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## That Was The Year That Was (or was it?)

Caltech. 1987-1988.

Looking back... Memories... Registration, Rotation Week, Earthquakes, More Earthquakes, Classes, Profs, Tommy's, Interhouse, Parties, Halloween, The Ride, The Ath, All-nighters,

Christmas Vacation, Uneventful Rose Bowls, More Classes, More Earthquakes, Food Service, Flicking,

Beckman Institute, Feynmann, Pre-Frosh, Inauguration, Curriculum Changes, Graduation, The End...

This was the year that was, and the year that was never...

...the year that a South Mudd geolo-

gy experiment went awry, toppling trees and powerlines, collapsing houses, opening huge rifts in the earth's crust, destroying half of downtown Whittier, and rudely awakening homesick frosh. After-effects were felt for months following.

...the year that a rowdy group of inebriated, Pasadena locals rampaged through Page, in the process ruining their masterful, two-story, engineering wonder-of-a-roller-coaster. Damage could not be completely repaired, so Interhouse-goers had to settle for a half-masterful, one-story, engineering half-

wonder-of-a-roller-coaster instead.

...the year that the powers-that-be at admissions decided that 25% women was to be the magic figure for next year's freshmen class, as opposed to the current 15. Every effort was made to make Caltech more attractive to prospective female students, including a half-expenses paid "women's weekend," to show them all what Tech is really like. The results are dramatic; next year's magic number will be...17.

...the year that a mysterious virus invaded the Caltech community, making over one hundred Techers ill and sending several to the hospital. The kitchens were closed and tests were run, but even the Pasadena Health Department couldn't find the cause of the illnesses. In an unrelated incident, the Food Service Committee agreed to a 16% increase in board charges for next year.

...the year that a man honored among scientists, Richard Feynman, finally left the material world. The world and the Caltech community were left in mourning.

...the year that the Faculty Board approved sweeping changes in the undergraduate curriculum. In addition to lowering unit requirements, the Board decided to move Drop Day: the proposal was to move Drop Day from Friday of the 8th week to some time during the 6th week, but concerned students pointed out the necessity of having midterm results back before Drop Day, so the proposal was modified to move Drop Day to the 7th week instead. Strenuous objections were made yet again, for the same reasons. A compromise was

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## ASCIT Changes Resolutions

Tuesday, the ASCIT BOD approved these changes in the resolutions to the By-Laws of ASCIT:

Append to Resolution III - Class Officers

"Section 5. All registered undergraduates in the appropriate class may vote for class office."

Amend Resolution IV - Appointed Offices

Replace "Coffeehouse Manager

Treasurer (ch)

Directors at Large

Present office holder"

with "Two Coffeehouse Users Group Representatives

Treasurer (ch)

Directors at Large

Present office holders"

Delete Section 5 - "Other appointed offices"

Amend Resolution VII - Coffeehouse

Replace Section 2 "Finances" with "Section 2. ASCIT and the IHC will each

be responsible for appointing two members to the Coffeehouse Users Group (CHUG)."

Delete Sections 3 "Policy" and 4 "Salary."

Amend Resolution IX - Other Awards

Delete Section 2 - "Band Awards"

Amend Resolution XII - The ASCIT Van

Amend Section 3. Replace "Users will be charged for use of the van at the rate of 22 cents per mile to cover operating and general upkeep expenses."

with "Users will be charged for use of the van at the rate of 25 cents per mile to cover operating and general upkeep expenses, and a damage fund."

Append "Section 6. If the ASCIT Van is damaged and the driver of the ASCIT Van is at fault, the driver must pay the first \$1000 of damage done with additional costs paid out of the damage fund. The driver may seek to fix the van on his own, subject to the BOD's satisfaction."

# The California Tech

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Josh Kurutz

Tuesday evening, we, the editors, submitted our resignation to the ASCIT BOD. Each of us had certain reasons for making this decision, but they all point to one fundamental belief.

In the past year, we have edited the *Tech* to the best of our ability. This meant that the decisions we made, unpopular or popular, right or wrong, were made on the basis of a strong editorial opinion. The editorial base we established had roots deep in an interest in journalistic integrity.

We will be the first to admit that the *Tech* does not reach into the higher echelons of journalistic quality. A number of factors contribute to this fact, not all intrinsic to our leadership.

