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## Scurves Pull Same Trick

by Alan Silverstein

Dateline: May, 1972. Techer and Scurve Lew Proudfoot streaks 2½ miles in the dawn's early (and cold) light, and an old national collegiate sport is re-born.

Dateline: March 8, 1974 (*i.e.* last Friday). Leave it to Techers in general and Scurves in particular to do it first, once again. Stark naked, about fifteen Scurves flash into the lounge one by one at 6:30 a.m.—and remain there reading and playing bridge for over an hour. The world has just witnessed its first Stationary Streak.

7 a.m.: The maids arrive for the day and innocently enter the lounge. They are properly flabbergasted.

7:30 a.m.: Another first for the courageous Men of Ricketts. A certain intrepid *Tech* writer and sideline photographer actively participates in the world's first Nude Showering as a reward for his bold sideline photography. He was dressed; the streakers were not.

8 a.m.: All of the streakers (less a few minor casualties) are still present and still enthusiastic—including the new president and vice president. They decide to expand their activities in the mobile sense... by running through every house and into every lounge thereof. Some of them are hungry, but Chandler refuses them service: "Sorry, you're barefoot."

8:30 a.m.: Back to the lounge for a group photo, then off  
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ROBERT HEINLEIN puts his John Hancock on the inside cover at the Science Fiction Symposium  
Photo by Alan Silverstein

## Life in the SF Ghetto Described by Authors

by SMC Sweeney  
and Peter W. Beckman

Techers who eat, breathe, and sleep science fiction had a small version of Utopia here last Saturday as The Science Fiction Writers' Symposium held forth in Ramo Auditorium. Participants included Robert Heinlein, Poul Anderson, Robert Silverberg, Larry Niven, Harry Harrison, Randall Garrett, and Jerry Pournelle with Dr. John Pierce from EE refereeing the proceedings.

A twenty-student welcoming committee met the authors and their wives at noon in Blacker Lounge for lunch. The group traded anecdotes, brickbats, and

writings over Stottlemeyer's sandwiches and beer (or milk). As word of the writers' presence trickled through the still-sleeping Tech community, numerous people came by seeking autographs and more autographs (... would you please come up to the library for a second?).

The lucky authors were treated to a short campus tour shortly before the first session of the symposium. Such notable campus landmarks as the Flem's cannon, the (former) sync lab, and the roof of Millikan were shown to the group. The authors retired to the Athenaeum after the tour to prepare for the first session of the symposium at 4 p.m.

The afternoon session got off to a late start, but the time was filled humorously by Harry Harrison with some assistance by Randall Garrett. All the authors finally did arrive by 4:30 p.m.

Discussion centered vaguely on the nominal topic for the afternoon—"The relationship between Science Fiction and Science" or something like that. Most of the authors agreed science fiction does not teach science, but Poul Anderson put it best when he said, "Science fiction is the tribal bard of science."

A question and answer (?) period followed the discussion, highlighted by pointed questions on the portrayal of women in SF. Dr. R. Feynman, a little-known particle physicist drew the greatest applause of the  
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## ASCIT of O'Malley

# BOD Approves 6 People, Contract

by Dick O'Malley

The ASCIT Board of Directors met Wednesday afternoon in what will probably be the last meeting this term (since it will be impossible to get a quorum during Finals week or the spring break).

In a series of actions (highlighted by the first big personality clash this year, between the Vice President and the Secretary, the BOD made the following appointments: John Baker and Ken Wiener as reps-at-large to the ASCIT Athletic Committee, Kerry LaPrade as rep-at-large to the Social Committee, David Murdock as Gameroom Chairman, Rich Feldman as Student Dark-

room Chairman, Phil Massey as *Totem* Editor. In addition, the BOD reopened and extended the application period for the Excom until April first in order to give the old Excom time enough for full-scale interviews.

