am offended by Mr. Oualline's article in last week's *California Tech*. As an undergraduate who respects the Honor System and values honesty I cannot help but feel the undergraduate image tarnished by such disgraceful actions unashamedly related in the article.

Although the motivation for Mr. Oualline's reprehensible conduct may have been quasi-pure there can be no justification for entering a private office and going through someone else's desk. While there is some value to pointing out the laxity in security at Tech, Mr. Oualline has clearly demonstrated the baser human nature which makes necessary the lock and key.

Mr. Oualline has disgraced himself, the student body, and the Honor System at Caltech by his gross and flagrant irresponsibility. May this incident renew the fervor with which we students have embraced the Honor System!

—Dick Beatty

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Rock Writing on Rock, Carole King, Lou Reed, David Bowie, Chris Squire

Thoroughbred, by Carole King, Atlantic Records.

Carole King produced a very popular album called 'Tapestry' a few years back. Since then she has, despite numerous attempts, failed to make any music that was worthy of any note at all. Her new album, 'Thoroughbred', is certainly her best since 'Tape-

stry', although that's not saying much at all. James Taylor, David Crosby, and Graham Nash join Carole on a few cuts to help smooth over the rough spots. You might happen to hear a few cuts from this album if you wander home to visit your folks. In that case you may find that some of the songs are almost

reasonable. Don't worry. A few more listens will crush that idea. You'll then realize that any proclamations that Carole King is the queen of rock are all jacked up.

Coney Island Baby by Lou Reed, RCA.

I'm sure you remember Lou Reed from his amazing rendition

of 'Take a Walk On the Wild Side'. Well, Lou has finally put out another good album. His previous two records were critical and financial failures. I feel that this is because Lou ignored the reason for his original popularity; that is, his quite unique singing style. In 'Coney Island Baby' we find a number of excellently

sung songs including 'Charlie's Girl' and 'Kicks'. Lou has some help on a few cuts from friends who seem to be holding a rather interesting conversation in the background while he sings. Still this is Lou Reed's very own album and I feel that it is not bad at all.

Station To Station, by David Bowie, RCA.

Please don't be shocked, but I must admit that I like a lot of music that has been made by David Bowie. His latest album, 'Station To Station', is one of his very best. In it David avoids the ultra-fancy glitter rock style that first made him famous a few years back. Instead we find mostly good old rock and roll, and when David gets rocking he can do it with the best of them. Also on the album are a few songs of a more tender and ballad-like nature. These don't come over quite as well.

One small detail I notice in David Bowie's records is that he seems to lack pride. He is perfectly willing to make a couple of excellent tracks and then fill up the rest of the album with some sort of trash or other so he can hurry it onto the shelves. Granted that this is not a trait that is indigenous to David alone, however, I would prefer that he do his own talent more justice.

Fish Out Of Water, by Chris Squire, Atlantic.

Chris Squire is known in music circles for playing bass guitar for Yes. If you have enjoyed all of Yes's music in the past, you will not want to miss this album. Most of the disk sounds a lot like Yes with some fancy but superficial orchestra sounds added in. There is one good instrumental on the first side, but little else to recommend in this album unless you are a heavy Yes fan. Despite the occasionally rather complicated sounds that Chris manages to produce, this album remains too simple minded. For instance, consider the concepts and meaning packed into these lyrics:

"Ain't no fish in the sea/Gonna lie for you,/Gonna sigh for you/Gonna try for you,/Gonna die for you."

Sure, Chris, and ain't no fish gonna buy for you either.

Here is the latest in concert information:

Roxy Music, Tonight, Hollywood Paladium.

Kiss & Montrose, Feb. 23-24, Forum.

Deep Purple (Tommy Bolin) & Nazareth, Feb. 27, Long Beach Arena

Same show, Feb. 28, Swing Auditorium.

Janis Ian & Loudon Wainwright III, Mar. 6, Santa Monica Civic.

Dan Fogelberg, Mar. 7, Santa Monica Civic.

Queen, Mar. 9-10-11, Santa Monica Civic.

Kingfish, Mar. 13, Pasadena Convention Center.

Carole King, Mar. 14, Pauley Pavillion.

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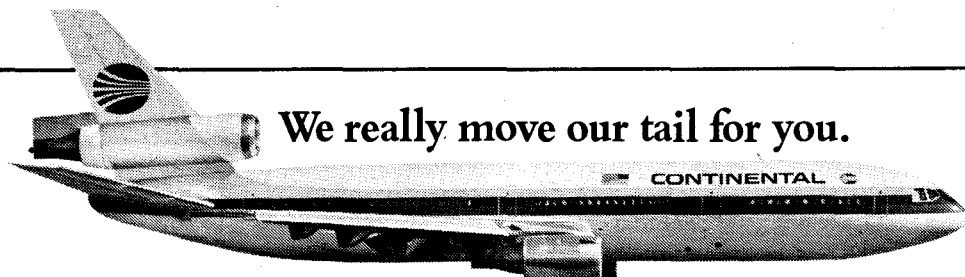
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The Proud Bird with the Golden Tail.

Placement Office: Unemployment in the Taj Mahal

by Greenie

There comes a time in every good troll's life when he puts aside his books and goes a-job hunting. Fortunately for the well-being and future solvency of many starry-eyed and physics-dazed effete intellectual snobs there is an agency on campus to ease the transition between the Ivory Tower and the Real World: the Placement Office. (Room 8, Dabney Hall).

The first time most Techers drift into the Placement Office's sphere of activity is in search for part time jobs during the term or in the search for summer employment. The Placement Office has a set procedure for part-time jobs: during first term a notice is sent to all students encouraging them to come in and fill out a placement card specifying their qualifications and the type of job they are willing to take. Students also tend to drift in at various times during the year, especially in response to particular job notices posted on the bulletin board outside Dabney. When a job becomes available, the Office looks through the cards on file and sends notification to three people. It is often the case that none of the people contacted takes the job. The best jobs are tutoring, paying a minimum of \$5/hr. These often go unfilled through a lack of applicants. Summer work is handled in much the same way. However, the Office has received no job offers for this coming summer. This is a reflection of a

nationwide difficulty and the state of the economy. Most summer jobs are offered by businessmen as a favor to the student community; they feel they lose money by hiring students for the summer. Prospective summer employees should not lose hope, however—in late June, the Placement Office is often flooded with offerings by companies which find that they have more money available than they realized.

Brass Tacks

One of the most important aspects of the Placement Office's job is the permanent placement of graduating seniors and alumni. The Office maintains a small library to help students select an industry and provide information about particular companies. According to Ms Virginia Matthews, Assistant Director of Placements, they have contacts who can supply particulars about nearly every company. Dr. Nash ('45), Director of Placements, is also available for consultation; as an ex-vice president of a large industrial firm, he is able to give valuable advice. Two seminars are held each year to advise students on how to write a resume, conduct an interview, and similar matters related to job hunting. Individuals may receive help in writing their resumes.

Approximately 140 companies conduct job interviews on campus. The procedure is as follows: appointments are made to conduct a series of interviews on

specific dates. The company specifies the categories of students in which it is interested. Questionnaires are sent to those about to receive degrees, on which they indicated their interest in being interviewed. The company is provided with the relevant names compiled from the questionnaire. A sign-up sheet is posted to allow the students to arrange for a particular time. The interviews are, therefore, scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, contrary to the belief in certain quarters. By federal law, every student has the option of listing himself as a minority student (a category which includes women), or as a handicapped student. Lists are compiled and handed to the interviewers. The students sign a release allowing the interviewers to see (but not take copies of) their transcripts. If a job is offered to a student, the Placement Office receives a copy of the offer. According to Ms Matthews, the tables made up of the various offers (part of an on-going nationwide survey) are compiled for the benefit of the applicant, who will then have a basis on which to judge the merit of the offer. (In other words, whether he's found a gold mine or is being had.)

Dime-a-Dozen

Ms Matthews states that although the volume of interviews is increasing, offers are being reduced. People with an MS or a BS in engineering are the easiest

to place; PhD's are extremely difficult. Nationwide, the figures for job offers are down 28% for BS, down 30% for MS, and down 51% for holders of PhD degrees. What is responsible for the advantage of an MS over a PhD? According to Ms Matthews, the companies feel that besides being cheaper to hire, people with MS degrees are more pliable, i.e., more ready to learn outside their chosen field, whereas PhD's are too research-oriented. The situation will not improve in the next twenty years; the supply of PhD's will exceed the demand for perhaps fifty years.

And what of the job displacement program in the Future? Count on us to be there! According to Ms Matthews, Techers are particularly difficult to place in today's economy. Businessmen are aware that Caltech's program is highly research- and

theory-oriented, whereas the demands of industry lie in the practical and the real-world. Also many companies refuse to even interview foreign students, leaving foreign Techers who wish to remain in the country in a poor position.

Congress is currently considering legislation to require universities to supply job-market information to entering freshmen. The Placement Office currently furnishes counseling to all students on the subject. It is highly advisable that upperclassmen, and graduate students as well as freshmen avail themselves of this service; things will get worse before they get better and job-planning may save you many trips to the unemployment office. It is high time that even Techers start considering the Real World in their thinking; the Ivory Tower is burning.

GFM Broadcasts Propaganda

by Alan Silverstein

Much more effort goes into planning our menu than might be apparent at first sight. In addition to food reps, Greyhound Food Management (GFM) receives feedback from its own Quality Control Coordinators. Just this past week Food Service Manager Bill Fennell received a three page report from GFM dietician Carole Shirk, which he is kindly allowing the *Tech* to publish. What follows are excerpts from the letter, along with commentary.

"Nutritionally, the menu appears sufficient in quantity and variety of the meat, bread-cereal, and milk groups. I do have a few comments, however, concerning the vegetable-fruit group. Even though Vitamin C enriched Orange Whip is offered daily, include other citrus fruits as salads or desserts during the week to provide variety. Also, plan into the menu a dark green or deep yellow Vitamin A source daily or at least every other day. Foods high in Vitamin A include broccoli, dark greens, spinach, winter squash, pumpkin, sweet potato.

A question has been raised concerning excessive carbohydrates on the menu. In my review of the menu, I found that many times potatoes and corn are served at the same meal. In a few instances some meals also contain a starchy salad selection; e.g. french fries, corn, potato salad. I would suggest serving no more than one starch type

vegetable per meal. Potato or macaroni salads are fine as salad choices as long as a tossed green or other non-starchy type salad is also available at the meal.

