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Techers Spring Into Mexico

by Chandra Tucker

In a semi-isolated valley in Mexico, a few miles North of Ensenada, lies a cluttered grouping of houses and buildings. Over Spring Break, 15 members of the Caltech community ventured across the Mexican Border to this secluded place. They came not in hopes of cultivating a dark Mexican suntan, or in order to surf at the nearby beach, as so many Americans travel to Mexico for. They came, rather, to work.

The place is El Rancho Milagro, an orphanage for children ranging in age from toddler to teen. Run by Antonio and Edna Hernandez, the orphanage provides a "close to home" atmosphere for the children, who come there from all over Mexico.

The orphanage, being low-budgeted and non-profit, has little funding to use to expand and/or improve the facilities. Much of the improvements to the place must therefore come from outside sources.

This is where Caltech fits into the picture. The expedition to Mexico was an attempt on the part of Caltech and students and staff of Caltech to help repair and improve the orphanage.

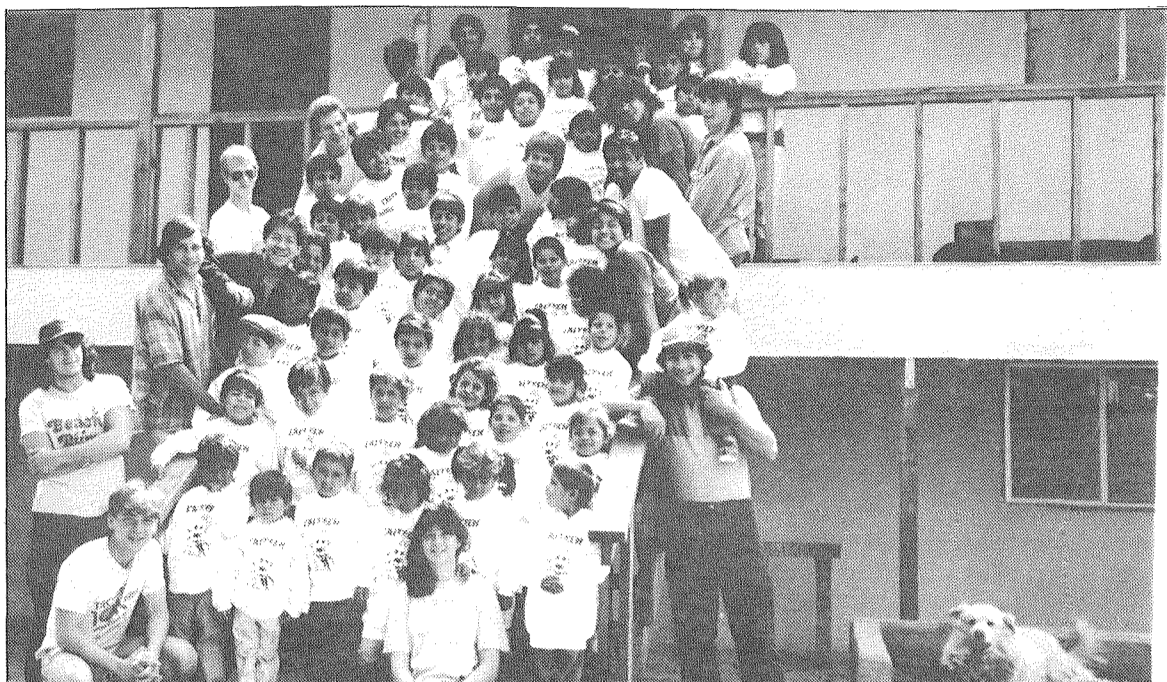
Specifically, the task the Techers were up against was the waterproofing and sealing (basically similar to painting) of a large, two-story, cement dorm. Supplies, such as sealant, cement waterproofer, wood waterproofer, brushes, buck-

ets, rollers, thinner, and paint remover were brought from Caltech, as the orphanage could not afford to supply the group themselves.

The trip was organized by Geoff Piling, an undergraduate at Caltech, who began planning with a series of organizational meetings for all those wishing to become involved in the expedition. Funding was obtained from the Caltech Y (\$600), the Alumni Association (\$200), ASCIT (\$200), the Deans (\$200), the MOSH (\$150), and a sorority, Beta Sigma Phi (\$47). The total expenses came to \$1410, and donations amounted to \$1397.

Food and supplies for the trip were planned and then bought. Some organizations on campus helped to decrease the cost by, for example, giving supplies free or at a discount, such as the waterproofer from Physical Plant, and the donation of the Geology vans from the Geology department. The group of 13 undergraduates, one graduate student, and a member of the Astronomy staff eventually left for Mexico on Friday, Mar. 18. They took the Geology vans to just above the Mexican Border, where they then took a bus over the border to the orphanage.

The facilities for the group were quite barren. Basically, the group had access to a few picnic tables, a firepit, a large field with trees, and, of course, an outhouse. The Techers, however, were prepared with tents and sleeping bags



Orphans in Tech sweatshirts stand by their newly-painted dorm, along with (counterclockwise) Geoff Piling, John Gehring, Todd Kaplan, Mitch Pravica, Larry Canino, Chandra Tucker, Bassem Mora, Sayuri Desai, Chandra Raman, John Hoskins, and Paul Gentieu.

photo by Bassem Mora

and hundreds of gallons of clean water that they brought from the States.

Helen Knudsen, the one staff member in the group, organized a sort of "kitchen" out of some of the picnic tables, whereby she could cook the masses of food that had been brought down. Her cooking was well-appreciated by hungry students seeking satiation.

The actual painting and dorm improvement went rather well—better, in fact, than expected. The job, which was expected to take a couple days at least, was completed on Saturday. The rest of the time (the trip was planned to last through Wednesday) was devoted to touching-up Saturday's work and even to new tasks. Because the work was completed so soon, a number of the group (nine) left early on Monday afternoon.

