

BOD settles Forum fate; appoints student committee

Last Monday night the ASCIT Board of Directors settled the fate of the unrecognized Open Forum by unanimously adopting a "compromise" resolution.

The resolution established a seven-man committee to implement the purpose of the Forum as stated in the proposed constitution. The committee shall have the power to bring speakers to the campus, but approval of the BOD. The committee as appointed by the board is composed of Gene Barston, Fritz Benning, Tom Bergeman, Mike Bleicher, John Lango, Don Pinkerton, and Vince Taylor. Dave Gilson, member of the unofficial Open Forum, declined to serve.

The resolution, as passed by the board, effectively postpones the visit of Mrs. Healy, chairman of the Communist Party of Los Angeles, whose visit was scheduled for May 10, and Gerald L. K. Smith, head of the Christian Nationalist Crusade, who was scheduled to visit last Thursday. The major objection of the board to the Forum were the visits of Mrs. Healy and Smith. "Recognition of the Open Forum immediately would be risking too much to gain too little," said Craig Elliot. "Adverse reaction, both from the public and from the faculty and Board of Trustees, would result if the Forum were recognized tonight. The forum can prove itself through this committee by offering a program of three or four not-so-controversial speakers.

At their meeting on April 23 the board directed the Open Forum to bring comments from administration and faculty members concerning effects of publicity of their projected program; (Continued on page 6)

Sailing, sailing . . .

by Jim Weaver

Last weekend three skippers, Tom Sorenson, Gordon Fullerton, and myself, and two crew members, Dave Ackley and Dave Gardner, ventured up to Berkeley for a regatta with Cal, Claremont, and Stanford.

The weather was fine, the sea was rather rough, and the "four-teens" were a tricky, new boat for us; so we returned wetter and wiser after a very enjoyable "vacation". Although we did not return with a high score, at least we did not capsize like Stanford. Cal outdid everyone by catching a 10" fish with some of the water that was continually splashing over the bow into the boat.

The sailing club met April 20 and elected new officers. Gordon Fullerton was elected Commodore; Gordon Barienbrock, Vice-Commodore; Jim Weaver, Sec.-Treas.; Dave Gardner, Race Commodore; and Dave Ackley, Port Captain.

Conger orations coming May 24

Caltech orators will discuss "Industrial or International Peace" in competition for the \$50 Conger Peace Prize May 24.

Basis of judging will be content, organization, communication, and vocal and bodily expression.

The entrants, who must be undergraduate students at Caltech, should submit a seven-minute speech in writing to Mr. Dwight Thomas in 309 Dabney by May 17.

Blast!— Lost Weekend festivities near

Lost Weekend is almost here!

Final plans for the fourth annual Lost Weekend, blast par excellence, have been announced by Dave Leeson, ASCIT First Representative. The event, set for May 18-20, is designed to give all Techmen a chance to bring dates from home for a Tech social function.

The girls, imported from every corner of the country, will arrive Friday. They will stay in the student houses, and they and their escorts will begin the festivities with a welcoming dinner here. The evening will continue with a glee club concert, followed by a dance to the music of Bob Haymond and his band.

Saturday, after breakfast in Ricketts, the couples will head for Laguna Beach. Dinner will be served in Heisler Park overlooking the beach. Techmen and their dates will feast on fresh pineapple, ham, potato salad, and ice cream.

The weekend's climax will be a dance at the Elks' Lodge, Laguna. The informally-clad couples will dance to the music of Keith Williams and his band. Sunday morning a farewell breakfast at Rand's Roundup, Glendale, will round out the weekend.

Announcements . . .

ASCE Chapter Meeting
ASCE Chapter will meet Monday, May 7, at 11:00 in 010 Engineering. The program will be two representatives of the Bechtel Corporation to tell about the company.

Lost Weekend
The rooms to be vacated for Lost Weekend are 47-62 Blacker, 38-53 Dabney, and 13-25 Fleming. Rooms 1-6 Ricketts will be used in the event of an overflow. All those involved please contact Dave Leeson, ASCIT First Representative, in room 34 Ricketts.

Ten cars are needed to provide transportation for the dinner goodies for Lost Weekend to Laguna. Please contact an ASCIT Board member.

ASME Dinner
Those interested in attending the opening dinner of the ASME conference contact Jerry Crocker.

Tech hosts student ME groups for three-day regional meeting

Today marks the beginning of the three-day Region VII Pacific Southwest Student Conference of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, hosted this year by Caltech in the course of a nine-year rotation among the colleges of the region.

