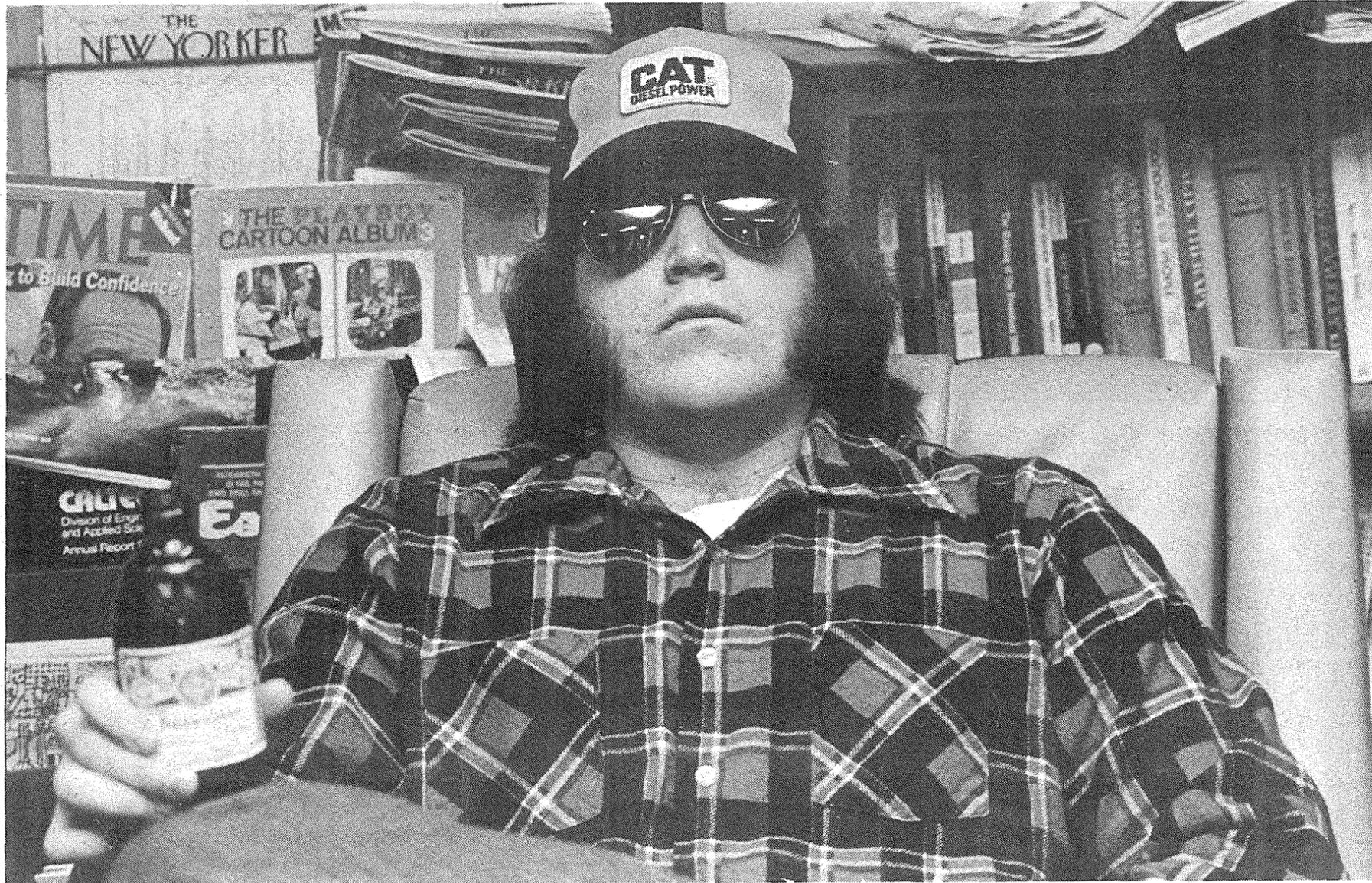


## The New ASCIT Hero



Gentle Ray Beausoleil

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### Watson Lecture Series Topics Announced

February 15, Dr. George R. Rossman, Caltech associate professor of mineralogy, "Glitter: Gems or Gyps?"

March 1, Gerald J. Wasserburg, Caltech professor of geology and geophysics, "Stones and Stars and Gas and Dust."