First and foremost, Caltech, at all levels, places little emphasis on journalism. Administratively, it appears that journalism is not a talent valuable enough to warrant proper professional advice. Student attitude, in general, is no better. Many complain or criticize the editors, but make no effort to provide insight into alternative methods.

But as Bob Dylan said, "the times they are a changin'". In the past weeks, the administration has taken steps to provide the *Tech* with an advisor with journalistic credentials. This will be of great advantage to our successors.

We were also funded for a journalism conference for college newspaper editors. At that conference, we gained valuable insight into proper journalism, and have made some changes we deemed appropriate.

Our resignation reflects our belief that the *Tech* should maintain its direction toward healthy journalism. We feel that we will no longer be able to give the time and effort required to maintain that direction.

We hope that our successors will bring to the *Tech* an editorial policy that reflects their understanding and, more importantly, their interpretation of journalistic standards and integrity. Good journalism reflects a proper balance between personal biases and established standards of proper journalism.

We established our definition and stood by it. We look forward to editors who will do the same.

To the Editors:

Last week when I was visiting the Caltech Owens Valley Radio Observatory, I picked up a copy of *The California Tech* (May 6, 1988). Glancing through it, I was pleased to note a large photo of a female runner on the sports page. But then I read the caption—"Kit Hodsdon looks good in her new hairstyle as she finishes her fastest 400m of the season..." Looks good in her new hairstyle??? What is this, a beauty contest?? Your assumption that a woman's appearance is as important as her performance and deserves comment on the sports page, is just plain sexist. Would her picture not have made the paper if you had not thought she "looked good"?

Sincerely,

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# Year

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reached...instead of making midterms end after Midterms week, Drop Day will be on Wednesday of the 8th week. Net difference: 2 days.

...the year that the contest for ASCIT President was so close, a debate was held between the contenders. The only noteworthy comment: Tony Wittry, our defender of social freedom, will "fight for our right to party."

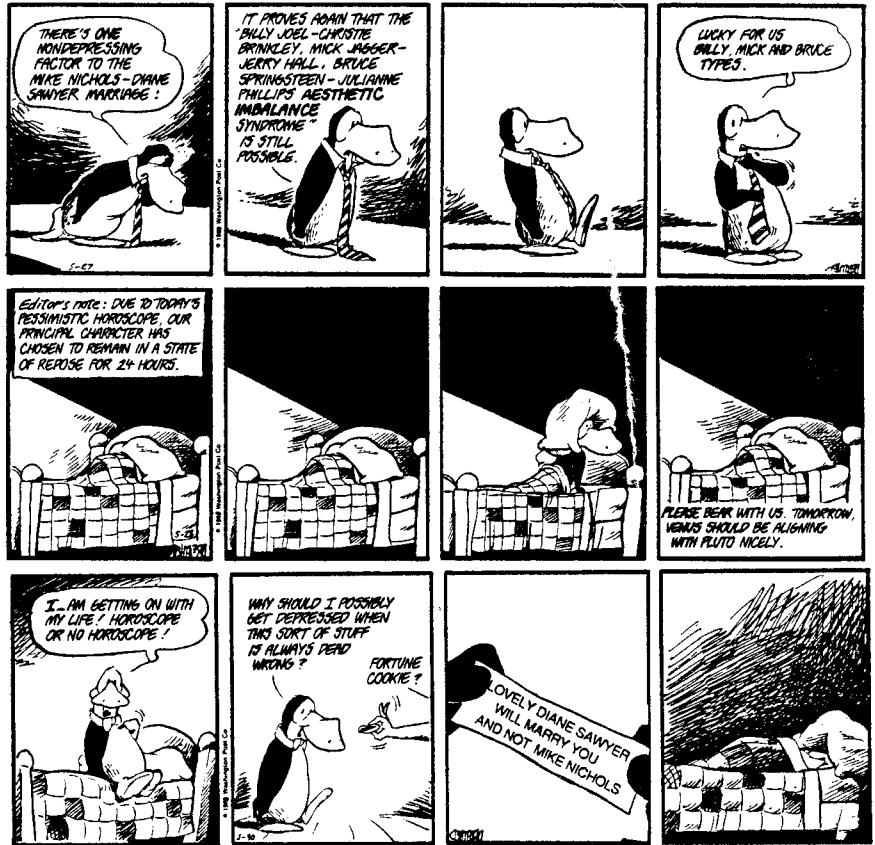
...the year that Dr. Thomas Everhart, at his inauguration, emphasized the importance of Caltech's role in higher education: "the freshmen bring so much with them when they come, and take so little away when they leave."