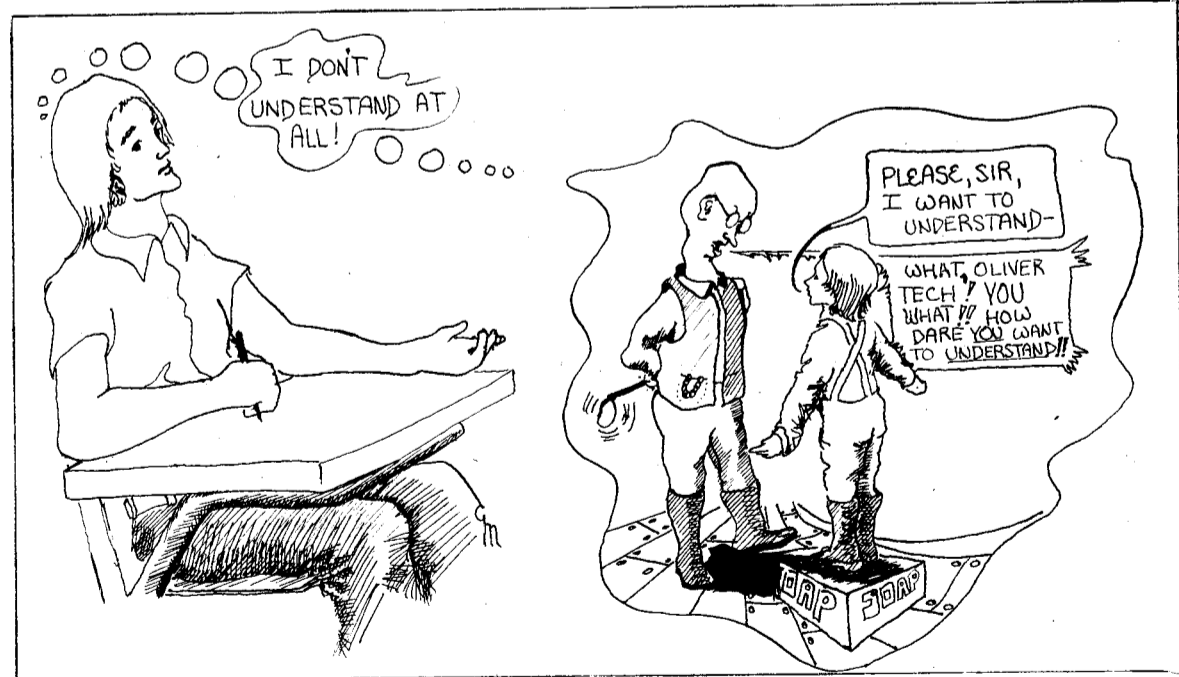
One good guide to menu planning is not to repeat like foods at the same meal; e.g. BBQ Beans, Kidney Bean Salad, Carrots, Carrot & Raisin Salad.

Also try not to repeat a similar item the next day. For instance, Baked Lasagna and Creole Spaghetti are both tomato-pasta foods and may be too much alike to serve on consecutive days. Another example would be Corn Dogs followed by BBQ Beans and Franks the next day."

Ms Shirk also made some comments about the way the menu is established: "Since there are so many factors to consider, I would suggest that instead of weekly menu revisions, a complete five week cycle menu be established with a review after the first five weeks and intermittent reviews after that. This should provide better continuity to the cycle menu."

I should explain that the current system is for the food reps to meet on Fridays to discuss feedback from the week's menu and to contemplate possible changes in the cycle for three weeks hence. In this fashion the menus slowly evolve according to student preference, guided by certain limitations. Unfortunately, the process can also be

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ASCIT President

"DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT. The President shall be the official representative of the corporation, and he shall preside at its meetings. He shall be chairman of the Board of Directors and a member of the Executive Committee. He shall have ultimate responsibility for the proper observance of all responsibilities delegated to members of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, or any committee thereof."

Dick Beatty

Ed Bielecki

Chris Russell

Over the past several years ASCIT has turned into a self-sustaining money pool serving only to spend "on a student's behalf" some \$22/year that could have been left in the Techer's pocket. The student body at Caltech deserves more than a revenue-sharing machine, and my goal is to make ASCIT worthy of CIT.

ASCIT has become so caught up in its own "housekeeping" affairs (i.e. petty bickering over how much money goes where) that it has ignored a crucial role; a liaison between students and faculty, administration, and indeed the "real world". ASCIT can act as a respected spokesman for the students in these crucial areas, providing decision input too long lacking.

I propose an ASCIT corporation lobbying where students' interests are at stake. Policy items crucial to students yet often ignored include financial aid levels, student health service, admissions policies, academic policies, placement assistance, and the house system, to name a few. I believe ASCIT's point of view can be constructively presented to yield benefit for both administration and student.

ASCIT can do more than just balance its books at the end of the year. I believe that my experience as manager both of the Clean Air Car Project and the Men's Glee Club has given me a background in the Institute's operation that can be put to work for the student, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve the association of students at Caltech.

-Richard Beatty

Bio

Toots
The list of Biology tutorials (Bi 23) to be offered third term is now available in the Biology Office, 156 Church. The tutorials are staffed by Biology faculty, postdocs, and grad students. They provide an opportunity for learning through personal contact in a small group situation and cover a broad range of subjects. Bi 23 may be taken for up to six units; grading is pass/fail.

Dabney

The ASCIT/GSC party is Saturday (tomorrow) at Dabney Hall & Gardens. Free wine, beer, cheese, & misc. munchies. The booze starts at 8:00, the band starts at 9:00. Bring a friend.

I feel the sole purpose of ASCIT is to serve the student body in whatever way possible. To do this, however, requires knowing what the students want. To this end, I would actively seek out a wide base of opinion. (I already have some contact with members of all houses through various activities).

I also feel that ASCIT should play a very major role in the important matter of carrying the students' voice to the faculty, the Institute, and the world beyond. The ASCIT President already serves on faculty committees, and goes to Trustees' meetings. I would, however, work for more student input, not only on academic matters such as tenure (more important now that positions are getting tight) but also in terms of the general running of Tech, as it affects the students. The Health Center is but one example. In addition, the Alumni Association really wants to know what the students are doing, so that they can help out (dollarwise and otherwise). In furtherance of this goal I would work at expanding ASCIT's contacts with the relevant hierarchy (the secretaries run everything).

As to ASCIT's commitment to the student social life, I would like to see more done through the houses. I would also like to see ASCIT help out groups of houses with projects a little more ambitious than Dabney Hall parties (ski trips, mayhaps?).

On one final note, a kind of Well-It-Costs-Nothing-To-Try Department, I would like to see ASCIT try and raise some scholarships from outside companies (at this point in time, it's worth a try).

That's what I'll try to do if elected, so make up your mind and on Tuesday: vote early and often.

-Ed Bielecki

It is my belief, regardless of what Tech editors may think, [Ed. note: The editorial to which Mr. Russell appears to refer was written by Sandy McCorquodale and does not necessarily reflect the views of the other two members of the editorial staff.] that ASCIT should not try to become a giant octopus spreading out its tentacles. ASCIT should provide support to undergrads where the corporation's organization and financial strength can help promote the success of student ventures.

The ASCIT BOD is also an excellent forum for student views. The result of this is that the BOD, and especially the ASCIT President, is used by the administration as their source of student opinion. This can and does influence their decisions.

Much of what ASCIT does is to provide moral support and occasional financial assistance to subsidiary but mostly autonomous student services. These include ASCIT movies, student shop, the Caltech Coffee House, and student appointees to faculty committees. As ASCIT President I would spend my time supporting student ventures, and presenting the student viewpoint in such a manner as to influence administration decisions.

-Chris Russell

**Vote Early
And Often!**

Regardless of what appeared in last week's Tech, elections are Tuesday.

Vice-President

"DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT. The Vice President shall, during absences of the President, assume the duties of that office. He shall be a member of the Board of Directors. He shall act as chairman, without vote, of the Board of Control. He shall assist the President in coordinating the policies and activities of the Associated Students. His primary responsibility shall be to insure the continuance of the Honor System as a vital force among the students."

Hello! I'm a rather unusual candidate because I've run in more elections than just about anybody else on campus. This time I'm one of your choices for every office. Now, don't let the fact that I'm not an ASCIT member deter you - if I'm elected and you're not perfectly satisfied with me, well, you can hold another election just as soon as you like. So, remember to vote for me, and maybe this time I'll actually win one of the ballots.

-No

Treasurer

"DUTIES OF THE TREASURER. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the corporation and shall deposit it to the credit of the corporation in such bank or banks as the Board of Directors shall determine. He shall keep a full account of money expended and received and shall make a report of such account once a term at a regular meeting to the Board of Directors, and at such time as the Board of Directors may desire. He shall be a member of the Board of Directors. At the end of each fiscal year, the Treasurer shall have the books of the corporation audited. The Treasurer at the close of each school year shall have the books checked by the new Treasurer. He shall receive and present to the BOD term and annual reports of the ASCIT publications. He shall have direct charge of the corporation offices and all corporation property."

Robert Chess

Doug Mehoke

\$20,000. That's the amount the ASCIT treasurer is responsible for each year. The qualifications of the person who will be handling such a large sum of money should be carefully scrutinized. He should be a person who combines experience in financial endeavors with a willingness to expend the necessary time to do the job completely.

The position of Dabney House treasurer has given me considerable experience in keeping books, which is one of the prime duties of the treasurer. If I can keep Dabney House solvent, anything else will be easy in comparison.

The reason I am seeking this office is that I enjoy the type of work associated with being treasurer, and the power the office gives over the running of ASCIT. Also I think ASCIT needs a competent treasurer who would be willing to put out the time and effort needed to do a good job.

-Robert Chess

**Nominate Yourself
Into Office**

Nominations are still open for ASCIT Ath Man. Sign up on Flora's door.

Hi. I'm Doug Mehoke and I'm running for Treasurer. Anything else you may have heard about me is probably not true.

The briefness of this little spiel is due to my chronic short-windedness complicated by the fact that ever since water polo ended, I have been quite out of shape, still skinny, but balder, alas.

My motivation for seeking this office is basically one of trying to restore a little faith in the Treasurer by managing the cash flow in a fair and reasonable way.

As far as my background goes money and I have been friends for a long time. This includes two years as a semi-pro loan shark in high school and ever before that, when, as a child, I sat up long nights shaking the quarters out of my brother's piggy bank. Well, if any of you are still wavering with uncertainty, let me exhibit this example of my economy. Since this paper is being sent to my house and since I owe them a letter, I will combine the two and make a quick 13 cents profit. "Hi, Mom Hi, Dad. Send money. Love Doug."

-Doug Mehoke

Amnesty & Prisoners

by Richard Ackermann

An article in this week's issue of Time Magazine describes in some detail the tale of the Soviet mathematician Leonid Plyushch accused of "anti-Soviet activities" three years ago and condemned to prisons and mental hospital; until last month, when Soviet authorities gave way to international pressure and let him go into exile.