### Personality

The personality clash between Shiller and Mallonee that had been building for a few weeks finally boiled over when Shiller questioned the propriety of having Massey as chairman of the nominating committee for *Totem* Editor when Massey was one of the applicants. This was, in fact, one of several times during the meeting when either Mallonee or Shiller ticked the other off in

one way or another. (Background info: A personality clash between the Vice President and Secretary seems to become almost traditional. One theory has been put forward that this is primarily due to the functions of the offices: the Secretary is primarily concerned with making sure that jobs get done, regardless of how the work is accomplished; the Veep, as a member of the BOC, has received consecutive years of training in making sure that things are done by the book. Sometimes (though not often), these goals clash.)

At any rate, it was finally realized (by everyone except Shiller, who abstained on every  
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## News Briefs

### Excom Nominations Reopened Until April 1

The BOD reopened nominations for the Excom today in order to give the old Excom time enough to conduct full scale interviews for next year's positions.

Anyone else who wants to apply will have to get his application in before 8:00 a.m. April 1. Sign up on Flora's door or get a written application to a member of the current Excom. Interviews will take place the evenings of April 1 and 2 at as-yet-unspecified times.

### Missing Your Keys?

A set of keys was found in 134 Baxter sometime this last

February. Contact Rene Gandolfi in 60 Church (x2407) or 11 Dabney if you're missing yours.

### Don't Go To Blacker House

This Saturday (3/16) the Caltech Gaming Chapter will hold an Alien Space game in Page House dining room. The game will be at 7:30 p.m., and will be free. Come on out and blow your GPA.

### See Yourself Decompress

Are finals getting you down? Are you starved after days of continuous trolling? Do you yearn for a change of pace? Then

come to the Decompression Chamber in Winnett Lounge tonight, Saturday, or Sunday, from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Relax with faculty members, play games, and enjoy food and refreshments, courtesy of the Service League.

As in previous years, the event is sponsored by the Caltech Y and the Young Health Center.

### Religious Hypotheses

Tuesday, April 2, the Caltech Y and Winnett Student Center present Professor John King-Farlow of the University of Alberta, speaking on "The  
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## I'm Supposed to Love It



AMAZING TRISTANO eats his way to glory, and makes John a household word.  
Photo by Rich Feldman

Editorial

# The Ides of March

Beware the Ides of March, for evil times are upon us. The food is terrible. The Middle East seems on the verge of open war. The war in Vietnam continues without end or hope. Millions of people all over the world live on the verge of starvation. And, most terrible of all, finals are coming.

O, woe, ill begotten earth, for dark days are upon us.

Vitamin C, Anyone?

# Y Presents Pauling

by Greg Simay

Nobel Laureate Dr. Linus Pauling will return to Caltech April 3 and 4 for several presentations, sponsored by the Caltech Y. Dr. Pauling's program begins Wednesday noon with a luncheon-discussion on "Science and the People's Republic of China," in the Athenaeum's Hall of Associates. Lunch costs \$2.40 for non-Athenaeum members, so those who wish to hear only Dr. Pauling's talk should come at 12:30 p.m.

That evening, at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Pauling will address a Winnett Lounge audience on "Vitamin C and the Common Cold."

On Thursday, at 7:30 p.m., he will address a Ramo Auditorium audience on "Nutrition."

Dr. Pauling received his PhD at Caltech in 1925 and was on the Caltech teaching staff for thirty-eight years. From 1936-1958 he was chairman of the Division of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering. He is the only person since Madame Curie to receive two Nobel Laureates: one in Chemistry (1954) and the Peace Prize (1964). Dr. Pauling is currently Director and Fellow of the Institute of Orthomolecular Medicine. He is also Professor of Chemistry at Stanford.

# A Rare Photo



THE OCRC poses for a rare photograph-taking session. Can you guess which member is Madam R? Photo by Dave Peisner

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# FORUM

I was recently upset to read an article (OCRC Proclaims People's Wall) in your newspaper which referred to the oil industry's cooperation with Caltech as "collusion." This implies some sort of wrongdoing, and irresponsibility on the part of the industry. Nothing could be further from the truth.