March 29, Dr. William A. Fowler, Caltech Institute Professor of Physics, "The Case of the Missing Solar Neutrinos."

April 12, Eran Zaidel, Caltech senior research fellow in biology, "The Elusive Right Hemisphere of the Brain."

April 26, Ronald F. Scott, Caltech professor of civil engineering, "Dam Safety."

May 17, Gillian R. Knapp, Caltech senior research fellow in radio astronomy, "Interstellar Molecules."

### Director Lina Wertmuller Comes to Tech

By Jim Reichle

Renowned film director Lina Wertmuller was present at a showing of her film *Swept Away* last Monday evening at Caltech. She was accompanied by actor Giancarlo Gianinni, who played the lead in the movie.

*Swept Away* is about a wealthy Italian woman on a Mediterranean cruise with her husband and a group of their friends. She is the epitome of snobbishness. She abuses the crew members continually, particularly one poor seaman named Carunchio. Carunchio is a Communist, and she is a Social Democrat. The woman orders Carunchio to take her in a dinghy to join some of her friends. It is near nightfall, and they have a long way to go. The dinghy has engine trouble, and the two are set adrift. They eventually come to an uninhabited island, where the dinghy is disabled. Up until this

point, the woman has been in complete control, giving orders to Carunchio, and insulting him constantly. When Carunchio realizes that they are not likely to be rescued for a while, he begins to take control. The woman is unable to survive on her own, so Carunchio makes her work for food. Carunchio assumes total control, beating her when she crosses him. He eventually tries to rape her, but when she stops resisting, he lets her go. At this point, Carunchio and the woman fall deeply in love with each other. They begin to work as a team to survive. The island becomes a sort of paradise for them. Finally, one day, they sight a ship coming toward the island. Their first impulse is to run and hide so they will not have to leave the island. However, Carunchio decides to put their love to the test by seeing how the woman will react when she gets back to

the comforts of the real world. He signals the ship, they are rescued, and the woman goes back to her husband. Carunchio nearly convinces her to return to the island with him, but she chooses at the last minute to resume her old life.

In the panel discussion after the film, Ms Wertmuller explained that although the film portrays the male subjugating the female, she is a feminist. She said that the film was not meant to illustrate a sexual battle, but rather a political theme. She said that the bourgeoisie, represented by the wealthy woman, always falls in love with the third world, represented by the poor sailor, Carunchio. Ms Wertmuller accepted questions from the audience. She spoke through an interpreter, asking Ms Wertmuller questions in her native Italian.

When asked what makes her films so popular, she replied "I don't know".

### Student Houses to be Renovated

By Spencer Klein

After many years of neglect, the administration has finally started doing something about student housing. Last Dec. 19, acting president Christy appointed a presidential committee to look into student housing conditions. The committee members are Dr. Ralph Kavanaugh (chairman), Dr. Jim Mayer, Robert Gang, Eric Kaler, Phil Rector, Sheila Crewther, and Jim Minges. The formation was prompted by a stream of complaints from students, parents, faculty and trustees.

Much of the credit for the committee belongs to Dr. Jim Mayer, master of student housing. He has been trying to improve things since January 1976. He arranged for tours of the houses by the faculty women's club, the trustees, and others. According to Dr. Mayer, this caused a "groundswell of opinion."

Part of the reason for the previous neglect is that people assumed that the money spent each summer (\$20,000 to \$80,000 depending on the summer and who you are talking to), was sufficient to keep the houses in repair. This sum,

however, is not enough to make necessary repairs, much less improvements. So, the houses have been slowly deteriorating.

The committee is now assembling a list of what should be done, and trying to establish priorities and gather cost estimates. They expect to make a report to president Christy by the end of second term. Christy will look at their list, and decide how much should be done. Most of the work should be done this summer. Some of the work may continue into the succeeding summer, however.

The committee members seemed to have dissimilar views of what should be done. Dr. Kavanaugh, chairman of the committee, feels that repainting the walls, carpeting the floors, installing adequate lighting and improving the kitchens are the highest priority. He feels that some of the work should be done by students.