The highlights of the trip for both Techers and orphans undoubtedly came when the work was finished and the two groups were able to interact with each other. Although at first the children were a bit shy and hesitant at approaching the newcomers, eventually, with the encouragement of the Techers, they began to talk and generally goof off with the group. Soon, Techers became swamped by children wanting to play with a camera or look at a watch, or wanting to play-fight with sticks, or just seeking a hand to hold.

Verbal communication was tricky, as most of the Techers had had little, if any Spanish. Still, they managed to communicate through a combination of broken Spanish (a few key phrases) and gestures. The children were fascinated with all aspects of American society and technology, and looked up to the group from Caltech. Still, they were not totally isolated, as they had a few items expressive of our society, most notably a walkman, a UCLA Bruins sweatshirt, and a Spirit T-shirt.

In fact, some members of the orphanage seemed to be more technologically minded than, amazingly enough, Techers. The Director of the orphanage had obtained some scaffolding for painting the dorm. Techers tried, again and again, to put the scaffolding together. At last, some older children from the orphanage came and deftly and speedily put the scaffolding together.

Caltech, however, showed its ability for creative ingenuity when some Techers, unable to set up

their tent with the regular poles and ropes, ended up duct-taping it to a tree.

New experiences abounded throughout the trip. Most of the techers had never been to Mexico, and were fascinated by all the sights and experiences: the crushed and abandoned cars at the side of the narrow roads, the border and all that it represents, the different environment (especially the abundance of rattlesnakes), the strange customs and laws.

Another interesting experience occurred on Sunday. As the orphanage is religious-based, Sunday is a non-work day and the children spend much of the day in church. The Tech group was invited to attend a special service that was for a girl at the orphanage who was "coming of age." They sang many songs and even played tapes, which all the members of the orphanage enjoyed. At the end of the service, the girl's birthday was announced and the service was dedicated to her, at which time all the children walked up in single file and gave her a hug or shook her hand.

On Monday, before half of the group left for Caltech, the children of the orphanage were given a surprise. The Caltech Service League had provided the group with close to 60 Caltech sweatshirts to present to the children. The children were delighted with the sweatshirts, and the Techers found about 60 Einstein faces staring out at them.

All in all, the trip to El Rancho Milegro was enjoyable, educational, relaxing, tiring, inspiring, exciting, fulfilling, and unforgettable.

Taxpayers Risk Cheating

by Douglas Cheney

Do lower taxes mean less tax cheating? Dr. Louis Wilde addressed this question and others in the second of Caltech's Winter/Spring Watson Lecture Series: The Tax Compliance Game.

After five years of research within our economics department, Dr. Wilde and his colleagues have concluded that the Tax Reform Act of 1986 will encourage more tax evasion if present IRS auditing trends continue.

Since the sixties the annual rate of IRS auditing has gradually

dropped to 1.09% of the total returns filed. This decrease can be attributed to increased emphasis on other responsibilities, a heavier workload, and what they claim is a more efficient process of finding offenders.

In an attempt to maintain pressure for tax compliance, the IRS has drastically increased the penalties levied against those caught cheating. Dr. Wilde feels this is not working however as the average tax compliance for businesses and individuals is estimated at 80-85%.

To help predict the effect of the new tax laws, Dr. Wilde's group

developed a game format to model the taxpayer-IRS relationship. Assuming both sides are rationally working to "earn" the most, the taxpayer decides that if tax rates are lowered, penalties will also drop. This will reduce the taxpayer's risk for cheating and will encourage more tax evasion.

How can compliance therefore be increased? Dr. Wilde's advocated simplifying the auditing process and increasing the auditing rate. He was happy to report Congress has realized this and is now beginning hearings on how to improve the equity of the auditing process.

Three Chosen by AAAS

[CNB] Thomas E. Everhart, president of the California Institute of Technology and professor of electrical engineering and applied physics, Murray Gell-Mann, Robert Andrews Millikan Professor of Theoretical Physics, and Don L. Anderson, professor of geophysics and director of the Caltech Seismological Laboratory, have been chosen as Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). This honor is conferred on AAAS members "whose efforts on behalf of the advancement of science or its applications are scientifically or socially distinguished."

Thomas Everhart, a national spokesman on science and technology, became president of Caltech in 1987. He had previously been

Chancellor of the Urbana-Champaign campus at the University of Illinois, and before that he had been dean of the College of Engineering at Cornell University. His main areas of interest and expertise have been in the research and development of scanning electron microscopes, electron beams as applied to semiconductor analysis and fabrication, and electron-beam recording.

Murray Gell-Mann won the Nobel Prize for physics in 1969 for his theoretical work on the structure and organization of elementary particles; he proposed quarks and gluons as the basic constituents of nuclear particles. He is also noted for his work on the conservation of forest ecosystems and for efforts to ensure the freedom to teach biolog-

ical evolution and the history of the universe in the nation's classrooms. He has been on the Caltech faculty since 1955.

Don Anderson is internationally recognized for his work in geophysics, much of which is concerned with elucidating the structure of the Earth's deep interior. As director of Caltech's Seismological Laboratory, he oversees the Southern California Seismographic Network, jointly maintained by Caltech and the U.S. Geological Survey. This is the most extensive network of seismographic monitoring stations in the world. Anderson is a Caltech alumnus (MS 1958, PhD 1962), and has served on the Caltech faculty since 1962.



Dr. Louis Wilde describes the problems of tax compliance at the Earnest C. Watson Lecture last Wednesday.

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Grades

To the Editors:

I would like to complain about the grading policies of several Caltech courses. I'm not referring to any specific kind of grading policy, for I believe that an instructor has the right to grade his course however he feels is reasonable. What I do object to is the unspecified or nebulous grading policies that many instructors seem to employ.