Mechanical Engineering students from the universities of four southwestern states, including Caltech, will gather for welcoming dinner in the Athenaeum tonight. After dinner the group will adjourn to the Alumni swimming pool for an informal get-together.

Session I of the student technical-paper competition will run from 9 a.m. until noon on Friday in 155 Arms. About half of the visiting students will then eat lunch in the student houses, rejoining the remainder of the group for tours of the campus throughout the afternoon.

The paper competition will be resolved following Saturday morning Session II, held from 9:00 a.m. until noon in 155 Arms. Results will be announced and prizes awarded at the 12:30 p.m. award banquet in the Athenaeum.

Eleven papers are to be presented by participating students.

Frustrations relieved, fine time had by all as seniors' rooms and property ravaged

After weeks of suspense, the long anticipated senior ditch day finally arrived last Monday; the seniors evacuated for a carefree day of fun and frolic, and everyone else enjoyed a field day of wanton destruction.

At last, after months, or even years, of impatient waiting the chance had come to give the evil and despised seniors their just dessert. No holds were barred in the relentless crusade as the devoted Techmen wrought

havoc with the seniors' possessions and rooms.

The freshmen, totally unaccustomed to the luxury of such free license with others' property, went wild with enthusiasm over their exciting and stimulating work. The experienced sophomores and juniors, however, were much more successful in foiling the attempts of the seniors to save their possessions from the rampaging hoards with various intricate devices (few of which succeeded). The beehive

Class slates revealed; 50 candidates hopeful

Elections of next year's class officers will be held today between 10:30 and 4:00 in front of Dabney Hall and from 12:30 to 4:00 in front of Dabney Hall and from 12:30 to 1:00 in the student houses.

Nominations were held last week, having closed on Thursday, April 26, except for unopposed offices, and the following slates will be voted upon:

Ricketts still holds Lincoln

Debating the question, "Resolved that Caltech shall not participate in football on an intercollegiate level," the Ricketts House debate team, as the negative, scored a win over the team of Blacker House, thus retaining the Lincoln debate trophy.

The victorious team was comprised of Bob Gelber and Frank Kofsky; the losing team of Mike Talcott and Jim Lovelady. None of the four contestants, by stipulation of the rules of the debate, had had previous collegiate experience in debate.

The Ricketts team brought forth the following points: Roughly one-eighth of the student body, 71 men, goes out for football, frosh or varsity; that 71 men who played interhouse football would be displaced by the men who would ordinarily play varsity or frosh intercollegiate football were discontinued; that so doing would be very demoralizing to school spirit. The losing team attempted to justify their side on financial grounds.

Two charming sisters Nancy Jo, Sarah to perform in coming play

by Mike Talcott

This article, third in a series about the ASCIT play, **The Philadelphia Story**, will try to introduce the Tech theater-goers to the leading lady, Tracy Lord, and her sister Dinah Lord. The writer hopes that after presenting these two lovely actresses to the public, everyone will rush out and buy tickets to the play.

Nancy Jo Sweeney

The part of Tracy is played by Nancy Jo Sweeney, a tall, beautiful miss who actually has a backlog of acting experience behind her. Nancy is a senior from Mayfield, and a very special senior at that: she is president of Mayfield's distinguished graduating class.

Nancy is doing what every actress aspires to do, she is simply rehearsing for two performances simultaneously. Besides taking the lead in **The Philadelphia Story**, Nan is performing in her school's version of Victor Herbert's operetta, **Sweethearts**.

Juliet to Queen Liz

As said before, Miss Sweeney has had quite a bit of theatrical experience. She has appeared in many school and outside plays with different parts ranging from Juliet, to Queen Elizabeth, to the riotous Miss Tracy Lord. Nancy Jo's main interests lie in the fields of dramatics, males, and music. (sounds like a female counterpart to wine, woman, and song). She's in the glee club, the drama club, and is president of the Pasadena Con-

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Photo by D. Groce
Larry Whitlow and Mary Jo Sweeney enact a "friendly" scene from the "Philadelphia Story" with Herby Rauch and Bob Huebotter.

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NSA benefits to be judged by Tech students next year

We are trying out the National Student's Association to the tune of \$43 this year. The NSA is an organization which represents student opinion to the federal government and lobbies (in the better sense of the word) for our interests. It's more idealistic purpose includes "maintaining academic freedom and stimulating and improving democratic student government." Last year when congress was considering cutting Fulbright Scholarships, the NSA used the influence of its six hundred thousand student members to keep open this phase of international communication.

Among the other advantages which NSA offers to Techmen is the famous "hobo tour" of Europe during the summer which costs approximately \$650.