The case of Plyushch is typical for what is happening to hundreds of thousands of prisoners of conscience in more than one hundred countries throughout the world. These political prisoners are imprisoned and

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Secretary

"DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY. The Secretary shall, during the absence of the President and Vice-President, assume the duties of the President. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the corporation and the Board of Directors. He shall post, or otherwise make public, copies of the record of each meeting within three days subsequent to that meeting. He shall post notice of all meetings of the corporation in which legislation is to be acted upon or discussed, together with a complete statement of such legislation at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. He shall maintain a current file of the minutes of all the meetings of committees responsible to the Board of Directors, and all Committees and organizations having interests common to those of the Board of Directors."

Pam Crane Tom McDonnell

A fetish for mimeograph machines? Passionate devotion to taking minutes? What has driven me to run for ASCIT secretary? Although it appears to be a useless organization, ASCIT provides many services that one usually takes for granted. The little *t* went virtually unnoticed—until it wasn't printed two years ago. ASCIT has money, and money equals power. When used wisely, it brings about improvement of student life at Caltech. In addition to being a CONSCIENTIOUS secretary, I plan to vote on the BOD with fairness and reason, keeping in mind the interests of the student body as a whole.

—Pam Crane

Amnesty

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often tortured—not for anything they've done but for what they believe. In glaring contravention of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, many governments declare those who dare to criticize them either criminal or insane, often without even the semblance of a trial or an examination.

Governments have no right to incarcerate people for their beliefs. But, unfortunately, they do have the power. They exercise that power freely, and will continue to do so until worldwide public opinion is sufficiently aroused to stop them.

What Can Be Done

In an article in the *Tech* a couple of weeks ago, I briefly mentioned the activities of *Amnesty International* a London-based independent, non-partisan organization that works for the freedom of Prisoners of Conscience who have not used or advocated violence.

Unexpectedly, a fair number of people on and around campus have shown growing interest in the organization, and it seems to me that it would be well worth the experiment of establishing a group of *Amnesty International* (AI) on campus. (Residents of California might be interested to now that there already exist several dozen groups in this state.)

The question is then: What can we do?

The usual approach is simple but highly effective: Members of AI work for specific prisoners, writing letters to high officials of

The assigned duties of the ASCIT secretary are well-described in Article IV, Section 4 of the ASCIT By-Laws. Simply stated, what it adds up to is that the secretary is largely responsible for insuring that ASCIT is a productive and well-run corporation. On the ground level, this involves such tasks as compiling and maintaining records of ASCIT proceedings, and then coordinating this information and disseminating it to the rest of ASCIT at large. Based on my own past experience, these affairs, however mundane, are indispensable to a smoothly-working and productive organization.

In keeping with the goal in a broader sense as well, I think the secretary could be of help to the ASCIT BOD in keeping track of schedules and upcoming events for individual BOD members, some of whom, like the president, have a number of functions to keep track of in the course of a year.

Lastly, the secretary *does* have a voice in ASCIT and, in my opinion, a responsible secretary is one who is willing to take an active role in getting things done, as well as in getting things across.

I'd like the chance to do what I can for ASCIT as secretary over the coming year. I'm sure that I can do a fine job and I'd really appreciate your support.

—Tom McDonnell

the jailor governments and to prison officials. In addition, cases are publicized, the aid of influential people is enlisted, and the subject government's embassies and consultants are visited. In these and other ways, AI members put international pressure on governments that ignore the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Since its formation in 1961, AI has helped secure the release of more than 13,000 Prisoners of Conscience.

Methods

With a staff of 40 researchers, AI's International Secretariat, based in London, pursues news of arrests, carefully investigates cases of prisoners, and follows the political and legal activities in over 100 countries of every political persuasion.

The Research Department provides information about Prisoners of Conscience to members of AI groups in 33 countries. The government and prison officials in question are then faced with informed, insistent, and con-

The conflicts dealt with by the IHC are the conflicts of the self-interests of the houses. Rotation of freshmen and athletics are obvious examples of houses clashing, each bent on best meeting its own ends. When disputes of this type arise, you usually find that the parties are pursuing their goals too eagerly, infringing on others' rights, who in turn...

It is the responsibility of the IHC to make policies concerning these interactions between the houses, so that everyone is free of excessive interference from the others. Beyond this, the IHC must make it clear, both in the drafting of its policies and in their implementation, that these are *cooperative* agreements, rather than a definition of the fringe of tolerated behavior.

For example, the antithesis of cooperation is the way we have brought the "gag rule" upon ourselves. The old rotation rules were construed by some to allow any malicious innuendo, as long as the half-truth was prefixed by the phrase "*In my opinion...*" Following the letter of the law instead of its meaning was the cause of the ban on all characterisations.

I want to see the IHC acting in the interest of the houses; by this I mean more than simply re-hashing the old policy into new regulations everybody will try to circumvent. It is in the best interests of the IHC to commit itself not only to arriving at equitable decisions, but also to see that they are followed instead of flouted. Only in this way does the IHC act as a credible regulatory body.

—Tim Groat

tinuous appeals urging reconsideration of the cases and release of prisoners. Letters are dispatched to government ministers, embassies, leading newspapers, international organizations, and the prisoners' relatives and friends. In critical situations, distinguished jurists or diplomats may be sent to attend controversial trials or to plead for the life of a sentenced victim.

With more than 50,000 members all over the world, Amnesty International has been accorded consultative status with the United Nations, the Organization of American States, the Council of Europe, and the Organization of African Unity.

What does the group do?

There are two different ways in which members of an AI group can work. Depending on the amount of members, a group on campus could engage in one or both of the following activities:

IHC Chairman

"DUTIES OF THE IHC CHAIRMAN. The IHC Chairman shall be a member of the Board of Directors. He shall call and preside over meetings of the Interhouse Committee. He shall be responsible for liaison between ASCIT and the various house organizations."

Tim Groat

Ed Rea

Tom Snyder

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly express my views on the I.H.C., and my reasons for seeking the position of chairman of that group.

The Interhouse Committee is the official body with the purpose of acting as a forum for discussion and action between the student houses. The scope of its activities is broad, but there are a few specific matters which I consider to be its most important responsibilities.

The first of these is the freshman rotation program. My feeling is that there is room for improvement in the present system of rotation. In an effort to promote this goal of improvement I have acted as chairman of the Rotation Referendum Committee. The recommendation of this committee and the results of its upcoming poll will be crucial matters of consideration for the IHC.

Secondly, the IHC, in cooperation with the athletic department, runs the Interhouse and Discobolus programs. Through continuous involvement in these programs and through discussions with the coaches involved, I have developed a great deal of interest in seeing these programs operate as smoothly and equitably as possible.

Finally, the IHC is responsible for the interviewing and selection of individuals to the various faculty committees. Since these committees represent the broadest form of interaction between students and faculty, I feel that careful consideration in the selection of representatives is an underrated but important responsibility.

In general I would like to see the Interhouse Committee run as efficiently as possible, with a basic commitment to fairness and consistency. I feel that in the position of chairman I can help make this happen, and I am willing to do the work involved.

—Ed Rea

Adoption: The group is assigned three prisoners by the International Secretariat. To ensure neutrality, the prisoners assigned are from countries of different political systems and no group "adopts" prisoners from its own country.

Members write to the appropriate government, embassy, and prison officials to secure freedom for the prisoners. Members also write to the prisoners, themselves, and to their relatives to offer encouragement. When possible members provide financial aid to the prisoners' families.

Action: The group works on

I'm Tom Snyder, running for IHC Chairman. As I see it, the IHC Chairman's primary responsibility is to make the IHC a fair and equitable body. I have had experience, as chairman of the Executive Social Committee, working with members of all houses. I'm sure that your past year's ESC rep. can tell you that I have been fair, and maintained an open committee. Another part of the IHC Chairman's responsibility is to be a member of the BOD, where I also have a year experience. Also, the IHC Chairman has more influence than any other student in seeing that the student has a say about housing and food service, which most of you are rather concerned about; if not now wait until after dinner. As IHC Chairman I will work for fair rotation and cordial interhouse relations. I will also do my best to improve food service.

—Tom Snyder

Give to Quake Victims

Last week in the *California Tech* Becky Winter shared the sobering statistics from the earthquake that struck Guatemala last Wednesday the 4th. She recounted the rough death toll of 20,000 and the homeless figure of easily ten times that. Becky saw the need and, from her own experience, suggested an efficient avenue of aid: the Behrhorst Foundation.

Since last week (you remember the yellow posters around campus) there have been two informative meetings for interested Techers. The second of these, held Monday evening, was a slide presentation and discussion by Ted Hainy, of the Far East Broadcasting Company—and an eyewitness. He had flown to Guatemala City the day before the quake with the original purpose of conducting a radio survey of the rural areas. Ted brought no new statistics, but his pictures and narration brought to each one present the reality of the Guatemalan tragedy. I'll attempt to share his presentation with you.

It took two hands to hold on... The tremor struck in the early morning and lasted for two minutes. The last sixty seconds Ted spent in a door-frame, and took the steadying of both hands to prevent being thrown to the floor. He recalled that the other

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Activities Chairman

"DUTIES OF THE ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN. The Activities Chairman shall manage the ASCIT movie program."

Randy Okubo **Mike Schwartz**

Where do the speakers come from? Japan. Where does the amplifier come from? Japan. Where does the projector come from? Japan. Now I ask you, where should the projectionist come from?

-Randy Okubo

My mission, should you decide to accept it, will be to seek out good movies, to show more cartoons, and to operate the projector proficiently. If I fail and am caught but not killed, I will disavow any knowledge of my actions. This message will self destruct...sometime (unless you destroy it first).

-Mike Schwartz

Tech Editors

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DIRAC

"DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS. The Director for Academic Affairs shall be a member of the Board of Directors. He shall be responsible for committees formed by the corporation on academic affairs. He shall work with members of the corporation who represent it on faculty committees."

Bert Wells

Having served on the Educational Policies Committee for nearly a year, I have come to be somewhat familiar with activities I would handle as Director of Academic Affairs. Preparation of the TQFR, studies of surveys made by the EPC, discussions with professors concerning their classes, collecting of student opinion of teaching ability for input to the tenure decision process, meetings with faculty committees and the EPC itself; in these things I have taken an interest during the last year, and I hope to continue my participation in them. In seeking election to this post, I affirm my basic attitude towards education: that providing a quality education is not the responsibility of teacher alone; rather that it is the active concern of administrator, sage, and pupil.

-Bert Wells

Director for Social Activities

Bart Croes

Ken Rousseau

The major responsibility of the office of Director of Social Activities is to coordinate the large ASCIT budget by chairing the Executive Social Committee. This committee is made up of representatives from the social team of each house and up to three appointed members-at-large. The ESC uses ASCIT money to subsidize social events put on by combinations of houses, clubs, informal groups, and occasionally, the ESC itself.