As an example, in AMa 95a, Dr. Cohen announced that the midterm would count equally with the final, unless the final was substantially higher, then the final would count more than the midterm. Homeworks would not count, except in cases where a student was close to the next letter grade. Then the homework would count to "push him over the edge."

In AMa 95b, Dr. Saffman announced that the final grade would either be 20% midterm, 37.5% homework, 37.5% final, or 50% midterm, 50% final, whichever of the two was higher. Although this policy was less nebulous, it was not announced until after the course was finished.

These are good examples of an unfair grading policy. Of course, in a perfect world, I would complete all the assignments in all my courses to the best of my ability. However, I (like most other Caltech students) have an extremely large workload and I'm forced to budget my time. Sometimes, I will be short on time and I will have to rush through, or even completely skip, a homework set. It's important that I be able to set my priorities so that I can work most effectively. If there is no clear policy describing how my homework scores will affect my final grade, how can I set my priorities?

Perhaps Dr. Saffman realized this when he conceived of his rather convoluted grading scheme. What Dr. Saffman may not realize is that in a class with unrestricted collaboration on the homework sets, it is not difficult to get a perfect homework score. Therefore, nearly everyone who did the homeworks got a guaranteed 37.5% in their final grade. In a curved class, this is a definite advantage.

Of course, my complaint is not only with AMa 95. I feel that this is a common problem with Caltech courses. I would simply like to ask course instructors to show some consideration for their students by devising a well-defined, clear grading policy, announcing it at the beginning of the class, and adhering to it.

Sincerely,
Michael H. Douglas

PLO Charter

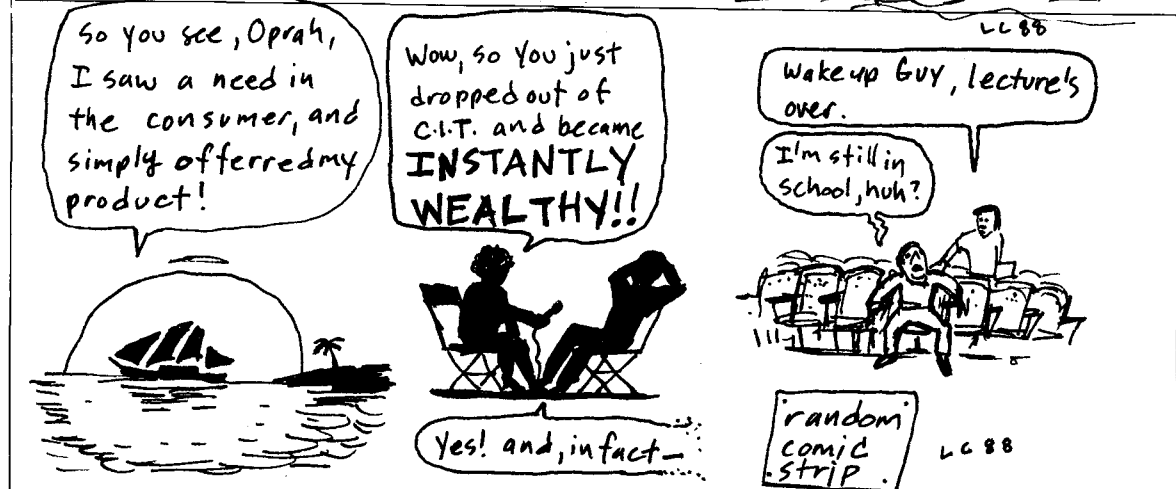
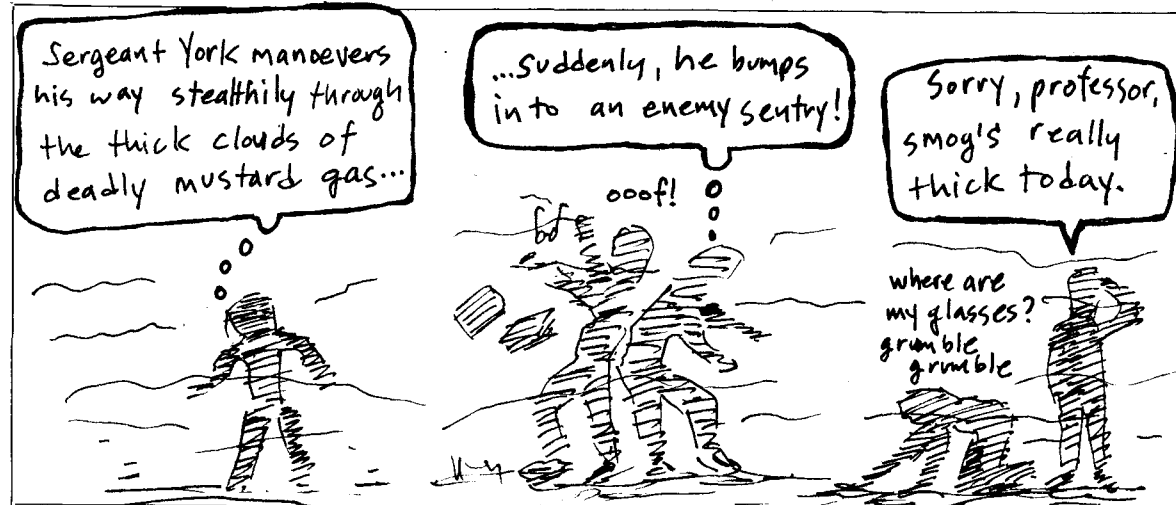
To the Editors:

This is in response to a letter of Margaret Katz of Mar. 23 in *The California Tech*, which calls for, among other things, a recognition of the PLO by the US and by American Jews.