It is the OCRC and other radical groups like it that are the truly destructive influences in our society. Although they claim to represent "The People," they in reality reflect only their own self interests. I sincerely hope that the OCRC does not receive much support from the Caltech campus. —Peter R. Thompson

## Streaking

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again. Six of them take the scenic route down California, but it's the motorists who do all the looking. Round into Lauritsen and past Security. ["Did they try to stop you?" "Heck no, they applauded."] Out and around Guggenheim, they disappear around the corner heading for Millikan. Ten seconds later the group is back in sight—retracing its tracks at double speed. Behind them a Big White Taxi with two of Pasadena's Finest inside rolls slowly up Throop Drive. Fearful of not being able to get a job with the F.B.I., the six disappear once again, this time safely into Ricketts lounge. Not bad for a morning's work.

Noon the same day: Three unidentified undresseds (hey! Was that Gav... nah, it couldn't have been.) follow up the excitement of the Spaghetti Contest by streaking through Winnett Center, before the TV cameras of the world, belieing the statements of those who said Techers wouldn't do it.

## FRANKLY SPEAKING

by Phil Frank



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When Carlos Montoya plays the guitar, the music weaves a powerful spell, enhanced by the fact that he seldom speaks, never breaks the mood created by the magic of flamenco. During his performance at Beckman Auditorium, he spoke not a word during the three sets of music. It was not until he returned for an encore that he spoke the words, "Thank you." It was strange to hear such an absolute master of a type of music thanking his audience for being caught up by an irresistible magic and enjoying it.

Montoya was the first flamenco guitarist of note to really set down and arrange the folk tunes of Spain and retain their flavor and fire. The music of gypsies and other peoples who made up the Spanish world all had their musics, and Montoya more than reproduces them, he

enhances the powerful tunes with his own force and energy. There is much more to flamenco than what one sees in cheap B movies, with a girl all rose-toothed and a scrawny dancer with pants much too tight. Flamenco is a life-force, the life-force of the thousands of people whose lives the songs and stories portray.

The song that I enjoyed most, and the one that the majority of the audience talked about as they left, was entitled something like "Saita." This song, done as an encore, is based upon an Easter processional in a part of Spain. During the procession, the cornets and drums sound, all done by the guitar. When Montoya plays, you hear the instruments approach, play, and recede into the distance. The effect is magnificent. I call the pieces he plays songs, although the only voice is that of the guitar, because that is all that is needed. Senor Montoya commented that "My English, it is not so good. My Spanish, that is very good." Both dwindle in the presence of his music and guitar, for these speak his true language: Life.

—Nick Smith

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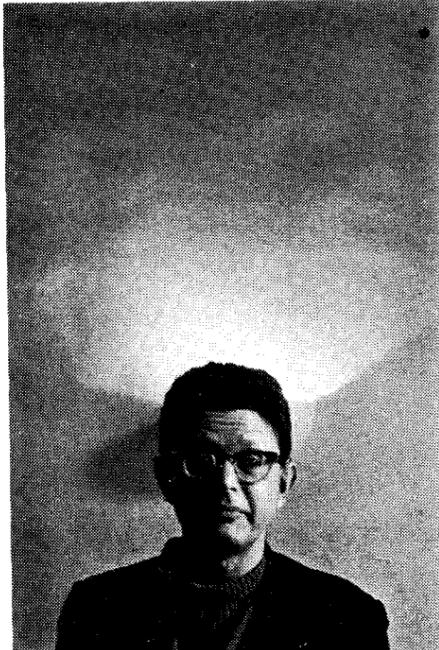
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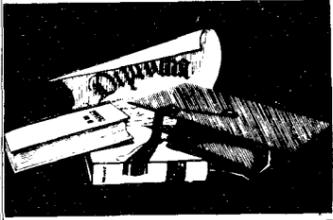
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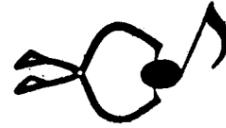
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By Dick O'Malley!

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*The Caltech Y*

**Maples New Y Prexy**

by Greg Simay  
 Karen Maples is the first woman president of the Caltech Y. Karen will head the Y Student Executive Committee of 1974-75 and will have final responsibility for the Y's student programming. Graduate representation has increased on the new Excomm and undergraduate representation continues to be broad (no pun intended).

