Crime and Incident Beat

Straight from the desk of Harold Ginder

9-22 A man pushed a woman off the track. The man had been observed doing this before.

9-22 On Wilson, a man was assaulted by two men: one white, one black. One suspect held the victim while the other bit a dual yield. A 29-20 ves for Whittier.

9-22 On Longview, a man reported two suspects, matching the description of the previous assault. They approached, but the intended victim ran away.

9-22 The victim was on Chester by the Children's Center when a male leaped over a fence and exposed himself. The victim walked away, and the suspect jumped back over the fence and disappeared.

9-22 Victim was walking on Chester at 11:00 p.m. when four males asked what time it was. The victim told them and they began to beat him. Nothing was stolen.

9-27 A VCR was stolen from Marks House. Someone had used a spoon to pry it off the base it was locked to.

9-28 A guest at the Athenaeum reported that there was a fire on the roof of Ricketts. It turned out there was a bonfire in Blackard courtyard.

9-30 At 10:15 p.m. on Lura St., the suspect asked the victim if she had a watch. His trouser were down around his ankles and he was masturbating his penis. Security could not find the suspect described as white, in his 30s, 5’9”, 150 lbs.

9-31 A locked bike was stolen from Chester lot.

9-31 An unlocked bike was stolen from Curich Lab.

9-3 The driver of a 1987 Honda Civic tried to follow a security car into the Wilson parking garage without allowing the entrance control arm to come down between them. The control arm broke off, and scraped the paint on the top and left side of the car.

9-6 A faculty member broke his left ankle sliding into a base during a softball game.

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California Tech meeting 12:15 PM today in room 127 Baxter. Freshmen, pick up your nametags in your assigned house and come on over.

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Opinion

In our attempt to make the Tech look like a real paper, here is our first edition discussing some things that are in need of change.

Athletic Facilities

Very often, we have heard people complain that Caltech's athletic center is too small and that it is always too crowded. The problem, however, lies not in the number of tennis courts, weight machines, open fields, and gym areas, but with the people who use them. As a private institution, there is no reason the students should be able to use our equipment and buildings. All too often do Tocchers go to the Athletic Center to play tennis, only to find the courts filled with non-Caltech people; and when in 7th, Behrend Freeman, in the off-campus people that they can only stay away when Caltech people are sitting (the large sign clearly states), the actual result is a parasitic argument. We have even heard that the Caltech tennis team has a difficult time clearing the courts for their practice. There is a simple solution to the problem with the tennis courts: put them on page 2.
Admission Duties

To the Editors: Most letters to the California Tech do not arrive with a specific problem about some specific problem Caltech has. The vast majority go unanswered. It is one of the most important ones. I hope this one is different.

It seems like many of Caltech’s problems can be traced directly to a growing mistrust between administration and students. The administration has recognized this, and is slowly making attempts to correct it. The most infamous example of this, is a faculty brainstorm in improving the quality of undergraduate life, which was only attended by a small student body after a court order demanding it. (Despite Administration opinions, all such meetings may be accessed by the students.)

The paper strongly implied that many problems would be solved by reducing the powers of the student government and imposing stronger controls on student life. Unknowingly, they managed to illustrate the mistrust that exists between itself and the students: the students are becoming increasingly mistrustful of the offices and individu-
als who run this school, and apparently, with good reason.

I have had the memorable experiences of the past year, and I must admit I had prepared a good-sized document detailing the extent of the mistrust to consider, mainly involving certain personal and medical problems I was suffering from. I was previously left the school. Apparently the administration didn’t even let me know I was leaving the school. The administration’s interpretation of my time explaining my case to the administration for the purpose of us getting treatment for my medical problems seems like a very impressive way to treat people who need help deal with them. While we are sub-
ject to ever-increasing controls over everything from parties to posters on our walls, the needs of individual students are often un-
heeded.

While I am deepely moved and grateful for the brand new parking stripes in the Synch Lot, I am still waiting for an explanation on why a student who takes a medical leave third term may return the following term without taking first or second term and must stay another full term. I am sure many administra-
tion members vigorously deny this happens. I can offer a number of explanations, but...

When I was forced by the sophomore-crunch-algorithm to live in a certain off-campus house, one which sported no heat, a broken bed, window, and cracking plaster, I spent two con-
secutive nights in the Huntington emergency room. The administration visit to the Moosh’s office proved as useless as none-pickling; they con-
tinued to bitterly offered the excuse “maybe you could stay with a friend, or your roommate the next room.” I was of course billed for the room.