The PLO is a major political organization that operates by a charter, which is known as the Palestinian National Charter, or the Palestinian National Covenant. It is a serious document that deserves attention. Individual Palestinians, like individual Israelis, cover the entire spectrum from the ultra-liberal to the Arch conservative.

The charter is important because it is the result of careful and long deliberations which reflect broad consensus among the various Palestinian factions. It is debated regularly by the Palestinian National Council and is occasionally amended. It is not an archaic, idle, or rhetorical document. In addition to setting goals, it presents a clear political program and framework. Mr. Arafat, as powerful as he may appear, is actually bound by the charter. In fact, careful reading of what Arafat says shows that the freedom that he allows himself is within the possible interpretations of the charter. Arafat could not negotiate with the Israelis or the Americans about issues that go against the heart of the charter even if he wanted to. Just as an American president could not negotiate with the Russians or Europeans about the issues that would be against the essence of the American Constitution.

The charter, therefore, deserves careful study by anyone who is seriously interested in the Mid-East conflict. The Humanities Library in Millikan has at least one book, devoted in its entirety, to the



charter. In addition the charter is reproduced in the appendices of several books that deal with the Middle East conflict.

The short is that the charter does not recognize the right of the Jews to anything in Palestine, except the right of "Dhimis", i.e., a religious minority, and even that, only to Jews who were in Israel before 1917. In particular, the charter explicitly rules out any partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews. Self-determination to the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, is not, according to the charter, a solution of the problem. The annihilation of Israel is.

Let me quote:

Article 2: Palestine, with the boundaries it had during the British Mandate, is an indivisible territorial unit.

This includes the territories now known as Israel, Jordan, Gaza and the West Bank.

Article 6: The Jews who had normally resided in Palestine until the beginning of the Zionist invasion will be considered Palestinians.

This means that only Jews who lived in Israel before 1917 have a right to stay. This would make more than 90% of the Israelis refugees. Incidentally, this is an amended article that replaces a more moderate attitude of the 1964 covenant.

Article 20: "...claims of historical or religious ties of Jews with Palestine are incompatible with facts of history."

Article 22 is particularly explicit. After an introductory paragraph that serves to equate Israel as an instrument of Zionism it states "...the liberation of Palestine will destroy the Zionists

and imperialist presence..."

Recognizing, or endorsing the PLO implies, *inter alia*, an endorsement of its covenant, at least in its general spirit if not in every detail. Israel can not, of course, do so and I hope that neither the US nor US Jewry would. Most of the world recognizes the PLO, and consistently with this fact, does not recognize Israel. The PLO has made very significant political progress in terms of international recognition and widespread public support. This progress gives the PLO little incentive to moderate its maximalistic platform, and it now appears to make a successful attempt on American public opinion and Jewish public opinion with this very same official charter.

No meaningful peace process can be initiated in the Middle East which involves the PLO with its present charter. An important step forward would be an amendment of the PLO charter that would eliminate the annihilation of Israel as a main objective, (this is distinct from, and weaker than, recognizing Israel), and would not explicitly rule out partitioning (without necessarily endorsing it).

Sincerely,
Yosi Avron

Peace

To the Editors:

"PEACE IS POSSIBLE in the MIDDLE EAST" is the heading I submitted with my letter of last week. Even April Fool's Day was no excuse for your changing it, since I had been informed that ads plus my letter would be straight. Bill Swanson, in his earlier report on the "Options for Peace" evening,

had already given us a fool's coverage by reporting not what the speakers had said, but rather quotes from a hate sheet distributed at the door. Swanson did not reveal the source of his wisdom. Whatever happened to the Caltech motto: "The Truth Shall Make You Free"?

Sincerely,
Margaret Katz

Astronomy, 105-24
For the record, the heading was changed to: "PLO For the Palestinians" due to a lack of communication.

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Track Team Romps

by Alex Athanasopoulos

Last week's track meet was a home meet against only two handfuls of athletes from Masters college. Other colleges were invited, like UCSD and USD, that would have added more competition, but they turned us down. Our men won easily with the score of 105-39, and our six women beat their three competitors 61-16.