ASCIT is paying \$43 this year to become a member; what specific benefits are we deriving? Gene Cordes, as our most enthusiastic delegate to NSA, believes contact with this national organization can materially benefit our campus. At present he is making a survey using questionnaires (supplied by NSA) to

evaluate courses and faculty administration here in relation to other campuses. Concerning the recent Open Forum question, Gene explained that in some other schools the NSA sponsors an Academic Freedom Week during which controversial figures are invited to speak. They have many canned publicity releases and general information which could be valuable in smoothing rough spots.

At the recent NSA convention of California colleges our delegation discussed with such schools as UCLA, USC, Stanford the problems of student government and academic freedom. Bob Deffeyes was elected regional representative. Here, in addition to the favorable impression we should make in our contact with these schools, our smaller school with a student body unencumbered by faculty interference may gain from learning about the situations at other schools. To better evaluate the workings of NSAs, three board members, Glenn Converse, Dave Leeson, and Chuck Bonwell attended a regional meeting last Tuesday. The board is giving NSA the chance to prove itself.

EPC suggests student panel attend meetings as guests

Several weeks ago I presented an article concerned with the possibility of gaining student representation on the faculty committee on educational policies. I would like to repeat a small section of it: "How the question of representation is decided may depend a lot on how much the students say, what they say, and how they say it." The sub-committee appointed by the Student-Faculty Relations Committee to handle this matter asked students for suggestions. This was done with the hope that the more varied viewpoint obtained would lead to a clearer, more intelligent presentation of the student's case. As far as I know, not one student has approached a member of the sub-committee with any suggestions.

I am firmly convinced that there are many students who actively desire changes in the Institute's policy on education. If we did not gain representation, these students would be heard to complain about faculty's lack of understanding of the student's desires. The habit which the student body has of complaining without making concrete proposals for improvement fills me with disdain. It is a good thing for the welfare of the student body that the faculty does not treat the student's gripes as casually as do the students themselves.

I would like to quote from a letter which exemplifies the concern which the faculty shows for student unrest. It is from Dr. Lauritsen to Craig Elliot.

"The question of student membership has been informally discussed by the Educational Policies Committee. It is their suggestion that we try, for a year or so, a panel of students, not full members, but to act as guests or consultants. The panel would be chosen by the student body officers, as you have proposed. . . ."

Until you realize that the majority of members on the Committee feel that student members represent an invasion of privacy and will not add materially to the committee, this does not seem like a very great concession. To satisfy the vociferous complaints of a few students, the faculty members of the EPC have gone to considerable lengths.

The many benefits which the student viewpoint can bring to the EPC forces me to the conclusion that student delegates are desirable. Yet, the thoughtless inaction of the students in this matter of fundamental importance makes me hesitate to say that they deserve this representation. It is to be hoped that the actions of students in the future will justify the confidence placed in them by the faculty.

Campus Brewins

Shorty: "You know, man, like I tried to make it at Julliard, man, but that was a bad scene."

Announcer: "Bad scene?" Shorty: "You know man, like nobody blowing."

—Excerpt from an interview with Shorty Petterstein.

Eaton's psychological war

Ditch day has passed and the seniors are digging out of the ruins. Of course there are some pleasant surprises; for example, a room turned into a barn was one of the bigger ones. John "Permanent Secretary of the Senior Class" Carney returned to his room to find everything, including the kitchen sink gone. The Time magazine articles are being made more true; Myron Blech actually did find a floor covered, entirely covered with a water balloon.

Conley receives shaft

Over in Fleming to brighten the postmidterm doldrums, the day finally arrived. Fraught with ill-concealed conspiracies and futile precautions, the seniors snuck off to sunburn beneath the haze. Some took elaborate precautions but Phil Conley, with characteristic modesty, left his latch open, knowing no one

would even consider causing annoyance to such a splendid fellow. Phil was wrong even after all the headlines.

Mager and his sow

Others, like "P. E." Mager, more realistic and cynical than Conley, made impermeable their humble cells. However in the wrath of the underclassman all was for naught. On arriving home "Pig Eyes" for some reason expected to find a sow eyed pig in his room. He opened his door and wham—it will suffice to say that his room was well stacked.

Dr. Wayland, look

Good old Joe Lingerfelt certainly is a fast and smooth operator. After only knowing a girl for five minutes he was discussing AM 15 ardently with this babe. She was last seen in Tech's library gathering all AM 15 books in order that she might burn them.