The 1974-75 Excomm:  
 President: Karen Maples-Dabney  
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*Life at Tech in Review*

**Bonner's Office to be Inspected**

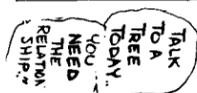
by E. McLeod

A committee has been formed to review (on a one-time basis) the function and structure of the Office of Student Relations, currently headed by Lyman Bonner. The committee will concern itself with all areas of student life which fall under the Student Relations office, including student health and welfare, student housing, admissions and

record-keeping process, athletics and physical education, the offices of the Dean of Students and the Master of Student Houses, and relations with the GSC, ASCIT, and the Caltech Y. The committee is composed of the following administrative, faculty, and student representatives: F. C. Anson (ch), J. S. Best (ug), R. A. Dean, D. L. Goodstein, R. A. Huttenback, E. Y. Loh (grad), D. W. Morrisroe,

E. C. McLeod (ug), R. D. Owen, R. P. Sharp, T. Vreiland.

The committee is seeking relevant input from students regarding any of the above-mentioned concerns. Please direct information or complaints or questions to any of the committee members.



**OCRC Censored by Winnett Fuehrer**

by O'Crick

Last Monday night, the Official Campus Riot Committee held a meeting in the Trustee's Room of Millikan Library. The chief item of discussion was the now infamous incident of last Friday in which the OCRC was denied its right to free speech and expression of ideas as guaranteed in the U. S. Constitution. Several OCRC members were apprehended while putting up posters in Winnett Student Lounge, a gathering place symbolic of the free flow of students' ideas.

We asked OCRC President, Madam R, to describe the ensuing events for the *Tech*: "We had just finished putting up the posters, when suddenly we were surrounded by a self-appointed group of Gestapo agents, led by Winnett Secretary Flora (Fuehrer) Constanten, who immediately tore all of our posters down. Supposedly this act of fascist oppression was done in order to prevent the posters from being seen by the TV cameras which happened to be in the lounge at the time. It is not clear what Flora was afraid of. Certainly a few "Violence Is Golden" posters seen on TV would not precipitate a national revolution. Why censor these harmless pieces of paper? Better you should have censored the greasy Wop who won the spaghetti-eating contest.