Jim Mayer feels that re-doing freshman rooms, carpeting all rooms and hallways, and adequate lighting throughout, are the most critical. Secondly, he would redo the kitchens and kitchenettes. He would like two full kitchens in each house, and

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# BOD Reasonable, IHC Overboard

Last Monday, the ASCIT BOD decided, after some discussion, to cutback on the cost of the upcoming BOD dinner. Rather than pay for each BOD member's dinner at The Bonaventure, at about \$20 a shot, the BOD now intends only to subsidize, at \$5 a person, a dinner at the North Woods Inn. This is a much more reasonable thing for the BOD to do.

When a vote was taken, it was unanimously in favor of the new plan, albeit the votes of the IHC Chairman and the President seemed to have been given grudgingly. During the meeting, it was brought out that the IHC managed to spend about \$200, on ten people, during its dinner at The Chronicle last Friday. In view of the large budget excess which paid for the dinner, it was suggested by several BOD members that the IHC budget could stand to be cutback in the coming year. This seems to me to be a very good idea, and I hope it is remembered when it comes time to make the new ASCIT budget.

-ed. Bielecki  
Meef, Meef!



## Close Encounters Re-encountered

To the Editor:

Most people would agree that it is considerate not to tell someone the plot of a movie he is planning to attend, and your recent review of *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* is very considerate. Most people disagree with a movie review on grounds of personal opinion, not fact; in this respect, this review sets first. To set the record straight the following corrections should be noted:

1) "Finally everyone figures out where the mountain" whose image has been impressed on several minds is—everyone but the reviewer, that is. The "mountain" is Devil's Tower and is Wyoming, not New Mexico.

2) The five note tune is not decoded into latitude-longitude coordinates. Investigators send the tune into outer space and

receive the coordinates in return. The tune itself originated with the sounds some natives of India heard from an extraterrestrial craft.

3) Francois Truffaut does not head up the "government 'bad guys'". He is an independent researcher in charge of contacting

the aliens and has no authority over the security forces who stop "Our Hero," Roy Neary, played by Richard Dreyfuss. In fact, Truffaut, who plays the Frenchman Lacombe, opposes the security force.

4) Of course Lacombe has no idea why Neary wants to go to New Mexico since they were in Wyoming. Lacombe does express  
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## Frosh are Already Pretty Random

ed.,  
As one of the "other house presidents" who supposedly thought of ways to keep people from moving off campus last year, I would like to say some things in response to "Kenneth D. Duncan's" article in last week's *Tech*.

The house that was losing many of its people last year was indeed having problems, largely because of the loss of a few key members, who made significant contributions to the character of the house. However, I can not view this particular instance and picture a major trend, at least not without present information, and I certainly wouldn't call it a "mass exodus." Better, I think, to call it statistical fluctuation, at least for the moment.

Lloyd House has recently lost quite a few on-campus members, particularly sophomores. While the people who are moving off campus are generally well-known

and well liked. I don't feel that their leaving the house will have catastrophic effects. I can't speak for any other house's policies, but we in Lloyd certainly do not look upon these people as "traitors." Those that wish to continue to participate in house activities will do so, those who don't will not be sorely missed.

Why are more people moving off? I don't know. The character of Tech's students is constantly changing (look at a 10-year-old Big T to see for yourself), and perhaps we are less suited to house life than before. If this is true, then little can be done, and I welcome the change. But the houses certainly haven't fallen apart yet. I, too, think the people who live in the houses far  
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## Random

into two categories, although my classification is a little different than Mr. Duncan's. On one hand there are the reasonably mature members of a house, who almost always have something to contribute, even if they spend most of their time in their rooms. On the other hand there are those who spend all of their time trying to classify all people into two obviously extreme categories. Fortunately, there are fewer of the latter type. It is no wonder that people as closed-minded as Mr. Duncan is about the personalities of his acquaintances has bad feelings about the house structure.

As for the proposed "best solution," I don't understand how it is supposed to work. Lloyd House is about as homogeneous as a chunk of concrete. While we are all bound together by some sort of house spirit, every person is very much an individual; we don't try to mold anyone into our scheme. Because of this, the house changes very quickly. I personally can see quite a difference between 1974 and today in the prevailing personality of the house.

Abolish rotation? Rotation is already pretty random as it is. In addition, I think Mr. Duncan should check some facts before he advocates even more randomization. The house I mentioned at the beginning of this letter was, as I said, having problems. This was due in part to the large frosh and sophomore constituency of the house. These people had diverse interests (a good point, right?) and had not yet inherited much spirit of unity. Because they were the vast majority of the house's members, they weren't likely to acquire any, either. Consequently, there was some conflict between different groups within the house, and I think this helped induce people to move off campus.