Mighty Mouse goes flying

Mighty Mouse Jerry Smith slept in slightly different conditions than he is accustomed to last Friday night. After a rousing water and shaving cream fight, our hero felt he would rather lock himself in his room

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LETTERS

Editor California Tech,

The past two weeks have seen two decisions reached in the United States affecting academic freedom and freedom of personal inquiry. The first of these was the decision of Princeton University, against considerable alumni pressure, to allow Alger Hiss to speak before the Princeton Debating Society. The second was the objection by the Caltech administration to a proposal to have a Communist address the Open Forum.

It is perhaps significant that it should be a technical school which was unable to allow expression to a minority group, for the pressure toward conformity brought to bear upon scientists far exceeds that upon any other single group. It is felt that since national security seems to depend so strongly upon technology, that our future scientists should be shielded as much as possible from personal contact with individuals whose ideas differ appreciably from the status quo.

However, the gagging of the Open Forum is far more than simply a question of conservatism—it is an active blow against the spirit of free inquiry and intellectual exploration. Caltech is looked up to throughout the nation as one of the leaders in scientific fields. The fact that Caltech is reluctant to allow the Open Forum will undoubtedly have a strong influence upon other institutions and groups which are less able to defend themselves from public criticism on the basis of past and present accomplishments. If an institution with the strength of Caltech is unable to support freedom of

political inquiry, how can a smaller organization possibly stand the risk of expressing its ideals?

Caltech, and particularly its student body, stands at the threshold of a decision whereby it can actively express its faith in the principle of free inquiry. Let us hope that it can meet the challenge.

Paul Craig
 Physics Department

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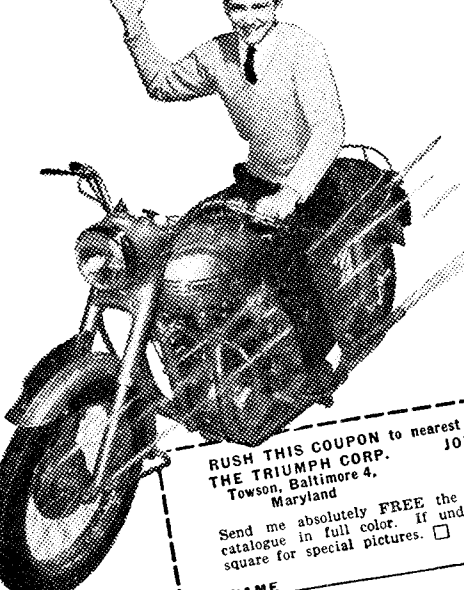
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A product of San Francisco, Joy moved to Illinois and obtained her schooling there. She studied English lit at Principia College near St. Louis.

After working in a Chicago junior college for a while, she moved back to California last June with her family, this time to Pasadena. After a stint with an interior decorating firm, she came to Caltech in February, where she has been happily employed since.

I took Joy to the Greasy to interview her. We sat down at a nice empty table in a deserted corner. Within two minutes the table was filled by gaping grad students.

"This'll never do," I said, and we moved to another more remote spot. Joy was just telling me how she loved to go for walks when we were joined by another group of hungry looking lads.

"Let's go for a walk around the campus," I suggested. "Maybe that way we can keep your audience down to six."

"Great," she said, and out we went.

"Where do you like to take your little walks?" I inquired.

"On weekends I like to go down to the ocean and walk along the shore by myself," she replied. "I love the ocean."

"What do you do when you're not working or walking?" I asked.

"Well, right now I'm learning to play the pipe organ. I like music of all kinds very much, especially classical. I also pull weeds from the front yard, and socialize occasionally too."

Joy has done a lot of traveling in her 24 years. Her travels have taken her from border to border, both north and south. She now lives in Arcadia, and locomotes via a 1951 Plymouth.

About this time I took a real close look at her to ascertain the color of her eyes. After changing my mind about 17 times, I decided they were greyish-green. Brown-haired bangs top off her 5' 2 1/2" frame, which is packed with nervous energy. Joy is always doing something, always moving around.

"Have you got any ambitions for the future?" we asked.

"I've considered being an airline stewardess, but I think I'd rather learn to fly a plane. I want to go to Switzerland someday and see the Alps."

I then took Joy back to her office and called in Dave Groce to take her picture. (By the way, I'd like to put in a word of thanks to Dave for doing such a great job on the photographs each week).

When we were through, Dave and I both agreed that we hadn't felt as cheerful in weeks. Just a few minutes with Joy (who is certainly well named) is all it takes to pick up some of the natural and refreshing enthusiasm she radiates.

So if you're feeling down in the dumps, drop into the placement office. You'll come out feeling like a million dollars.