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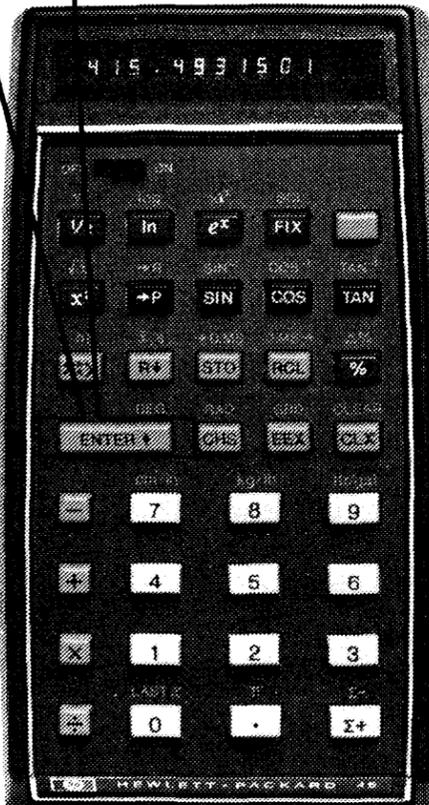
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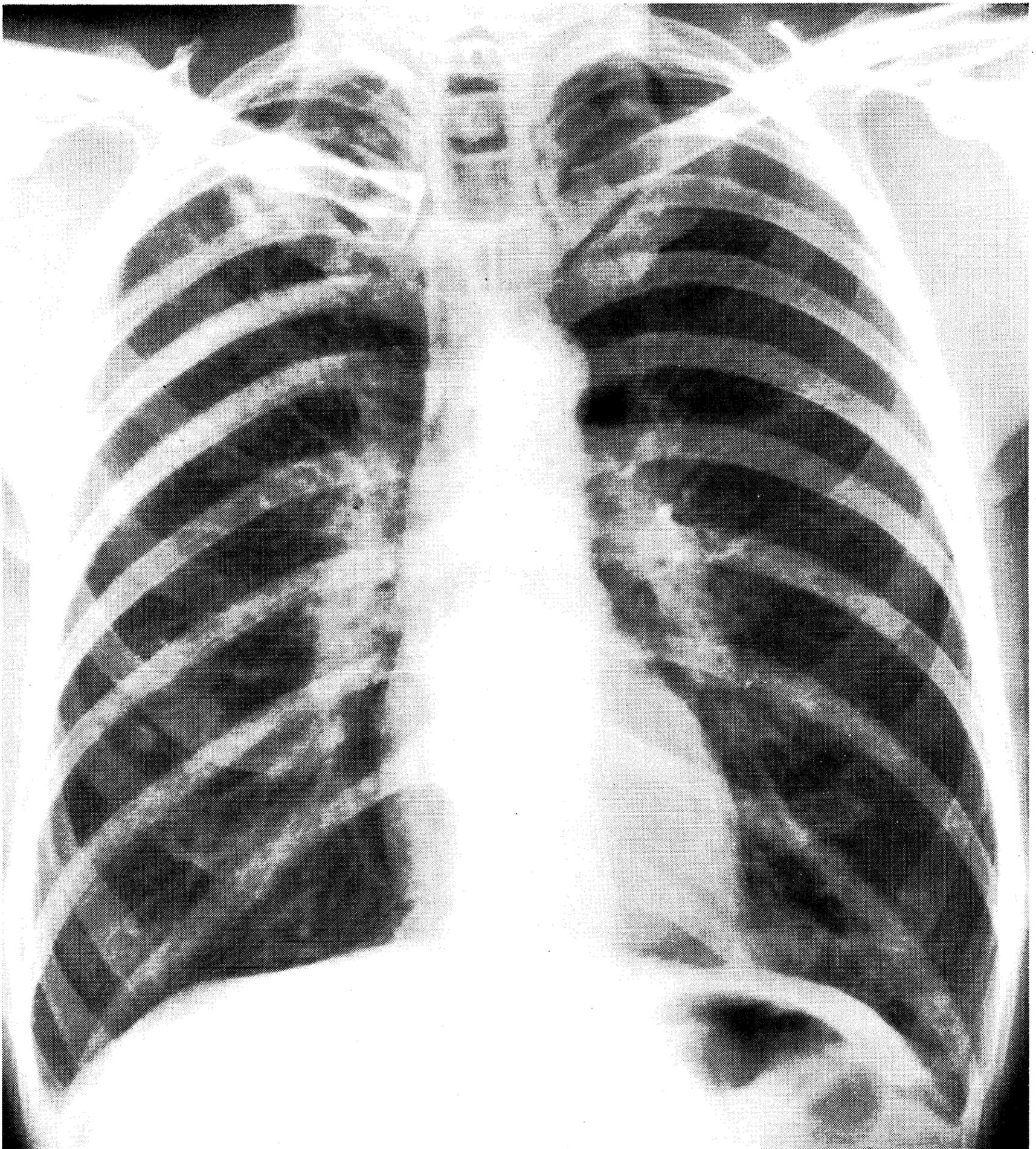
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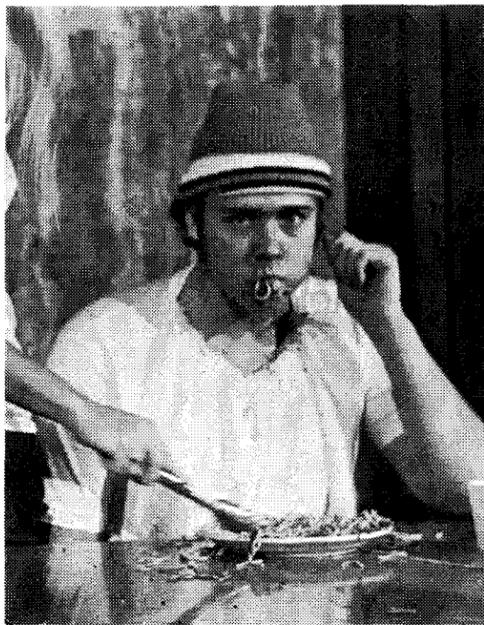
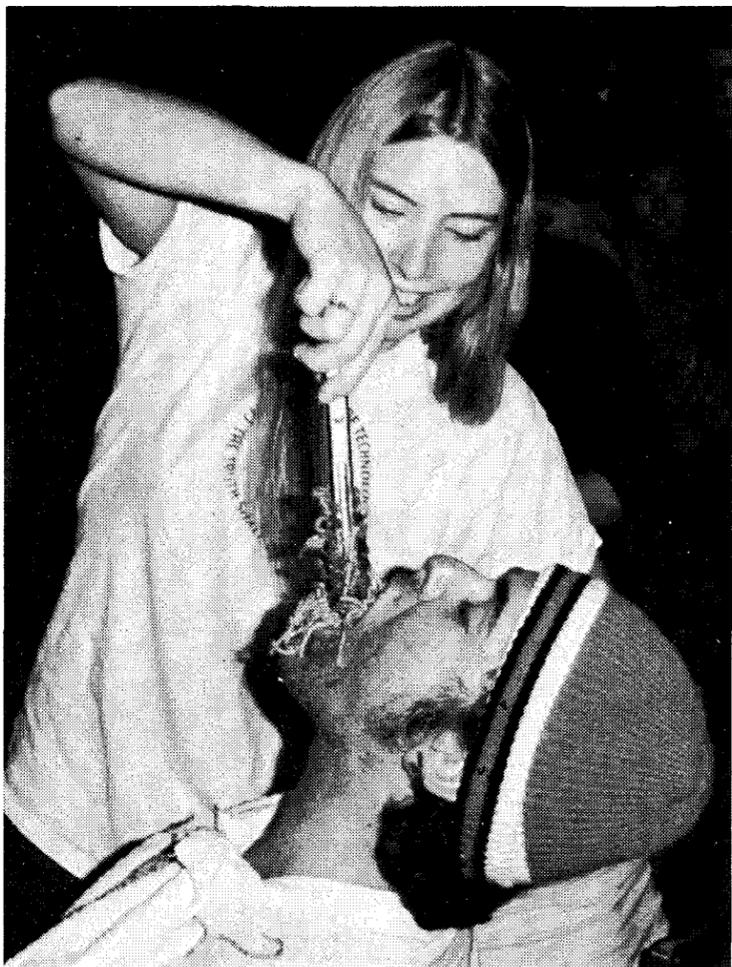
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 succeeding vote) that the fact that Massey was on his own nominating committee did not materially change the result, since he was clearly the best qualified of the candidates. (The question of propriety still remains, however. One suggestion that was brought up, and which Mallonee agreed to in his own case of being on the interviewing committee for the Excom, to which he has applied for a second term, was that the members of the nominating committee might submit separate recommendations, abstaining from this when a conflict of