The administration’s attitude regarding the so-called “off-campus problem” is especially deplorable, and their current attempts to solve it merely through increased numbers will be en-
ough to finish the disaster. The problems of female students already here have yet to be ad-
dressed. Many have had firsthand experience with abusive rela-
tionships, and the breakup is sometimes near impossible. The “off-campus” group immediately followed the printing of the letters in the Tech Mark Littley were freshman Jesse Haldeman, 29th with a time of 25:25. Right behind Jesse, with an identical time was teammate Valerie Jacob in 30th place. Next came senior Amy Choksi, in 31st with a time of 25:31. The next runner over the fourmiles was Maria torumbos in 32nd place. The next runner for Tech was Australian runner Fiona Lo, 35th in a time of 25:25. The final Caltech pack consisted of Miran Rhee, Jennifer Rennet, Karen Kous, Yonebushiyaki, and Melissa Li.

Next Week

This Saturday, the Beavers duke it out with a slough of small schools at Caltech’s home course in the Lows. Coach O’Brien commented, “I think our top seven men are going to be changing places throughout the season as we have a block of good runners who are near each other’s level. It will depend on who has a good day, and on the type of course we run on a given week. Also, the guys down around eighth, ninth and tenth for us now could jump into that top seven at any time. We have a good group, and hopefully they’ll con-
uine to improve to do some serious mortgaging.”

Although the meet is a non-
conference run, the team will at-
tem to use the home course advan-
tage that is possible. Things may get interesting, as a wengeful Whittier College team will be running.

Coach O’Brien wants us to ask for volunteers to help run the meet. Volunteers begin lining up at 9:00 am at the Lower Arroyo parkway, just across the street from the Armory. Special message for Warren Emery: Jim O’Brien would like you to come to our cross coun-
try practice as an athletic director. I think he was referring to this meet.

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Now, let's get back to the main point of this article: the Inside World of the Colorado Buffaloes. As you can see, the team is in a bit of a slump this year. They haven't won a game yet, and their fans are feeling a bit frustrated.

But don't worry, fans! The team is working hard to get back on track. They have a tough schedule ahead, but they are determined to turn things around.

In conclusion, the Colorado Buffaloes are on a bit of a slide this year, but they are working hard to get back on track. Stay tuned for updates on their progress!
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The Water King’s Laughter

The Water King’s Laughter is sort of the fourth book in a series. I say “sort of” because you don’t really need to read the first three in order to appreciate or understand this one. The first three, Mutanpa and His Wise Dog, Spells of Mortal Waving, and The Witchwood Cradle all take place in the same world as this newest story, and precede it, but the central characters are different. The basic things to know are: it’s a fantasy world with straightforward magic, and the ultimate bad guy is named Morgeld. Those two things are hard to miss, anyway, and the actual plots of the first three books have almost nothing to do with this one.

The Water King’s Laughter is about a young man who has a simple dream: he wants to make music, traveling the world as a bard, entertaining audiences who would listen raptly to his singing and playing. Unfortunately, his compositions are so putrid it’s hard to believe he was ever a student of one of the truly great warped minds of our century.

The Water King’s Laughter of an outrageously convoluted practical joke, and the second half involves his being coerced into being a long-lost prince of a nearly-forgotten realm. He doesn’t really want it, they don’t really want him, and the usurper on the throne is not so sort to politely abdicate. Besides, the evidence of his legacy is a little flimsy...

By the time this series of books is complete, which will take several years at least, they may all tie together and you will then want to go back and read them all in order. For now, this one stands well on its own, and is worth reading. Be warned: Esther Friesner likes to do perverse things with chapter titles. In this book, all of the chapter titles are cliches and/or quotations (or variants thereof) related to water... no matter how far she had to twist, warp and mutilate the phrase to do it. She must have gone to the Robert Aspirin School Of Chapter Titles or at least taken their correspondence course.

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Any interested undergraduate students are encouraged to sign-up, although, due to the necessities of the office, preference will be given to those students possessing some experience as a member of the Caltech Community living under the Honor System. Sign-ups will be posted in each of the seven undergraduate houses. First round interviews will be conducted on Thursday evening, October 5. For further information, contact Jerry Hasick at campus extension 5220.
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I am sure everyone is wondering what the person who wrote "BATMAN SUCKS" thought of the Batman movie. (For those who were not around at that time, I wrote an article about the Batman movie with apprehensions about the coming movie, about whether it was going to be a comedy or not and how from the preview it was obvious that many of Batman's most principle characteristics had been changed.)

For example, making him pretty thin and scrappy by picking Michael Keaton to play the very athletic character or changing his attitudes about guns, where in the comics he had sworn never to use a gun, since a gun killed his parent, while in the movie he had guns coming out of every gadget.