"US scene" at LA art Gallery

American traditions and scenes, interpreted by the imaginative artistry of America's greatest painters of the past 200 years, are providing fascinating highlights in "The American Scene" exhibit on display at the Municipal Art Gallery in Barnsdall Park, Los Angeles.

Primitive portraits of the early 18th century, stiffly-posed but colorful paintings of buffalo hunts on the western prairies in gold-rush days, and powerful and moving depictions of Missouri valley flood refugees during the depression days of the 1930s vie for interest in this panorama of American painting.

More than 100 works by America's greatest artists have been assembled by the Municipal Arts Department from public and private collections throughout the United States for this inaugural showing in a continuing series of year-around exhibits.

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The Lively Arts

by Jacob Lubliner

In the April 28, 1956, *Saturday Review* there appears an article by Mr. Abram Chasins, a former concert pianist and a regular contributor on matters pianistic to that magazine's fine *Recordings* section. The article is titled "Survival of the Slickest" and begins, "Few generalizations are more annoying than sweeping glorification of the past, as though all excellence and truth had vanished from the earth."

The annoyance is doubled when the maker of the generalization concocts a rationale to support it. And that is exactly what Mr. Chasins proceeds to do.

His thesis is that today's artist in general, and concert pianist in particular, is too preoccupied with the materialistic business of living ("keeping afloat in our economy") to be able to devote himself to "the highest artistic standards." He admits that "there is no decline in the quantity of talent. Technically our best young artists are superbly equipped. . . . What they lack is the environment that enriches the spirit, that nourishes greatness of heart."

Mr. Chasins' analysis of this lack proceeds on three planes. First, there is the aesthetic-philosophical: "From 1914 on the twentieth century has been a pretty hectic place . . . an awful lot of things get thrown out. . . ." and "The bankruptcy of romantic ideals was crucially damag-

artists are on view in the exhibit, which continues through Sunday, May 6. Gallery hours are from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The gallery is closed on Mondays. Admission is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

ing . . . because most of the great piano literature is romantic."

I wonder whether it is romantic ideals which have become bankrupt, or the manner in which the nineteenth century falsified life to suit them. Mr. Chasins mentions Bach's "Chromatic Fantasy" at the head of the romantic works. And yet we know that until 1914 Bach received little more than lip service, or, what is no better, bombastic, "brilliant" renditions at the hands of "virtuosi". It is our age which has brought back the harpsichord and the Bach orchestra, giving us a vision of Bach's genius which, if not perfect, is infinitely closer to the truth. The revival of the harpsichord incidentally renewed our appreciation of Couperin, Scarlatti and Frescobaldi, who were once thought of as the authors of amusing trifles suitable for encores (to be played at double the proper speed).

Mr. Chasins' revered teacher and idol, the great Josef Hoffmann, concentrated on Liszt and Chopin, and ended with the sentimental platitudes of his "late Romantic" contemporaries. Hoffmann largely ignored Bach, Mozart, and even Schubert, who surely is more genuinely romantic than Grieg, Moskowski, and Rachmaninoff put together.

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than help his enemies clean up the lather. Immediate action was taken to induce his exit, but none were successful. When this gentle reasoning failed to

work, it was remembered how close and accessible the little cherub's bed was. These nasty boys removed the bed from its usual place on the sleeping porch, and placed it gingerly in the patio. Luckily for Jerry,

it was a rather warm night.

Berg makes noisy entrance

For the second time this year Howard Berg, acknowledged as one of the best second-story men and lock-pickers in the country, has been forced into the humil-

iating position of being unable to enter his room. His first feeble attempts at entry triggered a four-foot klaxon horn. The whole of Dabney House rang with its lilting strains as our flush-faced (undoubtedly sun-

burn) hero and friend Barbara all but bludgeoned their way in. Who knows, Howard, perhaps this incident will live forever in the annals of the Saturday Evening Post.