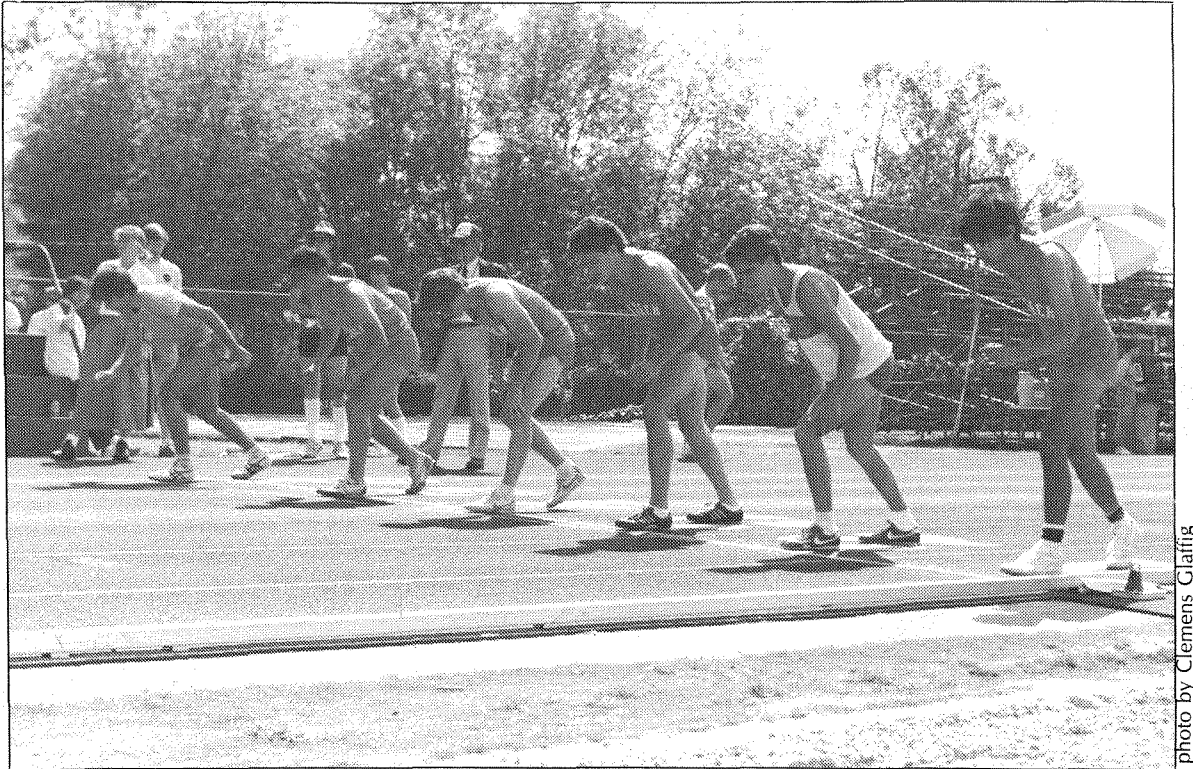
Freshman Kitt Hodsen ran her first meet for Caltech, and did pretty well, running the 100m in 15.0. She also ran the 400m, where she finished third, shortly after Bibi Jentoft-Nilsen, in a race that was won in 1:09.1. Golda Bernstein and Bibi were the only runners in the 800m. Margi Pollack raced most of her 3000m alongside one of her competitors, whom she finally passed, earning herself a good finishing time. Christina Garden ran the 1500m, and the 100m. In the 4x400 relay, the girls ran 4:59.2.

There were no girls from Masters in any field events, so Bibi did the high jump by herself

(4ft,3in). Facing no competitors, Liz Warner placed first in three field events: long jump (4.35m), discus (29.79m), and triple jump (8.86m). She also ran the 100m hurdles in 19.0, 0.8 seconds faster than the time of Ray Sidney in the 110m high hurdles, which he ran alone as well. Ray also cleared 12ft in the pole vault, the event for which he practices most.

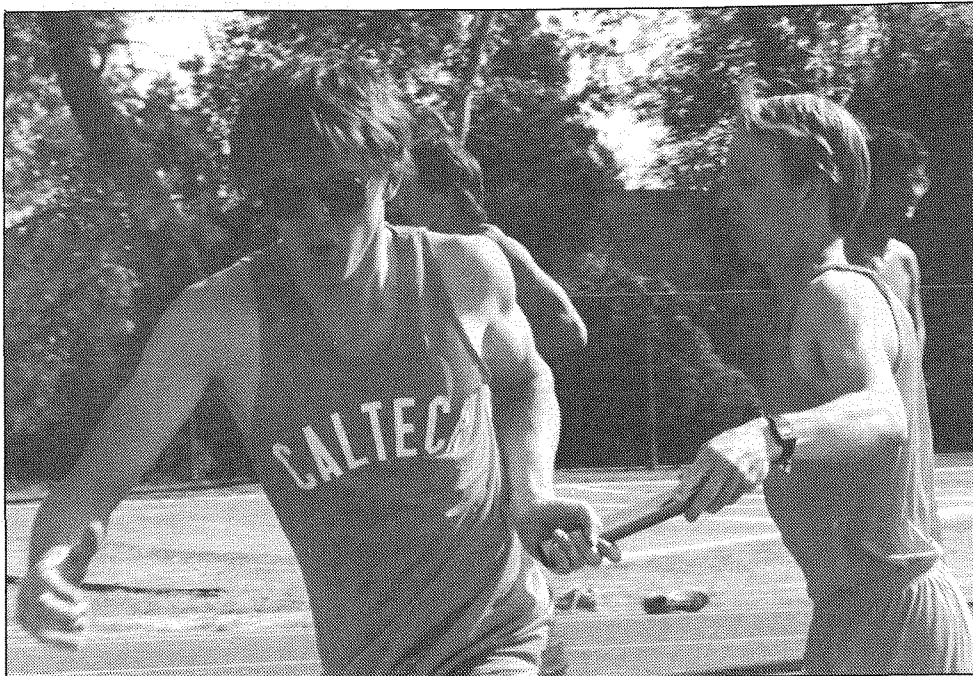
The men had more notable performances than the lack of competition and the heat justified. Randy Ralph went over 6'2" (1.87m) in the high jump. Sean Hillyard ran 53.5" in the 400m, and Tom Tetzlaff 24.1 in the 200m. Steve Harkness put the shot 10.84m, and Ed Mao won the discus with 30.93m.

In contrast with last week's "family" meet, tomorrow's meet is going to be very competitive since the strong teams of Pomona and Redlands are going to simply come here and beat us, while our men are going to get away with a win over Whittier.



Runners line up for the start of the 800 meter run during Caltech's victory over Masters College

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John Gehring hurries off the track after handing the baton to Jeff Willis in the 4x400 in a meet last Saturday.

photo by Alex Athanasopoulos

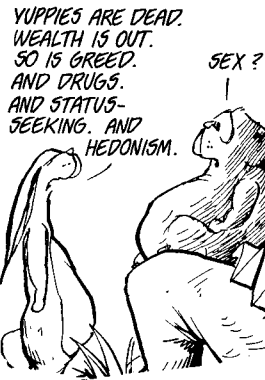


Jimbob's throwing motion amuses the umpire between innings of a game against PCBBC.