So I don't really see how abolishing rotation would help. Besides, without rotation, how can we insure that Fleming House receives the proper one-in-seven frosh (for example)?

Sincerely,

Steve Schafer

## Houses

to at least put formica in the other kitchenettes. After that, he would move on to more mundane things, such as re-doing the roofs and replacing the hot water heaters. He is afraid that if these repairs are given higher priority, then they will expand to take up all the available money, leaving conditions as they were.

Bob Gang held a different view. He feels that repairs should come before improvements. He listed the Ricketts-Blacker roof, (estimated cost of 50 thousand dollars) the other roofs (\$5000), hot water heaters (\$12,000), south complex plumbing (\$50,000), the north complex dishwasher (\$25,000), and the south complex dishwasher (\$6-10,000) as needing repair or replacement.

After that, he would work on the frosh rooms and bring all the kitchenettes up to at least the levels of the best existing ones. Gang said he feels full kitchens are unnecessary because if we are going to make cooking so convenient we may as well go all the way and have food service on weekends, too. He also stressed the high cost of repairs, and said that the final list might total \$500,000, while \$50,000 will be a drop in the bucket.

Eric Kaler, the only student on the committee, feels

kitchenettes are the highest priority, followed by carpeting in some rooms and all halls, with the remainder for other individual room improvements, probably to be done by students.

It is still unclear who will be doing the work. Most of the committee members talked to said that this would be decided by bidding. Bids would be solicited from both physical plant (B&G) and outside contractors. The members disagree on how much work, if

any, should be done by the students. Still undecided is how much will be allocated. All stressed that it is President Christy or his successor's decision, but several felt that it would be in the \$200-300,000 range. Exactly where the money would come from is unclear.

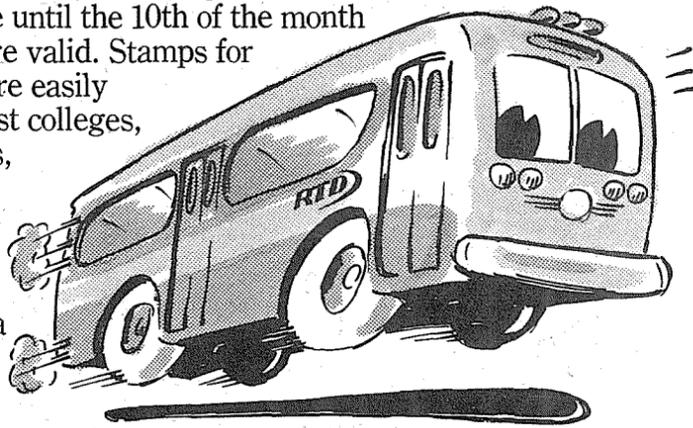
Bob Gang has accumulated a large (\$165,000 as of last September and widely thought to now be around \$250,000) fund reserved for major housing rehabilitation. This fund has

accumulated from money left over from student housing fees. Gang said that he feels that at least \$50,000 of this should be kept in reserve against catastrophic emergencies. Presumably, at least some of the money could come from this. The rest of the money would come from general institute funds. Although student housing is supposed to pay for itself, apparently this rehabilitation is being considered more as capital improvements than renovations.