Allan Green

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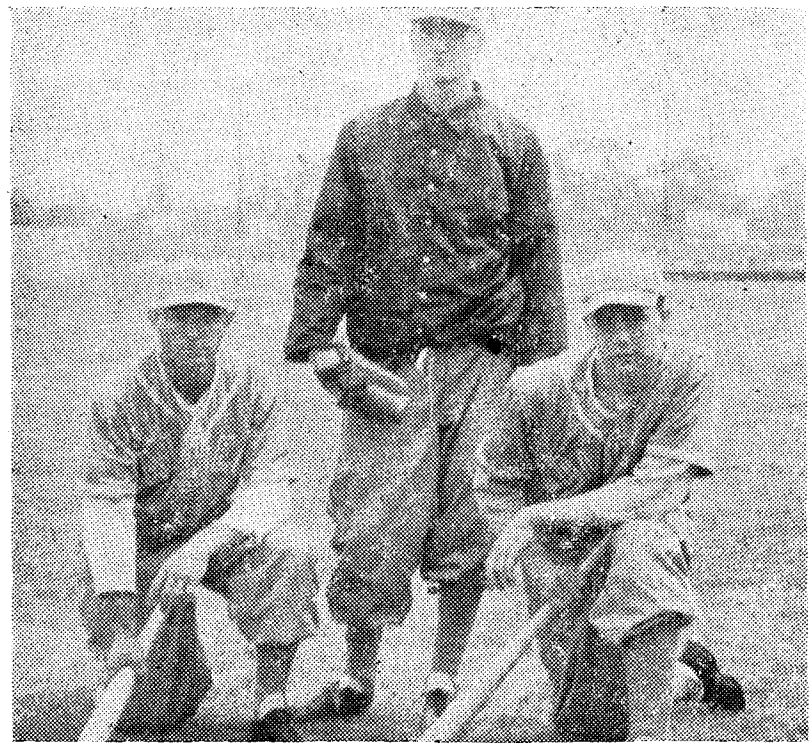


Photo by Dave Groce

Ray Weymann, center, pauses in his pre-game warmup to pose with Chuck Norman and Ed Nelson, Caltech batting leaders.

Horsehidiers edge Poets 1-0; Capture first in conference

Ray Weymann pitched and batted Caltech's varsity baseball team into the conference lead Saturday, as the Beavers dropped Whittier, 1-0, at Tournament Park. Not only did Weymann limit the Poets to five hits while striking out eleven, but he scored the only run of the game in the seventh for Caltech.

Duane Cole, Whittier's ace hurler, went down to his second defeat of the season at the hands of the Beavers despite a four hit hurling performance.

The win gave Caltech a 4-1 record in conference play, and a 15-7 record on all games played this season. Weymann brought his win-loss total to 6-4.

Saturday's game saw a scoreless battle for the first 6½ innings, until Weymann opened for Tech in the seventh with a bunt single, followed by Hal Morris' smash over second base which put Weymann in scoring position on second. Neil Herman hit a ground ball to the shortstop position, but Stan Hubert, Poet shortfielder, was out of position, and the ball went through for a run-producing single.

In the ninth inning, Hubert attempted to redeem himself with a two-out single. Bruce Caldwell followed with a ringing double down the third-base line. Things were getting tense for the Beavers, but Weymann put the game in the bag by whiffing Tom Lambert.

Titans tangle Top tank teams to tiff tomorrow

by Al Bedoya

Coach Webb Emery's ace swimmers take on the Whittier College Poets tomorrow in the Beaver tank in their last conference dual meet. This is the most crucial contest of the season for both squads since the victor will emerge as the conference titleholder.

The Beavers are led by their star sophomore, Clarke Rees, who holds five school records; the 100, 220 and 440 yard free style, 200 yard backstroke and the individual medley. He is favored to win the backstroke and the longer free style races if he enters them but may run into trouble in the 100 free where he meets Dick Ellis who has bettered Clarke's best time by a full second.

Rees will also be pressed if he enters the individual medley which finds the Whittier captain, Jerry LaBonte, a threat.

Friday the tankers sank Redlands 51-33. The Beavers took every event except the 400 yard relay and the diving.

The Sports Corner

by Dick Van Kirk

Things are really looking rosy for Caltech athletes this term. Both the swimming team and baseball squad are leading the league, and are good bets to finish the season on top of the SCC. Phil Conley, of course, came through with another sterling performance last weekend, capturing the Drake Relays javelin crown with a toss of 207' in all kinds of slush and mud (it says here). But my vote for the athlete who did the most for Caltech last week goes to Stan Hubert, Whittier College shortstop. In the seventh inning of last week's Caltech-Whittier baseball game, Ray Weymann was perched on second base. Hubert came over to fake a pickoff play in order to pull Weymann back to the bag. Neil Herman picked that time to hit a grounder right through the spot where Hubert would have normally been. Weymann came in with the run that meant the game and possible the conference championship.

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Tomorrow's swim meet with Whittier shapes up as one of the most exciting of the year. The Poets have one of the strongest squads in the history of the school, as does Caltech, and the winner of the meet gets the league title.