photo by Michael Keating

WEEKLY SPORTS CALENDAR

Day	Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Location
Fri.	4-8	3:00 pm	Baseball	Redlands	Caltech
Fri.	4-8	5:45 pm	Ice Hockey	Cal State Northridge	Pickwick Ice Arena
Sat.	4-9	10:00 am	Tennis (W)	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	C-M-S
Sat.	4-9	10:30 am	Ice Hockey	USC	Conejo Valley
Sat.	4-9	11:00 am	Baseball (2)	Redlands	Redlands
Sat.	4-9	11:00 am	Track	Whittier, Pomona, Redlands	Caltech
Sat.	4-9	1:30 pm	Tennis (M)	Christ College	Christ College
Sun.	4-10	8:45 am	Ice Hockey	Cal Lutheran	Conejo Valley
Sun.	4-10	1:15 pm	Ice Hockey	U.C. Irvine	Pickwick Ice Arena
Mon.	4-11	1:00 pm	Golf	Whittier	Occidental
Tue.	4-12	3:00 pm	Tennis (M)	Whittier	Caltech
Wed.	4-13	1:00 pm	Golf	Redlands	Claremont
Wed.	4-13	3:00 pm	Tennis (W)	Mount St. Mary's College	Caltech
Fri.	4-15	3:00 pm	Baseball	Whittier	Whittier
Sat.	4-16	10:30 am	Tennis (W)	Redlands	Redlands
Sat.	4-16	11:00 am	Baseball (2)	Whittier	Caltech
Sat.	4-16	11:00 am	Track	La Verne & Occidental	Redlands
Sat.	4-16	2:00 pm	Tennis (M)	Claremont-Mudd	Caltech



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Blacker: "Tom"

Well, Allan, we gotta hand it to you. With the Master breathing down your neck for all this time, you still managed to hold out until the third term. That's longer than anybody else has been able to hold out. Well that's not quite true. Ken Andrews has been holding out for a long time. And so has Glenn, for that matter. Come to think of it, Matt has avoided he who is dark for quite a long time. And so has Viola, and Phil Nabours, and ...

"& Anna"

Easter Egg Hunting was.

"Tom"

"Anna"

In any case, room picks went uneventfully for those all who chose to remain within the hallowed halls of Blacker, though we've heard a few unsubstantiated reports that through a bizarre room pick accident, John Hart became stuck with Dirk in a Fleming single, but that's another story. Also note that Ken and Erik are rooming together this term, meaning a two-for-one special on RF's for anyone who's interested.

"Anna"

"I want to make a lot of money this summer so I can chase girls." - Marc Abel

"& Tom"

Haiku is stupid
Senior Ditch Day's tomorrow
Let us shower Rob

"Anna"

"Tom"

-Hintor: evil master of subtlety

Dabney: Well. Entertaining roompick, there. Little bit of a herd instinct among the froshlings... Certainly the most interesting, of course, was room one, with Susan's new roomie Juanita. I'm not so sure Susan knows what kind of girl she's taken up with. I don't think Juanita likes men... Hey, if we picked a frosh named Ed next year, and he roomed with Dave Bourgeois' roommate, what would that have in common with room one?

"All in favor of fifty dollars for the marine biologist?" "yeah." "All in favor of seventy-five dollars for a beach trip?" "yeah." "All in favor of agreeing to everything Danny says?" "yeah." We could wonder about the wisdom of scheduling everything late in the term after everyone's flamed out, but the important stuff is as tradition demands. Drop Day falls on the day of the week that God intended this term: it'll be a good party. Guaranteed.

It takes a certain amount of self-control to produce a house list that doesn't include one's own address. "So there aren't too many quotes on it. You can wander the house and read them yourself." Oh, these underclassmen...

The voting B(l)OCs created a new rep... the ROC is at last a thing of the past. "Charles the BOC Fu? Sounds like a noodle dish." -Erick S.

Such divine nerve even releases energy vented each night to a hot tub with oh, heavenly sensual evocations handsomely treated. On the second day, Nelson entirely ignored research forbidding young mechanics' knowledge capacity. As Brian emoted, "Make Olivia costar: let's even watch!"

Alley 2 is now the official training grounds for the Dabney QED team. (Except when they move their training equipment elsewhere, like the sleeping porch, or the courtyard, or the dining room, or the Fleming courtyard...) Those Scurves are quivering in their boots. No chance, you losers. Give it up now. Your only hope is for the judges to be so... uh, overcome... by their proximity to the contest that they fail to notice the winner. But we'll just have members of Alley One judge... they're used to the smell.

Vicki thinks we should advertise for a female to sit in the hot tub nude. I think she's been hanging around Dirk entirely too much. ("That's not nice!" -Vicki) One wonders about the kind of ladies we have in the house... what with her, and Juanita, and...

Has ANYBODY finished second term yet?

Vicki broke her condom.

The claim is that the Term From Purgatory was (is) worse than the Term From Hell. (Certainly more people flamed.) What, then, does this say about the Term From Heaven? The inevitable, of course: Foyvj Fsu od yp.pttpc.gtpdj%

- Hidden message? What hidden message?

Fleming: Disclaimer: This inside world was written in even less time than last weeks and will probably be at least as bad. Funerals Suck!

Well, just in case you haven't been around, Fleming is still the God awesomenest house around, Seniors still suck, and I haven't got laid in a long time.

Interesting tidbit: Dave Park can say 'Daniels is a fag' in three languages. Last Weeks Social Event was awesome, of course. This weeks social event is puking in the Ruddock courtyard. Party theme is 'The Party From Hell' (or is that IN Hell?), so wear red. Remember: God-Awesome Fleming Ultimate Practice Today. Be there or have to perform kinky sex acts with JJ.