I feel that the Director of Social Activities should have experience with campus-wide social events. Having been one of the organizers of the Frosh Party I have had experience with the costs, problems, and benefits of this type of event.

I would really appreciate your vote in the upcoming ASCIT elections. If you have any questions about my qualifications or opinions, please come by and see me in 144 Page.

Bart-E. Croes

"DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR FOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. The Director for Social Activities shall be a member of the Board of Directors. He shall be chairman of the Social Committee. He shall be responsible for the organization of the corporation's social activities and shall coordinate them with the social activities of the undergraduate Houses."

I'm Ken Rousseau and I'm running for Director of Social Activities. The Director for Social Activities has two functions. First, he sits on the ASCIT Board of Directors. Second, he is chairman of the Executive Social Committee.

As a member of the BOD, I must be able to effectively present the views of those he is representing. He must keep in mind that he represents the entire campus on the BOD. I enjoy dealing with people and will present to the BOD all ideas and suggestions that are communicated to me.

As ESC Chairman, impartiality and objectivity are even more important. Working with a committee where all seven houses are represented requires one to be impartial. If I am elected, all meetings will be run in an impartial manner. Any ASCIT member will be free to present an idea and be certain it will be considered and discussed. The ESC funds will be dispensed in an equitable manner among the clubs and organizations on campus.

-Ken Rousseau

Directors-At-Large

"DUTIES OF THE DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE. The two Directors-at-Large shall be members of the Board of Directors. They shall be responsible for conducting the Red Cross Blood Drive and the Consolidated Charities Drive. They shall maintain a calendar of events which are of interest to members of the corporation. In addition, they shall perform other duties as specified by the Board of Directors."

Dan Whelan

Tod Lauer

Matt Weinstein

Jim Westover

There are too many Rudd's in the ASCIT government now.

-Dan Whelan

ASCIT, though much maligned, is an extremely useful, and effective organization. We're all familiar with the services that it provides. The California Tech, little t, the coffee house, and ASCIT flics, are all examples of ASCIT services that any J. Random Troll uses and benefits from. The most important ASCIT function, however, to act as the student voice, is just as visible. Caltech is the center of *excellence* that it is largely because of the student body. The amount of freedom and participation in faculty committees by the students here for a productive and free environment that is hard to find elsewhere. All of this depends on student participation. Remove ASCIT and the student voice from Caltech, and the twits that can be found in any high position soon will forget about your concerns. The California Institute of Technology would quickly become the California Institute of Mediocrity. Therefore, it is also the job of ASCIT to insure that student apathy does not take over. If this place is to remain a center of *excellence*, the under-

As Director-at-Large I would fairly represent your views on the BOD and would add new vitality to an organization in which it has long been lacking.

-Matt Weinstein

graduates must remain involved.

As a Director at Large I would work against student apathy. ASCIT must continue to provide activities and services that will keep the average Techer interested and involved. It also must not fail to represent the interests of the students to the faculty. It is important, therefore to insure that qualified students are placed on faculty committees. Some toad imitating dead space in a position of importance would be worse than having an empty chair in his place.

The Director at Large has two things to offer, his voice and vote on the BOD. I believe I can meet both responsibilities. Being a lowly frosh I have not yet amassed an impressive list of qualifications or experience for the job. In my own house, however I have shown that I am willing to devote time, interest, and energy in extracurricular

Election day arrives. You, being as sharp as you are, notice there are eight people running for Director-at-Large. You may ask "What difference does it make?" Alas, your apathetic nature gets the best of you and you randomly choose the fifth one; five being your lucky number.

Your mistake. Student government is not a game. Think about your vote, and make it count.

As you probably guessed, I would appreciate your vote. If I am elected, I am there as a student, not a politician. There are no issues for me to cavil about. The issue is only my enthusiasm, insight, and sense of responsibility.

Smile, this is your chance to influence the system. Your vote could make the difference.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Jim Westover

activities. As Director at Large I therefore feel justified in a guarantee that I will give all the time and energy into the job that is needed.

-Tod Lauer

Leroy Fisher

Hello, my name is Leroy Fisher, and I'd like to take this opportunity to inform you of my intentions to run for re-election as Director-at-Large. I have held this position for the past year, and as part of my duties have helped run the Blood Drive, have taken care of the ASCIT-BUS, and most importantly, represented you to the best of my ability on the Board of Directors. This is a position to enjoy, and I would like to continue to hold it for another year. I would appreciate your support to help me do this. Many thanks.

-Leroy Fisher

Amnesty

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emergency cases which require immediate attention. It also seeks to educate the community about human rights and to coordinate special projects for prisoner relief.

The essential point is to demonstrate continuously to the prisoners and to their governments that no one is forgotten that someone cares, that justice, man arrests, mock trials and torture cannot escape the attention of the world community.

Even the most repressive governments cannot ignore sustained international outcry against their inhumane policies. As long as concerned people around the world make their disapproval known, there will be hope for Prisoners of Conscience.

For everyone interested (Student and Faculty), there will be an organizational meeting this coming Thursday, Feb. 26, at 8:00 p.m. in Clubroom 1 of Winnet Center.

VOTE

Food Report

Rotation Referendum

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inful in the sense that the changes may create a nutritional chaos.

"As I understand, there have been some complaints of cold food at the evening meal. In comparing cafeteria-style meal service with family style waiter service, cafeteria style would offer food at a warmer temperature as the food goes directly from the serving line to the plate; whereas the family style service, there is more heat loss because of additional time, serving bowls and handling involved with this type of service.

Food waste is also generally higher with the family-waiter style because all the food left in the serving bowls must be disposed of and cannot be utilized another day as it can with cafeteria style service. I suggest exploring the possibilities of cafeteria style service during the evening meal with a set time for the members of each house to go through the cafeteria line so that everyone can still eat together and be present for announcements."

The changes outlined above over rights should be a matter of some controversy in the student body at this time, except that most of it seems not to care much one way or the other. The situation (which will affect everyone on campus next year, so they should be aware of it) is that the IHC has asked the institute to get bids from different companies for the food service next year. The companies are turning in four bids, on four different arrangements, i.e., the combinations of limited/unlimited seconds on the second three and cafeteria-style/waited inners. These bids are due March 15, after which the appropriate representatives of the institute will be choosing a company and a plan. The IHC will be in on that choice—so it's up to the house members to make their feelings about cafeteria style known to their respective presidents.

Mr. Fennell mentioned in regards to this issue that he has been aware of the problem with old food for some time, but sees no solution if waited meals continue. An attempt to heat the inner plates before the meal failed because hot dishes are too hard to handle. He added that he believes that only by going to cafeteria style dinners could he provide hot food and save money.

The letter from the dietician went on to review the basic human nutritional needs and made general suggestions about what would be a rounded diet. Basically she said little more than eat a diet balanced from among the basic four groups, i.e., meat, vegetable-fruit, milk, and bread-cereal."

Mr. Fennell had little to say about the letter as a whole, except that "it means that overall we have a pretty good menu", from a nutritional point of view.

On the ballot for ASCIT offices next Monday there will be a poll conducted by the Rotation Referendum Committee. The committee was formed by Dr. Mayer, the Master of Student Houses, to determine if rules could be drawn up so that the difficulties encountered during this year's rotation might be overcome. The referendum will ask you to make choices from alternatives on three issues. Following are the alternatives and the recommendations of the committee.

I. GAG RULE

- 1. current regulation: "No person from any house shall consciously or unconsciously present a false image of any house, including his own. Any new student who consciously or unconsciously presents a false image of any house shall be considered to have chosen all seven houses. The IHC shall decide if a violation has occurred and levy penalties it deems appropriate."
- or 2. deletion of this regulation (No Gag Rule).
- or 3. previous regulation: "Before or during rotation week, no house shall characterize in any way another house or an individual in another house, or purposely present a false image of any house."
- or 4. modified rule: "All remarks about other houses or individuals in other houses must be prefaced by, 'I don't know anything about this, but...'"

Choice (3) has proven to be unenforceable. Choice 2 would precipitate false rumors and accusations which the committee feels would be detrimental to the interests of rotation week. The committee was divided on which of the other two choices was better. Dr. Mayer felt that the current regulation had worked fairly well.

II. SOCIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 1. present regulation: "No house shall
 - a. Make a trophy or alley challenge
 - b. Publish a social calendar or relate in any fashion coming social events.
 - c. Organize or sponsor a social event. After dinner parties for the purpose of meeting new students shall not be considered social events.
 - d. Spend money on a new student, provide goods or services on credit or free, date a new student or get a new student a date."
- or 2. modified regulation: "Houses can: have receptions after dinner; serve munchies at a fair cost; have only current or ex-members at presentations; have faculty fellows to dinner; have open presentations anywhere on campus. Presentations may also include anything of which the IHC approves in advance. Also, individuals may accompany new students to any place open to the general public, provided no

credit or extraordinary services are given, and provided the event occurs outside house auspices."

Choice (3) would create a rotation week in which the new students would be most impressed by the house which chooses to spend the most money on bands, girls, or other entertainment. The major difference between choices (1) and (2) is that (1) says THOU SHALT NOT and (2) says THOU SHALT. Under current choice (1) it is indicated by the IHC that houses will try to find loopholes or exceptions to the rules so that they might get a jump on other houses. Under choice (2) they would not be able to do anything unless specifically stated in the rules or allowed by the IHC. The committee recommends choice (2).

III. APPEALS SYSTEM

At present the IHC is the jurisdictional body overseeing rotation, with the Master having final say in all matters. This is a proposal for (possibly) a more formal appeals and review system on rotation.

- 1. present system: The master should be the one and only review and appeals machinery.
- or 2. The BOC should pass judgement on rotation appeals.
- or 3. The creation of a review board of students, with the Master at its head, to act as a discussion and recommendation group for the Master on rotation appeals.

This year the IHC was brought as a body before the BOC and the decision was not to convict. Afterwards the BOC would not hear any more rotation appeals. The BOC is busy enough as it is and furthermore, rotation appeals are not, strictly speaking, violations of the Honor System. Choice (2) would be unworkable and inadequate. Choice (1) has worked in the past but not this year because the Master was unwilling to be as strict on one house as the representatives on the IHC from six other houses would have liked. Choice (3) presents an appealing alternative. A review board of students would be set up on a one per house system or by campus vote or a combination. The number of students can be determined later. These students would have an advantage over the IHC in that they would not be as partial to individual houses as the president of a house might be. In that way an unfair judgement by the IHC could be overruled by the review board with the Master at its head. In addition to taking pressure off the Master, this would also cut down on time wasted by house presidents in rotation week meetings so the presidents could be more effective in their respective houses. The power to make final rulings would remain with the Master.