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Another big event tomorrow is the all-conference track meet at Oxy. The Tigers figure to win, of course, but Pomona-Claremont will be making its strongest bid in years. Three events, the javelin, high jump, and broad jump, could see winners from schools other than Occidental, but in the other twelve it will take ultra-peak performances to dislodge the Bengals. Also tomorrow afternoon is the frosh conference track meet at Whittier.

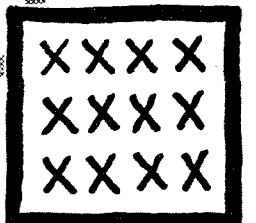
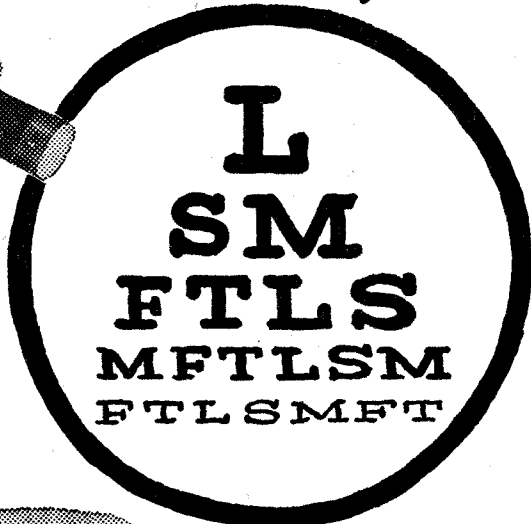
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Speaking of crucial contests, Ed Preisler takes his varsity baseballers to Pomona-Claremont Saturday in an attempt to avenge the Beavers' only league defeat. Curiously enough, the defending titlists from Claremont have won only one conference game this season, that being the Caltech encounter.

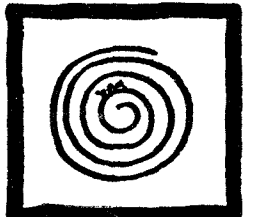


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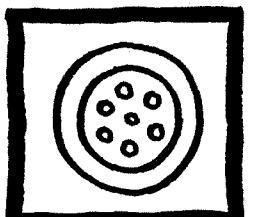
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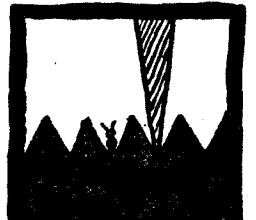
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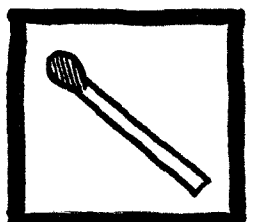
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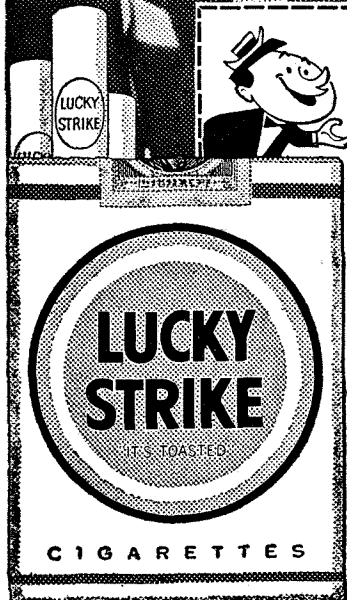


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Frosh Sports Roundup

by Brent Banta

By a very lopsided 57-21 score, the Junior Tankmen easily downed the visiting men from Redlands in a dual meet last Thursday. Few outstanding times were posted, as the Beavers took firsts in every event but the 400 yard freestyle relay. It's good to see some new faces breaking into the scoring column; Ken Dinwiddie placed third in the 50 yard freestyle, Bob Maltz and his brother, Carl, took thirds in the 100 yard freestyle and the 200 yard backstroke, respectively. Second place in the 200 yard breaststroke went to Gerhard Klose.

Frosh horsehidiers were blanked 7-0, in a tight game against Redlands, last Saturday. The Redlands pitcher notched 18 strikeouts, and allowed only 2 hits in the entire game. Fred Newman's triple over the left fielder's head in the sixth, and John Evrett's single to center in the seventh were the only Tech blasts.

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cert Goers. Nancy wants to go to Stanford and loves to play tennis.

The part of Dinah Lord, Tracy's 15-year-old sister, is aptly filled by Sarah Sweezy. Dinah is really unpredictable; one minute she's throwing insulting remarks at her older sister, the next she's a bit of a coquette in front of her uncle Willie. She's the one who witnesses the scene that almost rips Tracy's marriage.