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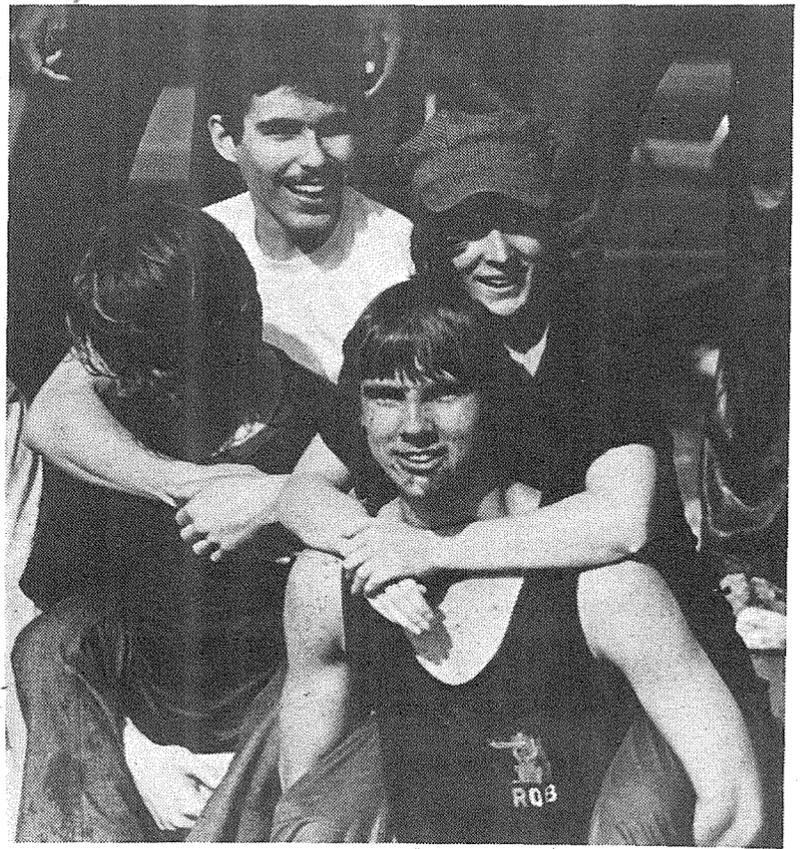
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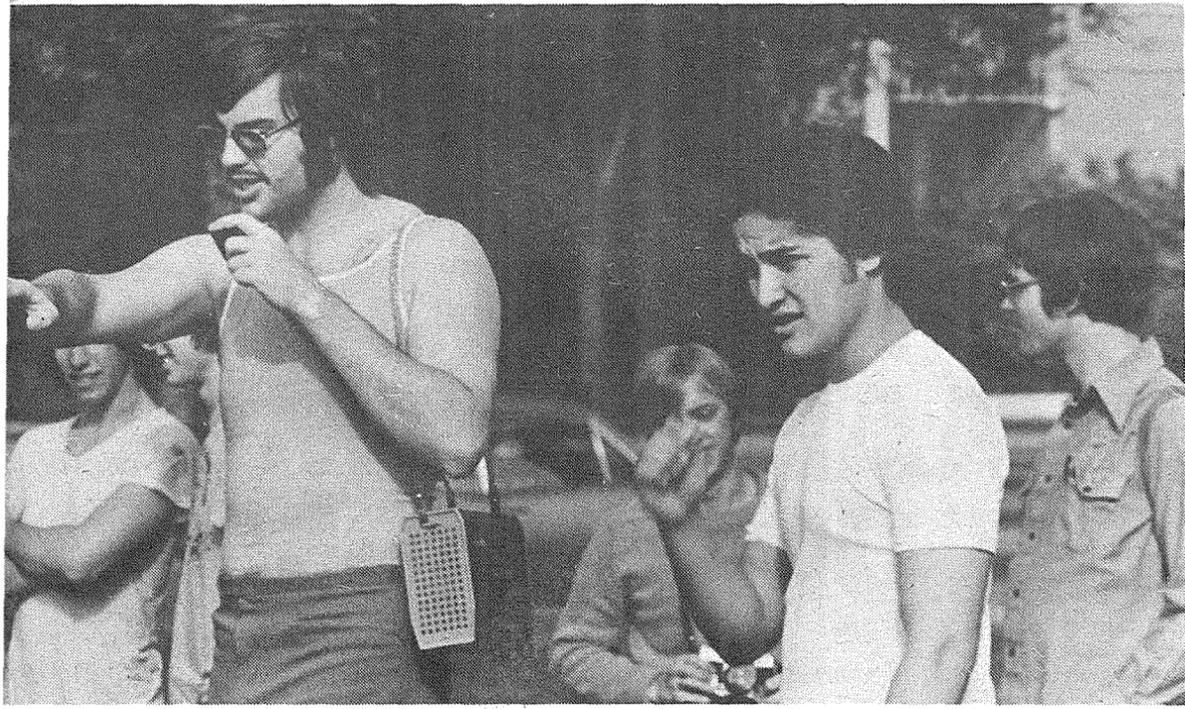
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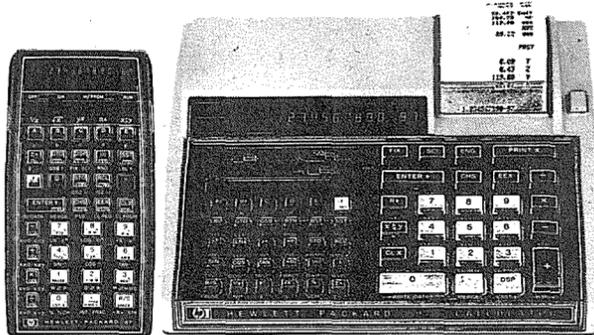