The committee recommends choice (3).

The results of the poll on the ballot will be submitted to the IHC to present guidelines from which the rules for rotation next year can be developed.

Rotation Referendum Committee
Ed Rea, Chairman

Revolt

by Ed Bielecki
& Dennis Mallonee

The Page House Excomm received a surprise Thursday night last, in the shape of a large (and quite serious) group of house members intent on eliminating their power. Claiming the support of more than half of Page, the "People's Provisional Government" tried to convince the Excomm that they were indeed staging a coup. The guiding lights of the insurrection: Tim Brown, Dan Dobkin, George Fuller and Bill Holland eventually got the idea across, and the Excomm and the crowd dispersed.

The main reason cited for the insurrection were: closed Excomm meetings, the method of appointing UCC's, and general non-interest in house opinion.

Several days later, the Peoples Government returned the Excomm's power in exchange for house consideration of several proposals during this last Wednesday's elections.

The final result was a complete revamping of the Page House political system, including open meetings, house selection of UCC's, and alley representation on the Excomm itself.



Page House Excomm members negotiate terms of their surrender with representatives of the People's Provisional Government. Photo by G. Bone

Guatemala

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couple was able only with difficulty to crawl across the floor towards him.

We could only find the streets because the rubble wasn't as deep in them... The next three days were spent ferrying supplies and gleaned information in the countryside. Ted's camera went with him. Impressive shots of 200 foot gravel drops and cornfields on slopes tilted to sixty degrees underscored how potent landslides were in straggling motor travel.

There was a sameness to the twenty or so slides of rural towns. In every case, the streets were endless slag piles of split mud bricks topped with a solid layer of scrambled boards that reminded one of the excess scrap from Interhouse. Here and there an Occasional door stood, or perhaps half a kitchen cabinet. I'm told that a rural house is built with a tile roof, but I could not see any. Sturdier buildings crumbled as well: one shot of a Catholic Church sported an essentially solid belltower cupola lying in front. All rural construction that was not steel reinforced was destroyed.

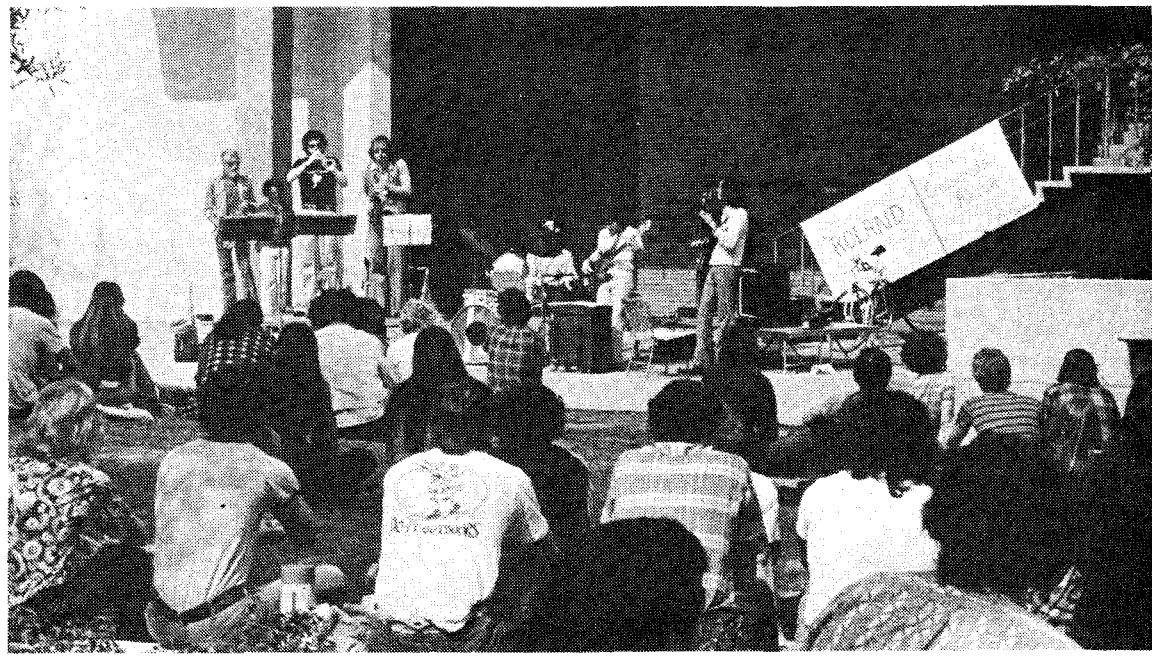
There were 400 broken bodies lying on the soccer field, and a lone doctor with an assistant had sent them there. He had been working 48 hours straight on the simple task of categorizing the injured: dead, mortally injured, broken, and able to help. This was in a town isolated by a landslide nine miles away. During their presence on the third day, the first government helicopters were coming with aid.

I'll never forget the willingness of those people to help. Ted showed a picture of the Pan-American highway outside of

Guatemala City where a bulldozer had bypassed a slide. The field of view was full of individual Guatemalans on minibikes, walking, and in jeeps; each with some item of food or a can of water. Thousands of city-dwellers left their damaged homes, and their injured in the hospitals, to do what they could for the Indians of Chimaltenango. Nor was their motive profiteering. The government enacted a law whereby all foodstuffs were to be sold at their prequake prices, and broadcast these prices. This law was respected. The first Thursday, our narrator told us, he had purchased a Coke at the wholesale price when three cases were that town's entire water supply. Even on the deeply personal level, generosity showed through, as none among the injured was heard to beg "me first."

Sure it was a tragedy, but there have been others. And there have. But the Guatemalan tremor is not insignificant among them. Take a few seconds to ponder this. The last Earthquake to kill this many occurred on May 31, 1970 in Peru. 66,000 Lives were lost. The next tremor of that size occurred in 1939, where 23,000 Turks met Allah. The Alaskan quake of several years ago was an eight-plus, Richter scale, but occurred under the ocean.

There is nothing of consequence that I can do. To some extent this is true. These Indians need (1) temporary shelter, (2) inoculation against typhus and treatment for wounds, (3) food to replace crops destroyed, and (4) rebuilding supplies. It's too late for one and two, and steel or wood for twenty-K homes doesn't come cheap. However,



The jazz ensemble known as "Roland" entertained a large lunch-hour audience on the Olive Walk Quad at last Friday Noon Concert. Today's performance features British magician Eric Lewis. Photo by K. I.

there are organizations and individuals who know how to help and will, given the capital to do so. CARE would be one example. Last week the Behrhorst Clinic Foundation was stressed because Behrhorst's volunteer staff operates with zero overhead and has been established in the affected Chimaltenango district for 15 years. (The foundation address is c/o John Puelle, Treasurer, 430 East 6th Street, Apartment 15-A, New York City, New York, 10009. Make checks payable to Behrhorst Clinic Foundation.)

What can I do? Be at most one or two steps in a runner's course. It may not seem like much, but then neither do the three cases of Coke that were a town's water supply for three days. Your gifts will add to the many others that will exist only because they have been given one at a time. Together, they add up to a contribution of consequence. Come talk with us, Becky Winter x2182; or John Ernest x2180, Room 117 Lloyd if you want more information.

—John Ernest

My-Set-is-On

Best of a Situation What It's All About

I had not recently seen any episodes of that now venerable CBS staple *M*A*S*H*, and recalled that the show has suffered a metamorphosis of late with the departures of McLean Stevenson (Col. Blake) and Wayne Rogers (Trapper John).

*M*A*S*H* drew its popularity largely in the younger populous with its rapid-fire one liners, zany situations, Alan Alda, Gary Burghoff, and the rest of the Mobile Army Surgical Hospital 4077. The casting was absolutely perfect; these people really liked each other, and this was reflected in their performances.

The two departing characters were written out of the script quickly and believably, one of them going back to the states, and the other being killed while on leave. The new characters are Harry Morgan as the new C.O., and Mike Farrell portraying B.J., Hawkeye's new partner in crime and surgery. All of the rest of the old gang have returned, and frankly, they are as good, if not better, than ever.

Farrell works more harmoniously with Alda than Rogers ever did, and Morgan has his own smooth, satisfying style.

A recent episode concerned the entrance of 300,000 Chinese into the Korean offensive, and the resulting deluge of casualties into the 4077th. Interspersed with the scenes of operating room success and failure, personal conflicts, celebration, mourning, confiding, expostulating, and lauding, were old Movietone newsreels depicting the apparently happy mood of the American people at home. The biggest news on the newsreels was the return of Rita Hayworth to the U.S. with her comments, "The first thing I'm going to do is get a hot dog". This all reinforced the notion that those serving in Korea were an awfully neglected bunch. *M*A*S*H*, more than any other program, can squeeze comedy out of tragedy in a tasteful, sober, and

consistent fashion; further substantiating the diaphaneity of the line between those two songs of drama.

An excellent example of such a situation occurred when the hospital ran out of blood plasma in a storm of rain and mortar shells. The medical facilities were taxed beyond their resources and the plasma was very seriously needed. Radar (Gary Burghoff) was delegated to call another *M*A*S*H* on the congested telephone lines and attempt to acquire the commodities. The resulting scene consisted of Radar bartering over the phone using the hospital stores as merchandise. Offers to the other hospital included several hundred throat swabs, peanut butter, and copies of *Tropic of Cancer* ("They'll get you through the war without a leave to Tokyo".) All of these were declined, and they finally agreed upon the fruits of a clerical mishap: 5000 surplus rolls of toilet paper. (I know that's a lot of toilet paper; maybe you can start a newspaper or something.) Imagine owing your life to dear old number two.

The staff of MASH at times complain of their plight, so far from home ("If this is a police action, why didn't they send cops?"), but they are there to do a job. ("Colonel, I am not here because I am a fan of diarrhea.")

Some people are there by choice, as is Army-brat Hot Lips (Loretta Swit), "I didn't know what a civilian was; I thought they were just people waiting for their uniforms to get back from the cleaners." Others were drafted and never did want to serve, like jack-of-all-dresses Cpl. Klinger. "...I even kissed the Army psychiatrist on the mouth and he said 'Keep it up and we'll make a general out of you.'"

The intrepid people of the 4077th try to make the best of life, week after week, whatever the circumstances; and I say, isn't that what it's all about?

—Eric Carter

Dabney Concert Superior Production

by Richard Ackermann

In reviewing musical events, I often wonder what the potential reader really expects: Provided he (or she) attended the event—will he merely want to find his already formed opinion reflected in the review, or will he let his mind be changed by what a possibly ignorant or biased critic has written?