I had not titled my article as "Batman Sucks", but the editors felt it would best fill up the space at the top of the article. But that was my opinion before I had seen the movie, based on early articles and previews. The question now is, what did this very discriminating Batman fan think of the movie after he saw the movie. Well, I must admit that it sucked!!! Not just for the reasons that I had stated in my article, but for just about anything else.

My original understanding was that these were professional movie makers out to make up of a 40 million dollar budget to bring their vision of Batman to the screen, even if it did conflict with the purist view of Batman as developed since the Dark Knight. Forget the philosophical character views, the movie was badly made.

First and foremost were the extremely awful special effects. The matte paintings of Gotham City were obvious each and every time. Any time miniature work was used it were glaringly obvious, especially when the Batplane was flying over the city and when it crashed. The worst part of the crash was that the cars that were supposedly parked at the side of the street looked like matchbox cars.

When the chemical factory blows up it looks just like a model blowing up, which it was. Other bad special effects were the searchlights which were animated onto the church where the Batman and the Joker are fighting. I could just go on and on about the bad special effects, but those were not the only bad parts of the movie.

The most important element of a movie is the script, and Batman's script had plot flaws one could drive the space shuttle through.

When Batman gets a missile lock on the Joker with his computer an offers all those missiles and bullets, the Joker is completely uncannned. The movie makers must not have heard of concussion or shrapnel.

Then the Joker brings down the Batplane with one bullet, thus indicating that Batman can bulletproof his suit, but can't bulletproof a plane, which one can plate with armor. Other flaws were unanswered questions. How did Batman find out that a combination of cosmetics chemicals caused death? Why didn't he blow up the chemical factory as soon as he found out about the chemicals instead of allowing the Joker to produce more? Why did Alfred, a loyal servant, reveal Batman's true identity in express defiance of Bruce Wayne? Why did they keep the Batcave in a vault (obviously to make it easily accessible in an emergency)? How could Batman fall four stories, not break anything, then beat up some thugs right after regaining consciousness? I mean suspension of disbelief is one thing, but these were just too much. These and many many more questions were left unanswered.

The only saving grace of the movie was Jack Nicholson, who did an excellent job as the Joker and the only reason the movie made so much money was the hype. This movie will become a case study for advertising students in how to make a bad movie a hit.

Now onto upcoming movies. Fat Man and Little Boy will be coming soon to a theater near you. It is the story of the making of the atomic bombs, starring Paul Newman and Dwight Schultz. If the name Dwight Schultz, who plays Oppenheimer in the movie, seems familiar but you just can't place it, he is the one and only "Mad Man" Murdock from the A-Team.

The movie also has a bit part for Dr. Politzer of the Physics department. (Let's hope they didn't cut it out, which often happens with bit parts.)

A bit down the road is Erik the Viking, directed and written by ex-Monkey Pyramid Terry Jones, starring Mickey Rooney, John Cleese, and Susan Sarandon. It is a comedy about how at the beginning of the age of Ragnarok, Erik and his Viking crew must journey to Asgard and wake the gods before the world ends. Asked why he wanted to direct the movie, Jones replied, "I really enjoy directing, I always find it easier than not directing."

Going back to the movies farther down the line, Back to the Future 2 and 3 were filmed back to back with all the original casts and will be released this winter and next summer in a rare six-month time gap between sequels.

Also filming is the adaptation of The Hunt For Red October, with Sean Connery starring as the Russian sub captain who apparently descends to defect to the U.S. with his submarine. The submarine interior were built on hydraulic controls that allowed the whole set to be tilted, thus avoiding the classic Star Trek technique of filming the camera and having everybody fall out of their seats. The movie is set for release in the spring.

Another movie in the works is the sequel to Die Hard, for which Bruce Willis will reportedly get 7.5 million dollars. It is tentatively titled Die Harder. Though no definite word is out it looks like Star Trek VI will be directed by the producer of Star Trek II, III, IV and V, Harve Bennett.

Finally a plug for a movie that is already out, the Ridley Scott-directed Black Rain, about a New York cop in Osaka, Japan. The movie has the classic Ridley Scott touch of being beautifully filmed. The plot is a bit predictable but this is a movie definitely worth seeing. For the best effect though, Black Rain must be viewed in 70mm and with THX sound, most preferably at the Mann's Chinese theater in Hollywood.

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Play Bridge in the Caltech Bridge Club this Monday. We meet every Monday at 7:00 pm at the Broad Door Cafe on the 2nd floor of Wimnet Student Center. No card fee, no membership fee, so parameter needed. Undergrads, grads, faculty, etc. welcome.

**Addendum**
Re RIDING a statement in last week’s Tech article entitled “She’s a Gluee Girl,” it has been brought to our attention that Viven Chow is in no way associated with the Caltech Debate Team.

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