Well, there is still one empty room on campus. Transfer now while supplies last. Speaking of Transfers, welcome to the house Vick. You know, if Farrrruuuuuukkkkkkkhhhhh moved on, we'd have to sing a new song:

*Farukh, Farukh, Farukh is on campus.
Go turn on the shower, we'll wash the MF now...*

By the way, none of the other commie-pinko faggot alleys have challenged the Supreme Mastery of Alley Five, which just goes to show. Linda's been gone for only a week, and already I miss her. Sniff... Maybe, she'll come visit me.

It's RA interview time, oh boy. Well, I'm out of time so signing off this is KFLM, blasting your way with nearly 100 yards of manly distance.
-NeanderFlem? NeanderFlem Who?

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BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY

One of the most hyped movies out the of the current crop of spring movie releases definitely has to be *Bright Lights, Big City* (rated R, playing citywide). Then again, this movie is definitely hard to ignore with such an all-star cast, headed by Michael J Fox, music by Donald Fagen, and a screenplay based on a best-selling novel. But the old maxim that you shouldn't always believe what filmmakers advertise definitely applies to this movie.

Michael J Fox plays Jamie Conroy, an aspiring writer currently working in the department of factual verification for a magazine with an uncanny resemblance to the *New Yorker*. While his job is portrayed as a typical unrealistic dead-end starved writer's job, complete with tyrannical, cruel, heartless boss, the movie tries hard to portray Fox's nightlife in a much more realistic manner.

While the audience is supposed to feel sympathy for Fox since his wife (played by Pheobe Cates) recently left him and his mother died from cancer a year ago, one can hardly find a reason to sympathize with Fox, especially when the film tries to parallel Fox's life with that of the "Coma Baby" that Fox reads about in the *New York Post*. In fact such scenes that were meant to provoke sympathy seemed rather comical to most of the viewing audience.

While the storyline was rather weak in many places, Fox and other actors still gave good performances, although I still laugh when I think about Michael J Fox snorting "Bolivian Marching Powder." If this movie is an accurate portrayal of the "party life, 80's style," the 80's will be known for having some rather mediocre parties.

DOA

So what's more exciting than a spy who gets caught up in an international espionage ring and puts his life on the line to save his country?

Well if you're the screenwriter of *DOA* (rated R, playing citywide), you'd probably reply, "a burned-out writer-turned English professor who is poisoned by radium chloride and has 24 hours to solve a murder that his is accused of committing." And on top of this, he gets to have Meg Ryan as a co-star/lover for the last 24 hours of his life. Almost makes you want to become an English professor doesn't it?

Dexter Cornell, played by Dennis Quaid, is the main character of the rather unrealistic storyline. After writing three blockbuster novels, Cornell pretty much gives up on life and decides to retire as an English professor in a big Southwestern University.

All is fine until a string of events, beginning with the apparent suicide of one of his students, sets up Cornell for an adventure that even a Caltech professor might envy. Of course Meg Ryan somehow manages to get caught up with Quaid and they inevitably have a fling in the midst of all this adventure, presumably to keep all the Meg Ryan and Dennis Quaid devotees happy.

I won't spoil the surprise ending that occurs at the end although I will say that the ending is quite analogous to being pardoned on death row at the very last minute. If you really want to see Dennis Quaid and Meg Ryan, you're probably better off seeing *Innerspace* on videotape since this movie is Dead On Arrival.

Local Live-Aid

by Ian Dutton

On Sunday, March 27, the John Anson Ford Theatre in Hollywood played host to the "Deliver the News" benefit concert. The concert, which started at 10:45AM and lasted until 9:15PM and featured some 16 bands, was organized to raise funds and awareness of the works of Amnesty International and Food First/Impart.

Throughout the day, besides the bands playing in the open-air theatre, films, speakers, and even art exhibits dealing with the goals of AI and Food First were presented. Booths with information about the organizations were set up, and in addition, they accepted donations and sold crafts such as T-shirts and posters.

For the most part, the music was punk-oriented, but by no means exclusively punk. Featured bands included the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Faith No More, Legal Weapon, and Thelouious Monster, while local bands such as Lunchbox, Heather Haley & the Zellots, Chinatown, and the Ringling Sisters were also present.

With a lineup such as this and an admission fee of just \$13.50, a bargain for today's concerts, most people expected a high turnout. On

the contrary, there were actually more people behind the stage than in front of it when the show started! The crowd filled in as the day went on and by 4PM, the theatre was fairly well filled. The small audience made the concert much more exciting by allowing more artist interaction with the audience and allowing many of the performers to come out and watch the show with the audience.

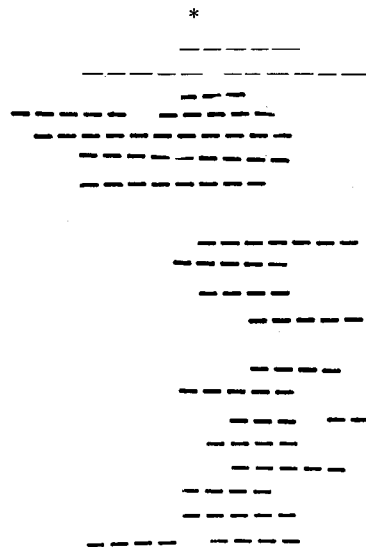
The afternoon was filled with surprises. First was the announcement that FIREHOSE, an LA band that recently broke into the top 50 charts with their latest album, would be performing. Then came the announcement about the Circle Jerks performing. The concert organizers advertised both bands under pseudonyms, afraid of attracting too many of the "wrong kind" of people.

Despite a very understanding audience and very cooperative band members, the concert itself did not run so smoothly. Each band was limited to a 20-minute set, and the organizer would go so far as to unplug the bands and shut off their amplifiers when they ran over the very short time limit. Obviously this upset many of the bands who please see FESTIVAL, page 6

More Inside World

from page 4

Lloyd: The furnace of summer has begun, but at least baseball season is here. Here's a stupid puzzle to work on. Solve it to discover the special bonus prize. Drop entries by room 222.