And if the reader was not present at the event—will he take what he is reading to be impeccably correct?

What I am touching on is the problem that nowadays, as music has become so commercialized (and "politicized"), it is not the art anymore that really counts. In classical music, good artists are being "run over" by lesser ones who manage to succeed in the struggle for survival within the artistic world.

In modern commercial music, it often looks like the most widely publicized production intrinsically must also be the best one. Here it seems to me that artistic skill has become much

less important than all the electronic makeup and artificial publicity that evidently create an impressive image.

Unfortunately, my snobbish point of view ignores the countless efforts to pursue the art of music *comme-il-faut* on a small scale.

As I have shown in previous reviews, the true music lover has many opportunities here at Caltech to enjoy good music (notably chamber music) that does not have to be performed under the doubtful pressure of widespread public opinion and commercial aspects. (Incidentally, I suppose I should add that anybody who admires loud and not so... music, need only roam through any of the student houses to get more than enough of it.)

As in the past, the most recent Dabney Lounge Concert was excellent in just about every respect. The Lounge was ideally suited for the type of perfor-

mance by the group of M. Thornburgh (soprano), J. Wheeler (piano), and Jill Shires (flute). The well selected program included pieces ranging from some of the delightful secular cantatas of J.S. Bach (sung in German) and an Italian love song by G. Caccini, to a composition by Jacques Ibert, the text of which was taken from the *Stelae* (written in China ca. 1910) of the French poet Victor Segalen.

In a time where the constant rush and hurry hardly permits one to pause for an instant to think about the meaning of such a "misplaced" thing as beauty, this last piece of Ibert's was a heart-stirring gift:

My love has the virtues
of water: a limpid smile, fluent
gestures, a pure voice, singing
drop by drop.

And sometimes,

when in spite of myself—
fire glimmers through my eyes, so
fine at fanning it she quivers:
splashed water on red coals.

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Houses Stage Gastronomic Gaffe

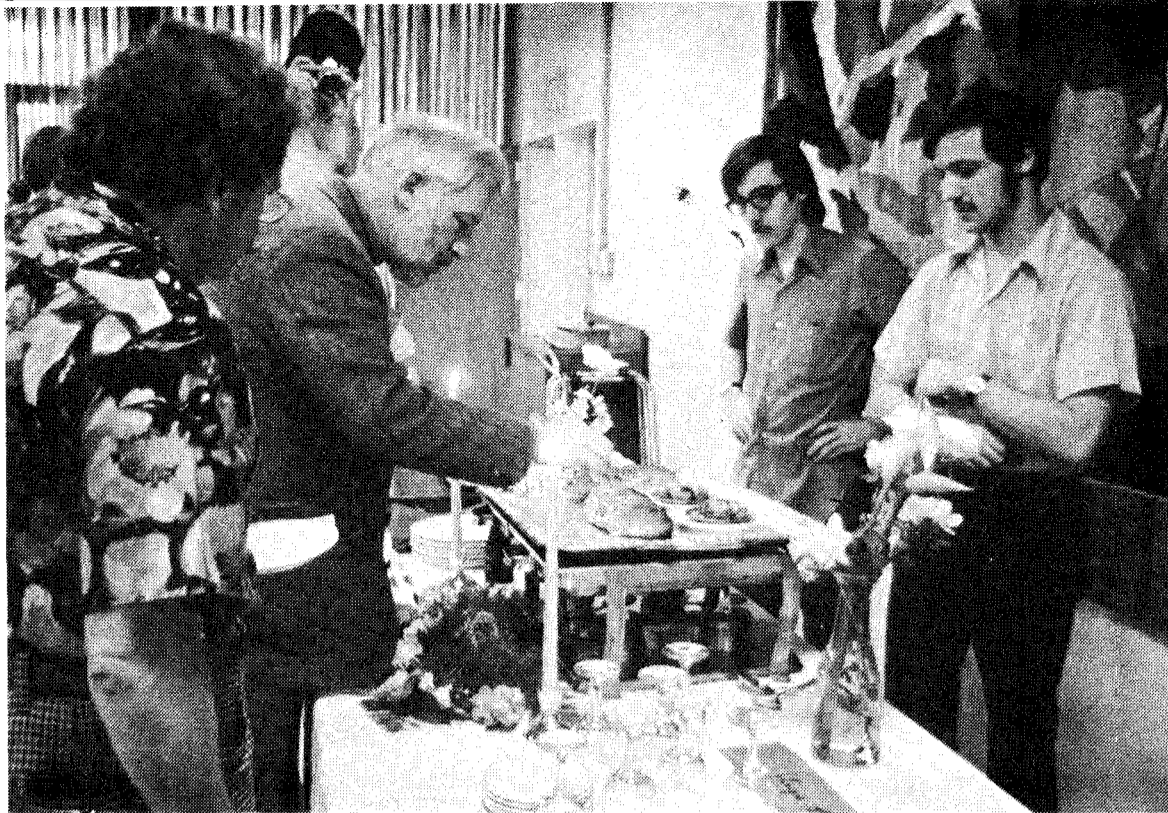
The judges of the Interhouse Cooking Contest (Feb. 14), Jim Black, Jim Boyk, Philip Brown, Harry Gray, Hans Liepmann, Jim Morgan and Ray Owen, struggling manfully against a massive attack of calories, awarded two first prizes. Butter besotted, wine and cream saturated, moving sluggishly from table to table, they gave the nod to Blacker and Lloyd.

Scene of the bacchanalian rite was the Ruddock House dining room which, on Monday, once more faced reality and food service. Here are the menus, and (somewhat pathetically) the stuff Techers dream about:

1st prize: Blacker House—Oyster Sauce Beef, Snow Peas, Cherry Cheese Cake.

1st prize: Lloyd House—*Escargot a la Bourguignonne (avec le pain chez Lloyd)*, *Canard l'Orange a l'Alsacienne (avec riz sauvage)*, *Crepes Soufflees (avec cremes Anglaise et sauce aux framboises)*.

Runners up: Dabney



Lloyd House's all-out fancy buffet dinner was enough to get them first place and a microwave oven in last weekend's Interhouse Cooking Competition. Photo by K. Yoshida

House—*Soup du jour* (split peas, barley, sausages), *Poulet supreme cordon bleu*, Mom's Apple Pie.

Fleming House—Fruit marinated in Galiano and sour cream, served in pineapple boat; Sauerbraten, with ginger snap gravy; Twice baked potatoes, Asparagus with cheese sauce, Crescent rolls, Rum custard cake.

Page House—Rumake, Crab stuffed avocados, Sweet and Sour Pork, Becky's home-baked rolls, White Cake.

Ruddock House—Baked apples in cream, omelette (cheese, tomatoes, peppers, herbs), hash brown potatoes, Canadian bacon, Banana bread, coffee.

Jim Black's Alumni Association gave one first-prize oven and

Dean Ray Owen's office contributed the other.

Runners-up were awarded half the wholesale price of microwave ovens. The second half of the bill was picked up by the offices of the Dean of Students, Director of Student Relations, and the Master of Student Houses. Partial support was also provided by the Don Shepard Award Fund.

Manurepiece and Antonioni Masterwork

by Lewis Hashimoto

For the discerning movie-goer, the films to be shown in Baxter Lecture Hall this weekend are: *Blazing Saddles*, a recent Mel Brooks release, the ASCIT movie tonight at 7:30, 9:30, and 12:00 midnight, with a showing tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 p.m.; and *Blow-up* and *The Stranger*, Cinematech's double feature of alienation on Saturday night at 7:30 (conflicting with the ASCIT/GSC party and the Ricketts Apache, alas). For the less discerning film aficionado, the scatological manurepiece *Pink Flamingos* will be shown at 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 p.m. tonight at the Alumni Auditorium, and at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Sunday night at Mosher Auditorium, both on the Occidental College campus.

I hesitate to review a film as recent and as popular (or controversial) as *Blazing Saddles* when I have not seen it myself at least once. Reliable sources tend to indicate that this is an amusing film. Highbrow critics in New York tend to indicate that this is a stupid film. *Caveat emptor* (let the guinea pig beware) those who appreciate the madcap popular humor of other Brooks productions are then apt to appreciate this western film genre farce.

Pink Flamingos is the nadir of modern film. This totally pornographic piece is the most repelling, pathological, bizarre, sick production ever seen on the screens of America. It is by reason also an interesting film, and for those of adequately bizarre taste, a grippingly hilarious film. It would be wise not to view *Pink Flamingos* if one has

any sense of propriety in one's filmic taste; little old ladies of the Pasadena variety and parents with small children will find the evening a waste of time and effort, as they will be walking out the door within a few minutes of the beginning of the scatology.

Blow-up (1967), directed by Michaelangelo Antonioni, is one of the outstanding films of the Sixties. Being the first film by a big-name foreign director to gain national distribution in American movie theaters immediately, it opened up large audiences in the Sixties college-age group to the art-house films; it was Antonioni's first film made in English, using the resources of the British film industry. Moreover, it is an entertaining depiction of the "mod" London of the Sixties and its generation of detached followers of fashion, filmed in a tight, economical circular structure.

Blow-up is not a film which can be seen just once to be fully appreciated; it is so well-done that exploring the subtle nuances of its structure, execution, and meaning brings enjoyment to the discerning viewer. Also, Antonioni is not a sloppy director and directs his efforts to controlling careful detail in the film, meaningful detail which can be missed if the viewer is not equally observant. The film, in summary, deals with a murder which is detected inadvertently by a hip young London photographer (played by David Hemming). The protagonist is at once a product and a master of the technology which is his profession. With the eye of his

camera, he "sees" the murder; with the camera, he can make mock symbolic sex with fashion models, he obtains vast amounts of money which allows him to lead his life of depraved alienation, he seduces teenaged groupies with the lure of photographic fame; without the camera, he is a confused fellow, impotent to act upon his knowledge of the murder, unable to straighten out his life. he is an extension of his machine, or vice versa, just as the lead guitarist of the Yardbirds (Jeff Beck? Eric Clapton?) is an extension of his instrument (in the famous nightclub riot scene). *Blow-up* is a modern film based upon a theme of man's resignation to circumstance and alienation. The protagonist has no sense of purpose, no inner drives — he fails to involve himself in a meaningful cause, since, in his world, there are no meanings. One sees a youth demonstration portrayed, where vacuous marchers carry signs stating "On. On. On.", "No." and "Go Away." Hemming is left with a memory and a feeling of emptiness, as is the viewer.

Another theme of *Blow-up* is the relationship between reality and illusion, and the artist as interpreter or creator of the two. The photographer "sees" the murder on his enlarged prints of photos taken in a park; returning to the scene, he discovers the cold corpse. But when the prints are destroyed, he is left with only one blotchy blow-up of the body as evidence. The photographer is a skillful manipulator of images, yet is left with only a vestige of reality to trouble him.