Sarah fits and plays the part perfectly. She is a very cute brunette who is the daughter of Dr. Allen Sweezy, a man quite well known around the Caltech campus. I was quite interested to find out that Sarah has literary interests and talent; she is editor of her school literary magazine.

Sarah is a New Englander and wants to return there to go to college. Much to my pleasure her eyes lit up when we discussed the East. She goes to Westridge and has been in a few school plays.

Although Sweeny and Sweezy sound very much alike, in real life they are not sisters. They attend rival schools, but at the time of printing they were still the best of friends.

The California Tech was notified by the American Collegiate Press this week that it had received a First-Class rating for the autumn term. "Audience," "Cool Corner," and editorials were singled out for special mention.

DITCH DAY
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here in being able to observe this lovable tradition. In nearly all colleges throughout the land, student housing is one of two types: rigidly supervised dorms, or fraternity houses. The students in the dorms of course could not hold a ditch day because the supervision wouldn't permit it, and the frats, since they own their own houses, are responsible for their upkeep, and can not afford such an affair.

Thus we have the great good fortune of being able to engage each year in a day of destruction. From the delightful ripping of doorframes to the gleeful emptying of drawers, the day is one long period of sheer pleasure. Probably the greatest feeling of satisfaction comes from the knowledge of the great discomfort, inconvenience, and property loss we are causing to our fellow house members; this is the real advantage of ditch day.

Yes, we at Caltech can be proud of ditch day. It serves as a landmark of our great intelligence and good sense.

ASCE meeting to be at Tech May 9

Wednesday afternoon, May 9, the Los Angeles section of the ASCE will meet at Caltech. Caltech students are hosts for the conference which will consist of an open house of the civil engineering department from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. followed by a dinner meeting in the Athenaeum.

The open house will include a tour of the sanitary lab, the sedimentation lab, the soils testing lab, the materials testing lab, and the earthquake lab. Tech juniors in the civil engineering option will be in charge of having the exhibit ready for the visiting CEs.

The principal speaker of the evening will be Dr. Harrison Brown speaking of "World Energy Resources." Also Arne Kalm will speak on "The Need for an Increased Federal Highway Program," and Dick Johnson will talk on "Geotechnical Considerations of Earthquakes." Both are seniors in civil engineering. To top off the evening, the Caltech Glee Club will entertain with three numbers.

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to secure information concerning security clearance, a constitution and statement of purpose, and faculty sponsors.

Seek administration views

The comments of Ed Hutchings, Charles Newton, and Jim Miller were in general concord concerning the effect of publicity. They said that it cannot be controlled and that a program such as that of the Open Forum would result in adverse publicity.

The Open Forum was unable to contact Attorney General Herbert Brownell although several attempts were made.

Present constitution

A constitution was presented with a statement of purpose embodied in the preamble. Article II summarizes the purpose as follows: "The Open Forum shall bring to the Caltech student body speakers representing minority groups or dissident opinions who have something of value and concern to contribute."

Heinz Ellersieck, Peter Fay, and Dan Piper were submitted as faculty sponsors.

Trustees give BOD free hand
Last Friday, the executive committee of the Board of Trus-

tees met and decided that they would allow the ASCIT government to make decisions concerning itself without their interference, even though they may not approve. This decision arose over the question of the Open Forum. This effectively empowered the Board of Directors to make whatever decision they wished concerning the Forum, as the Student-Faculty Relations Committee has in general concurred with their decisions.

Dr. George Beadle, at the meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees, commented that he felt that it would be bad to drop the Open Forum completely, just as it would be bad to recognize it at the present time without qualifications, in light of public reaction to it. The best policy would be to allow a lapse of time in which adverse public sentiment could retard somewhat.

Elliot explains committee

Elliot commented further on the reasons why the BOD appointed a committee of seven rather than the alternate proposal: recognition of the Open Forum with the "gentlemen's agreement" that they would not present Smith or the Communists without BOD approval.

If recognized, the only legal control that the Board could exercise over the Open Forum would be to withdraw its constitution and recognition.

The resolution which established the committee reads as follows:

Whereas: A proposed constitution for the Open Forum has been presented to ASCIT for consideration; and

Whereas: ASCIT agrees with and endorses the ideals and purposes of the proposed organization as expressed in the preamble and in the purpose of the proposed Constitution; and

Whereas: There is considerable controversy over the ramifications and possible consequences of recognition of such an organization at the present time;

Now therefore, be it resolved: that the ASCIT Board shall appoint a seven man committee to investigate and explore the best methods of implementing the purposes and ideals as stated above.

The preamble and purpose of the Open Forum as stated in its proposed constitution were attached.



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