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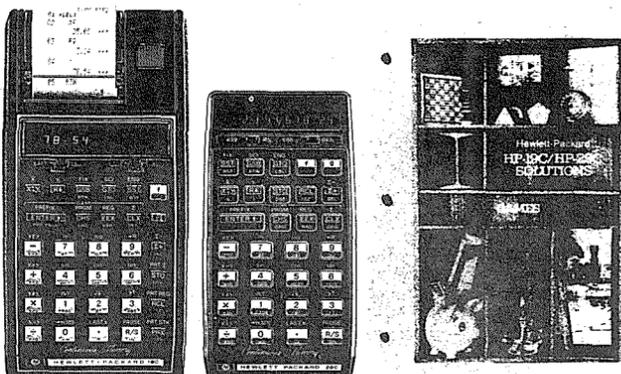
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## Dance The Night Away

Don't forget to attend the Grand Amalgamated ASCIT Dance Party, with Blues Image providing the music. It will be held in Dabney Hall and Garden, tomorrow, January 28, and will last from 9pm to 1am.

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## Encounters

the belief that those people who fought their way through the security force were "invited" by the aliens.

If your reviewer, unnamed for some curious reason, [ed. note: the reason is simply that reviewer David Ritchie's byline got as lost as he did.] would return to see *Close Encounters* (without a pillow this time) he might notice those parts of the storyline he missed in addition to the fine soundmixing and well done optical effects.

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## White Dwarfs

Next Wednesday at noon in Clubroom the Caltech Y presents another in its series of UPDATE noon discussions. Dr. Jesse Greenstein, Lee Dubridge Professor of Astrophysics will give an informal talk about "White Dwarfs and the Laws of Physics." Bring your lunch and rap with a real prof!

## More Sprots

Caltech will be able to field a football team next year, Coach Gutman said Wednesday. About twenty-five people have been able to make firm commitments for the '78 season, but more are still needed. Interested persons, even those who can't be certain that they'll be able to make it, should see Gutman as soon as possible, and help restore Caltech to its previous days of glory on the gridiron.

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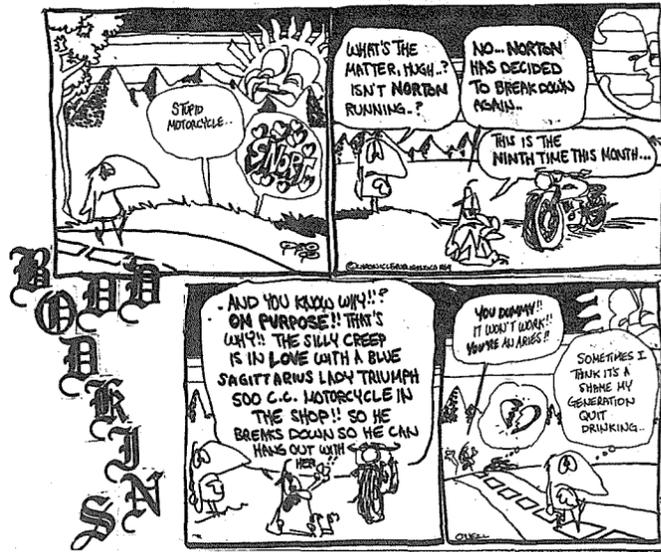
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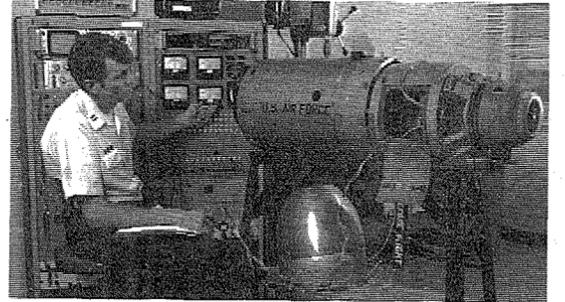
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