The last sequence depicts his participation in the illusion of a tennis game played by a group of mines with an invisible "ball." Gazing at the actions of the stark figures, Hemming succumbs to the illusion of the game, and the noise of the bouncing ball fills the sound track, So was there a real murder or was it illusion? The camera backs away from Hemming, contemplating the mystery, and then, magically, he vanishes like a character from Melies' early films of magic.

The film enjoys the presence of Vanessa Redgrave as the accomplice to the murder; her performance is a dynamic projection of a character, created in two short sequences. Colors, as details, are important to Antonioni. Much of the film is dressed in stark black and white, with deep purple the backdrop for the group orgy scene, and an ominous dark green in the park where the murder is committed (Antonioni actually dyed the grass to achieve his effect). It can't be said that *Blow-up* is a light film, yet it is quite enjoyable, very rapidly paced, and superlatively photographed.

The Stranger (1967) is a film adaptation of Albert Camus' seminal novel, directed by Luchino Visconti, one of the founders of neo-realism. The novel was a brilliant statement of the concept of Absurdism; the film is a faithful rendition of the book's theme of alienation, detachment, and illogic. Moreover, the photography is superb in depicting the detached existential atmosphere of the setting, and the omnipresence of the Algerian sun. As the protagonist

More Info on Aid

by Al Drehman

As promised two weeks ago, here is another load of financial aid information.

A Quick Review

For those of you who are not too familiar with financial aid, I will briefly describe how it works. Based on your parent's PCS, your personal savings and your expected summer earnings, you are assigned a need figure called your personal need. This figure is the amount of aid that you will receive (inclusive of outside aid). Depending on your class, GPA, and other considerations, you are assigned an amount of self help aid (formerly loan aid).

If your personal financial need is less than this self help figure you get only loan and from now on possibly a job. If your personal need is larger than your self help you will receive a loan and a job equal to your self help figure, and the balance in gift aid (grants and scholarships).

This year most freshmen received \$1,200 in loan while most upperclassmen received \$1,300. Now on to next year's financial aid picture.

Faculty Meeting

Last Wednesday there was a faculty discussion on financial aid and freshmen admissions. As a result of that meeting it appears that most frosh will probably receive \$2,000 in loan aid. The exact amount of self help (loan plus a job) was not indicated, but it will be somewhere between \$2,000 and \$2,400.

A proposal was made which would provide a transition fund so that such a large increase in self help would not occur in a single year. This proposal has already been approved by the Freshman Admissions Committee, the Upperclass Admissions Committee, and the Financial Aid Committee. If adopted, this proposal would decrease the self help by several hundred dollars per student, but it probably would not bring it below the \$2,000 that incoming freshmen will receive.

Put Off

Presently it appears that a decision on upperclass financial aid will be postponed until after the freshman class for next year has been picked. At that time a better estimate of the amount of

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Meursault (who didn't go to his mother's funeral), Marcello Mastroianni delivers a brilliant performance considering that his voice is dubbed into French. The cinematography is most well-done; Visconti is quite at home with his subject. Effects of the sunlight and the sea in the viewer's eyes are marvellously shot. The major problem with the presentation is the illiteracy of the audience, for the appreciation of the film rests with familiarity with the novel by Camus, and with the themes of existentialism. Read the book first; it won't take long.

Salk Calls for Wisdom; Search for New Ways

by David Callaway

Jonas Salk is a man famous for his contributions to medicine (the Salk anti-polio vaccine) and Biology (he is the founding director of the Salk Institute in La Jolla). Wednesday evening he ventured into philosophy with a Leakey Series lecture entitled "The Survival of the Wisest."

"Science and technology seem to be the cause of malaise at present," stated Salk. "However, they are also capable of being used to produce remedies. Biology is not merely a science to enrich medicine and medical technology, but also can be used as a contribution to epistemology."

"Wisdom is of practical importance. Man can learn wisdom from nature... We must try to understand scientifically [emphasis vehemently his]. The present must be viewed with perspective for the future as well as the past."

To demonstrate his point he used slides showing population growth curves as a function of time. For most cases, exceptions were the lemming population and an "infinite feeding" population, the curves followed what he termed a "sigmoidal" curve. The population first increased, and then the increase slowed, and finally stopped as the population stabilized.

He turned his attention to a slide of human population growth. "What will it look like in the future?" he asked. "In the fruit fly, yeast, and sheep populations it levels off to a stable equilibrium. I suspect this is also what will happen for the population in the developed world." He showed a slide of an

idealized population curve divided into two segments—one where the population was increasing (A), the other when it began to slow down and level off (B).

"We are going through an epoch of change. In the first epoch, A, we had an expanding economy. Most of our values will also be reversed. Instead of being anti-death, we will be pro-life. Instead of being anti-disease, we will be pro-health. In place of self-repression, we will have self-expression; instead of extreme restraint, self-restraint."

"We should have cooperation between people working in all areas of knowledge. All brands of knowledge are related: their struggle and diversity is part of life."

"Man, a product of evolution, now contributes to it. He is becoming adjusted to a life radically different from that previous. Man and nature are the joint authors of human existence."

"But no man is born infinitely knowledgeable or wise. Can we turn the success at survival in epoch A into a greater success in epoch B—improving the quality of life, reducing unwisdom, learning to respect and use wisdom. What went on in epoch A was somewhat to the side of life. In the future, not only will the more discerning people survive, but survival will require respect for wisdom. Man's capacity to do this is not yet known."

"We need to search for new ways, new wisdom. Man is capable of reversing evolutionary trends. This is basic to maintain life on the face of this planet, or, as an alternative to invocation and despair."

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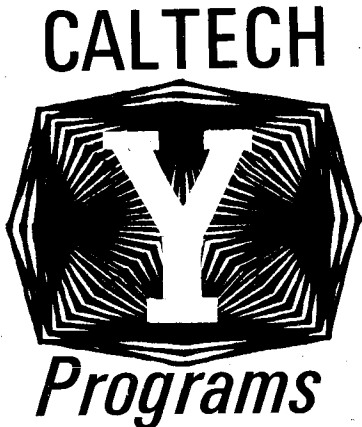
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If it's between noon and 1pm on Friday, then take the paper with you and head out immediately for the Winnett Quadrangle because right now you're missing the marvelous magician and perilous prestidigitator Eric

Lewis. He's a British wizard of some stead and repute... so go!

There are about five events next week, and four, count 'em, different handbills are posted in the student houses and elsewhere. I'll be laconic and refer you to them for more information. Of course, the Y office is as close as x2163, always!

Next Tuesday at noon in the Y lounge you can Talk to, informally and in person, Oxford Professor of Experimental Physics, Sir Denys Wilkinson, Fellow of the Royal Society and All-Around Amazing Person.

Thursday, same coordinates, alumnus Bryan Jack talks about the year he spent in Japan on scholarship after graduation. The discussion will include slides, and should prove interesting even if

he never dragged you before the BOC.

Same evening, the Philharmonic is, as usual, at 7:30pm for \$1.50, luxury motorized transport provided. It's a good deal, and you can get info from the Y office, or have your John Hancock added to the sign-up sheet likewise. It's a great place to take a date (if any).

Next Friday's noon concert: rock! by Angeles. Be there with your lunch.

Last but not least, Saturday the 28th there's the second in a series of day hikes with Dr. William Schaefer, in the San Gabriel Mountains. Read the handbills or call the Y for more info.

Vote maybe.

—Alan Silverstein

Return of a Tick-Tock

by Lydick and Silverstein

Even as people, the seemingly permanent conglomerations of concrete and stucco around us have life-spans. Eventually the sturdiest of buildings will yield to time. Who remembers Culbertson? Earhart? Dolk? Clark? You'll find these names in an *old* copy of *Information for Students*—along with the name of Throop Hall, the first building at Tech's present location, and for a while the sole residence of the Institute back when it was known as Throop Polytech. This squat, ugly old building, made beautiful by memories, met its demise in the same earthquake which claimed Culbertson and damaged Gates. Unlike other structures now gone and forgotten, the memory of Throop lives on and will continue to be with us for years to come, due to the presence of at least two remnants of its tradition.

The first remnant appeared last spring, and ended plans to hang a Christmas tree from a cable between Kellogg and Gates for the holidays. This bit of green would have been symbolic of all such trees which appeared on the cupola of Throop Hall during its 75-year span. Instead, Throop waterworks (formerly Throop site) now features a prominent Deodar Cedar donated by the wrecking company which did in the hall—accompanied by a small commemorative plaque.

The second remnant of Throop made its public appearance only last week. Shortly before Throop met the headache ball, two Scurves precariously purloined the wall clock from the west face of the building. It had been telling time from there since 1940. Rumors have it that Lloyd house made off with the East face clock during the same time period. The numerals and

mechanism collected dust in an attic for two years before the house financed the remounting of the parts on a new face. Three months later the completed restoration, five feet across and weighing fifty pounds, was presented to the Caltech Board of Trustees at their May meeting by a group of Ricketts Students. Nine more months elapsed before Physical Plant hung the clock in its permanent setting on the North Wall of Kellogg, overlooking Throop ponds. And wouldn't you know it, it took less than a week for someone (Page?) to revive the tradition by adorning the colossal timepiece with a figure of Mickey Mouse! (Well done whoever you are.)

Resurrected at last, Throop clock serves as a reminder of the building, as well as providing the time of day. So the ghost of Administartion Past lives on...