Freddie, in his dreams.
Small person state.
A celebration.
Name means "fish fish."
and carry a big stick.
Quiet Sooner.
High Density.

Young spinning talent.
They "serve as a means."
___, Fo, Fi.
off the rails on a crazy train.

Two Voices.
Wind, Fire, and ___
People listen.
Journalism substitute.
Correspondent.
___ Navel.
Dinner with the giant.
Jumpin' ___

We end with an interesting passage from the Lloyd Constitution, The Confidential Articles (page 3): "The class of years evenly divisible by 4 must be thoroughly immersed in the test of fire, such that all unbelievers be banished, with only the staunchest of heart and mightiest of spirit remaining. They will have a pope, but not just any pope. They will have a Pope among popes. They will have a peebo, a friendly being of great power an mystery. They will have a Stick-man, an anaerobic, but air-cooled lifeform based neither on mechanics nor biology but infused with a spirit-force akin to breezes and clouds energizing that being and verbally erupting in the sign that is 'Aaahh.' They will have upstanding rotsees of proud bearing, and a white guy from Indiana who can't play basketball. There will be an ornamental, Speaker-to-machines. From the Southland will come a fuzzy behemoth, a smart dresser, with a fiery temper and musical wattage to match. There will be exiles, and exodus - a soft-voiced one, soul and mind seduced and drowned in a sea of red. A witch-goddess, a priestress to Nature's laws, will seek representativeness for the enlarged good.

And these forged in flame will be a beacon to their brethren, shining forth across the dark years of techno-torment, till at last they pass forth in a crescendo of bone-crushing thunder. And the world will be remade."

The legend lives on,

-The King of Spin and Dark Foot

Page: Okay, Okay. I'll do it again, but you'll have to double my salary, like you promised. But I'm tired of all these mean spirited subtly masked character assassinations. If you like those, you can read your new Houselist and find out who Jun has sexual fantasies about and what causes him to doubt his masculinity. No more pointless dissertations on whether dark socks go with sneakers and shorts, or if body odor is a wave phenomenon (even if two sources can constructively interfere with everybody's breathing). Now we can deal with more scholarly inquiries like, "How many angels can dance on a pinhead?"

Someone of lesser ability would take a situation like, say, a female frosh temporarily disappearing from the known universe and try to get sexual innuendos out of it. But think of who was left behind, like her friends that will have to shower themselves late at night, and the ones that will have to talk to her on the phone until their wrists hurt. Her absence causes sorrow for many. Though many tried, none could fill that void.

We are not savages to live by the law of the jungle. There should be no penalties for inherent shortcomings. The embarrassment of the failure that will inevitably result is punishment enough. It is said that the vanquished is a taller man with his back to the ground, but only, of course, if you measure near his face.

And lastly, I write about that pagan ritual of drunkenness and debauchery that's scheduled for this weekend not to advertise, but to warn: Lock your doors and board up your windows, and make sure you don't leave any of your valuable possessions lying out on the table.

So there.

-Mr. Laughs again, back from the grave

Ruddock: TOP TEN RUMORS & URBAN MYTHS:

10. So I'm in the weight room, right, and there's this HUGE, HUGE guy, like a big muscle with eyes, doing squats, up and down. HUGE. Up and down. HUGE. Finally, as he's coming down, he grunts, "ARRRGHHH!!!" and this egg SHOOTs out of his butt. It was really wierd.

9. If you tie your dick in a knot and then untie it, it will be twice as long by the time you finish.

8. A friend of mine was in the movie theatre and a chick was sitting in front of him, he reached out his hand and began massaging her scalp. Unbeknownst to her, halfway through the movie he stood up and replaced his hand with his pulsing pillar of power. She didn't notice and ended giving him a ride home at the end of the film.

7. Another friend of a friend anally violated his sister's friend while she slept. She woke up halfway through the sordid act, asked him to stop and he did.

6. I was cruising one night in my blue and silver Dodge van. I saw these hot looking chicks on the street-corner. I thought, 'wow! It would (sic.) if I picked them up and scored with them - after all what girl could resist me and my cool van with its carpeted cargo bed a.k.a. the Fuck Truck. But there was this big truck behind me and I thought that if I slowed down I would get hit, so I didn't and I never saw them again.

5. Dave Knight is either a C.I.A. cyborg or the oldest man in the world, either way he still gives 3¢ head.

4. Joe moved off because Lura is a much shorter walk to 1170 Del Mar than Ruddock & Lura is closer to Laura.

3. Munir's brain is composed of five neurons in a bath of Michelob-flavored nutrient soup.

2. Wayne is planning to enlarge the hole in his North wall to change it from a peep-hole into a glory hole. (He's getting bored just watching Betsy & Junko & Kathleen & Junko's sister playing naked fister twister.)

1. Dave Risher's next art project will be a salute to deceased porno star John "The Wad" Holmes in all his glory.

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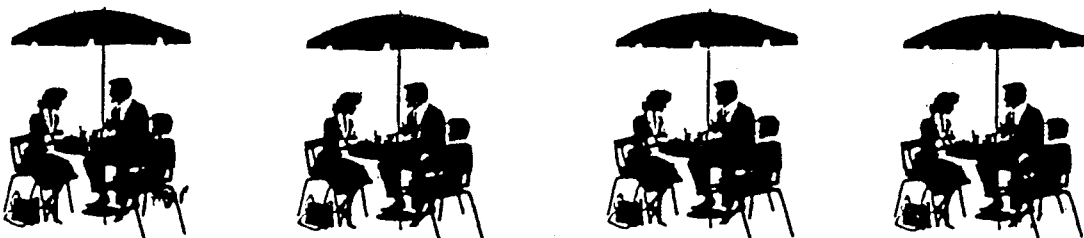
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