...the year that Gary Lorden stepped down as Dean of Students, explaining "I still enjoy being Dean ... but signing all of those drop cards aggravates my arthritis too much."

...1987-1988. The year that was...or was it?

## BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



## Ommission

Last week, the *Tech* omitted some information regarding changes made by the Deans and UASH ("More Changes in Catalogue"). In the discussion of unsatisfactory progress, the following line was omitted: the average number of units completed over all terms must be at least 33. (The present number is 36.)

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## McEnroe On Prayer

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Caltech is having its last large group meeting of the year tonight in room 13 of the S.A.C. The meeting will last from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The speaker is Tom McEnroe, and he will discuss prayer—surely a topic to get us through the summer. Don't miss the ice cream soiree following the meeting at Robby's place.

## Modern Dance Accompanist

A **Piano Accompanist** is needed for the Modern Dance classes for Fall, 1988. The position is paid. Some interest in improvisation preferred. Classes meet in Dabney Lounge on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. If interested, leave a message for Liz Oberstein, instructor, in the Athletic Department at x6146, or James Daniel, current pianist, at 578-9086 in Blacker House, 1-60.

## Y Bucks

The Caltech Y Fund Drive nearly over and Page House is way ahead. If the other Houses don't want Page to walk away with a party keg, soft drinks and munchies, they should get their acts together right now. Extra return cards are available in the House mailboxes. The final deadline is TODAY, June 3.

## Learn Karate This Summer

Learn to develop physical and mental strength, concentration and discipline and confidence through the study of karate this summer. The Caltech Karate Club, the oldest university karate club outside of Asia, is offering to all members of the Caltech community (students, faculty, staff, spouses, and JPLers) introductory karate classes this summer. Classes will meet near the football field MWF 5:30-6:30 pm starting Monday, June 20. The cost is FREE, although you might want to join the athletic department's summer program. For more information contact Johnson Chung (x6173), Ruth Erlanson (x3887), Sean Callahan (x6791) or Dave Gabai (x4382).

## French Movies At Caltech

The Francophile Club of Caltech has been presenting a series of French films, admission free to the campus community, on Thursdays at 8 pm in Baxter Lecture Hall. All films have English subtitles. For information, call Josette Banroques, x3782. This week's film is: *A Man and a Woman*, *20 Years Later*, a film by Claude Lelouch.

## Math Prize Winners

Several Caltech undergraduates were honored recently at a Mathematics Awards Banquet.

Laura Anderson and Eric Babson, two seniors majoring in Mathematics, each received the E. T. Bell Undergraduate Mathematics Research Prize. Anderson's paper gave a new proof of a theorem characterizing a Mathieu group. Babson's paper dealt with measurable colorings of the plane.

Sophomore Allen Knutson and two freshmen, Raymond Sidney and Robert Southworth, each received a Morgan Ward prize. Southworth solved a problem on pairwise disjoint arithmetic progressions, while Knutson and Sidney wrote a joint paper on the maximal order of elements in groups of permutations.

Each prize, consisting of a cash award and a certificate, is financed by funds won by Caltech teams participating in the William Lowell Putnam Competition, a national mathematics contest.

Professor David Wales, Executive Officer for Mathematics, announced the winners of the H. J. Ryser Scholarships for 1988-89. These grants are supported by an endowment from the estate of the late Herbert J. Ryser, who was Professor of Mathematics at Caltech from 1967 until the time of his death in 1985. Ryser Scholarships of \$5,000 each were awarded for the next academic year to Glenn Tesler, a sophomore, and to Stanley Chen, a junior.

## Decompression Time Again!

The school year is dragging to a halt, and that means it's time for that bonanza of fun known as Decompression. The "Big D" will be this Saturday and Sunday, from 8 to 12 pm each night. Featured food will be bagels, sandwiches, homemade soup, pastries, fruit, cookies, cakes, popcorn and chili (of course). Movies on each night, and the Dating Game again on Sunday night! Come have fun, unwind, and stuff your face at Decompression this weekend!

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