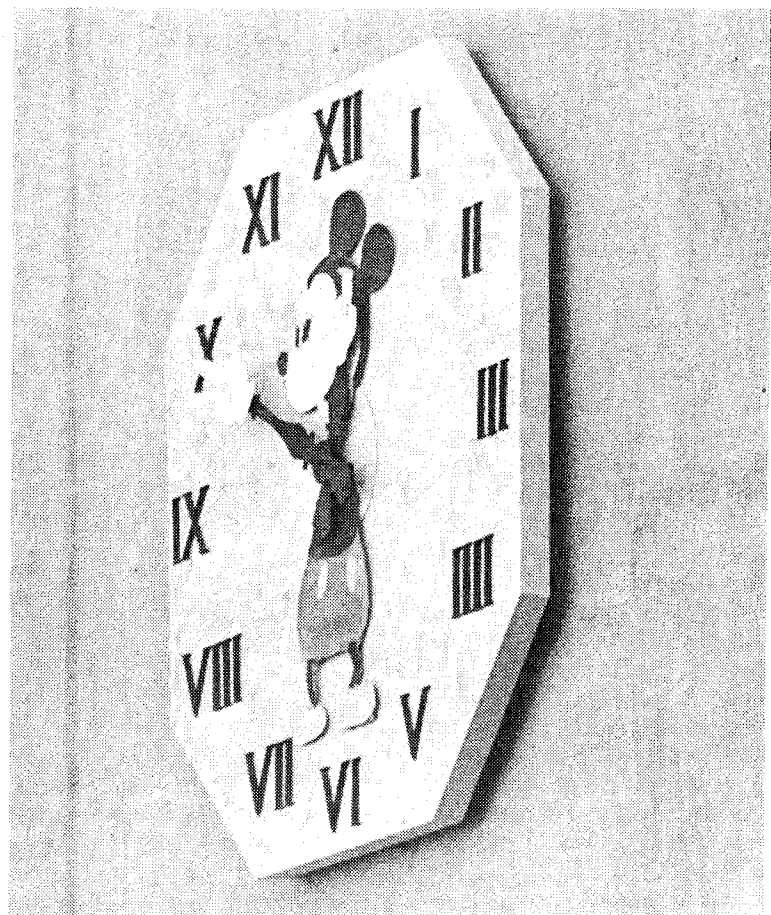
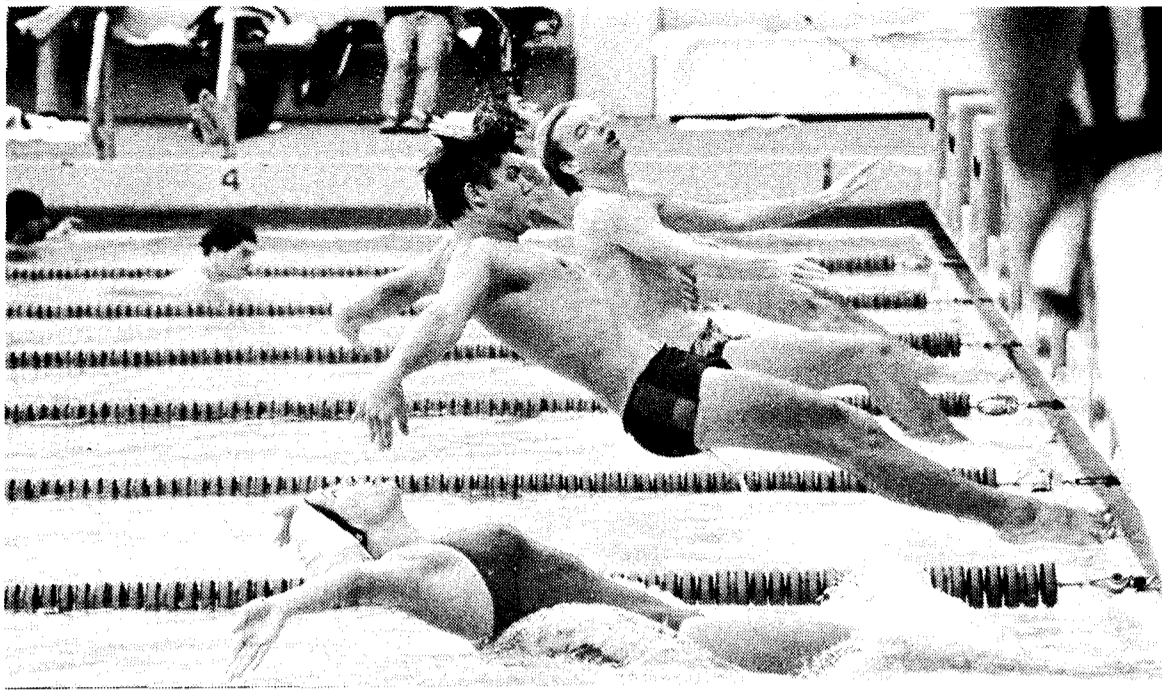


Photo by K. Li



The Caltech Swim team closed out their regular 1976 season last week with a meet against Redlands. This weekend they participate in the SCIAC championships to be held at Claremont-Harvey Mudd. Photo by D. Wheeler

Roundball Results

by Bart Croes

Pomona-Pitzer

In a game played two Wednesdays ago against Pomona-Pitzer, the good defense of John Pender on their best man (who was held under ten points) didn't help against the rest of the team as they shot an amazing 69%. Injured Chuck Curatalo's activities on the court were sorely missed as the Pomona-Pitzer press resulted in 30 turnovers by the Beavers. The turnovers coupled with 39% field shooting generated a 99-42 loss for CIT.

Pender led the scoring with 20 points as he continued his hot streak from last week. Dan Pleasant, while he only had four points, did grab 10 rebounds as the Techers were only out-rebounded by two, 39-37. Other scorers for Caltech included Norm Nelson with 8, Bart Croes with 4, and Beau Lee, Peter Lu, and Kevin Miller with 2 apiece.

The JV's also lost as Pomona-Pitzer outscored them 92-49. New Page House president John Loo led with 15 points, followed by Don Brotemarkle with 12, Ronikov Yamamotoski with 10, Paul Magliocco with 6, Chris Meissner with 4, and Miral Kim-E with 2.

Occidental

Last Saturday poor officiating and full-court pressing by quick Occidental for the whole game resulted in Caltech's worst loss of the season by a score of 142-48. The officials gave Oxy 42 foul shots as three Beavers fouled out and two had four fouls apiece. Lackluster 46% shooting and a rebounding margin of 37-58 also contributed to the loss.

Scoring were Pender with 15, Curatalo and Nelson with 8, Croes with 5, Lee and Miller with 4 apiece, and Ernie Lewis and Lu with a basket each.

Being threatened with extra

practice if they didn't score over 150 by their coach, the Oxy JV's completely routed the Tech JV's by a score of 157-53. One of the few bright spots for the Beavers was Tom Guthrie's return to the line-up following his recovery from a very bad ankle sprain incurred during the last Oxy game.

Yamamoto'sky led the CIT scoring with 14, followed by Brotemarkle with 12, Guthrie with 10, Brandt with 6, Kim-E and Loo with 4 apiece and Magliocco with a basket.

Claremont-Harvey Mudd

Playing away, the Beavers shot a fine 46% from the field and committed only 16 turnovers while repeatedly breaking Claremont-Harvey Mudd's full court press. Nevertheless, poor rebounding and defense contributed to phenomenal shooting by the Stags as they pulled out a 107-71 victory.

Pender's 10 for 17 shooting from the field and Pleasant's 14 points and 7 rebounds were the highlights of the game for Tech. Other scorers were Curatalo with 10, Miller with 6, Lewis with 5, Croes with 4, Lee and Nelson with 3 apiece, and Lu with 2.

The JV's fared far worse as they lost by a score of 102-37. Yamamoto'sky again led the Beaver scoring as he continues to play well. Ronikov ended with 11 points, Brotemarkle with 7, Guthrie with 4, Brandt with 3, and Kim-E with 2.

Caltech Basketball ends this week with games against Redlands this Friday, Whittier on Saturday, and La Verne on Tuesday. All varsity games start at 8pm and the JV games start at 6. La Verne is being played away, so the weekend games are the last chance to see the Beavers in action.

Aid

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figure, and the balance in gift aid available for upperclassmen will be available. Based on this and the economic situation at that time (presently the stock market is doing better than Caltech had expected), a decision on the exact amount of self help for upperclassmen will be made.

In the past all students did not receive the same amount of loan (now self help). This year foreign students received only \$500 in loan, SSP students received \$800 (all others received around \$1,300). The proposed transition fund would also provide a reasonable transition for these students as it appears that Caltech will be adopting a uniform financial aid policy from now on for all undergraduates.

Admissions Scene Revisited

by Paul Mason

"It looks like a good year for Freshman admissions", according to Dr. Stirling Huntley, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. This optimism stems from the increase in the total of applications this year. There are 1169, a 23% jump from last year's figure of 950.

The percentage of women applicants also increased; it is 10% this year, reversing a steady decline from 15% when women were first admitted six years ago to 8½% last year.

Dr. Huntley attributes some of the overall increase in applications to the revision and updating of the pamphlet, *Facts About Caltech*, which was sent to about 6000 high school students during the summer. Also a letter by undergraduates, Ruth Ann Mullen and Louise Saffman, explaining their life at Caltech was sent to women students which may have been responsible for the rise in the number of applications from women.

The number of Freshman applications increased in most universities across the nation but Caltech did better than other comparable schools: MIT had only a 10% increase and Stanford's applications increased by just 3%.

The Freshman Admissions Committee is reviewing the applications and the members of the committee are deciding which applicants they will interview in the two weeks of March 13 to 21 when they travel to different high schools in the U.S.

After interviewing applicants the committee meets throughout April to select approximately 400 students for admission. Of this number about 220 (55%) will decide to attend Caltech next fall.

The percentage of admitted students who actually attend Tech varies across the nation, from a low of 35% in the New England states to 65% in California.

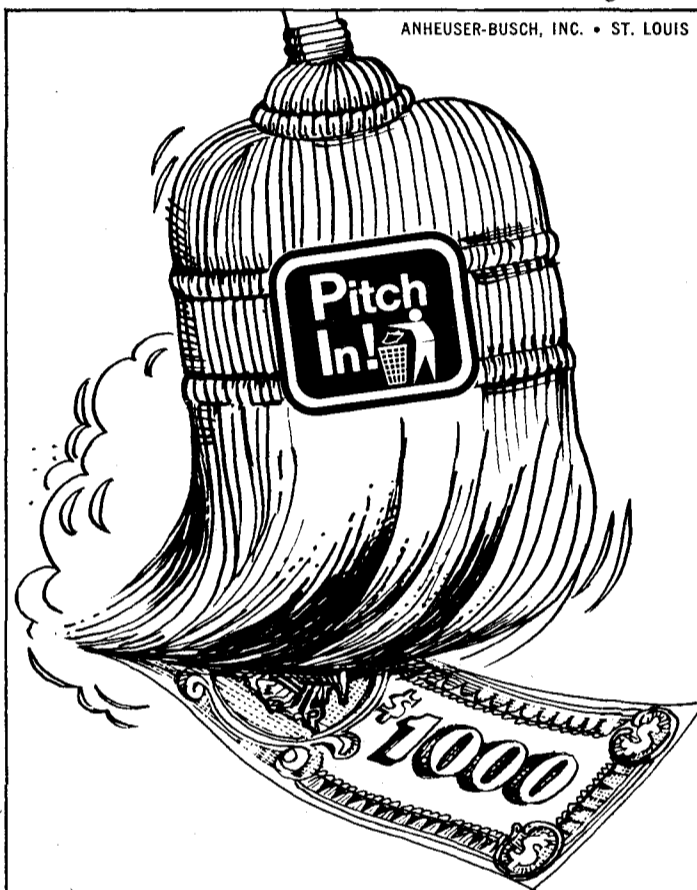
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