interest exists.)

Hopefully, the fact that the conflict came to a head this early in the year will give both Mallonee and Shiller a chance to work it out some way or another.

"Oh, no!"

There are rumors going around that a computer program is being devised that will spit out the names of students who do not fulfill the various Institute requirements at the proper time (like the fifteen units of lab required in the frosh year). Any student spit out would presumably not be allowed to register for the next term. The Tech promised to look into the matter.

The Coffeehouse wants \$1000. The consensus of the BOD was that the Coffeehouse Manager had better start proving that he (they?) isn't really incompetent after all.

This year's printing contract for *The Big T* was awarded and will supposedly produce a savings of \$7000. Finally (in another meeting completely, the minutes are funny, read them), the BOD approved the letters and stuff for basketball and either swimming or track (I forget which).

**New Y Excom**

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- Mike Koslowski—297 So. Holiston
- Ken Martin—156-29
- Bob Rutherford—Dabney
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Friday, March 15, 1974

Discobolus

# Blacker Wrenches Monkey Throw

by Bob Kieckhefer

Discobolus competition was proceeding nicely toward its annual Fleming-Page showdown when Blacker threw a monkey wrench into the works by defeating the Flems by 299 pins in bowling (not wrestling) last weekend. Fleming still holds a 20-19 lead over the Dudes as second term draws to its inevitable conclusion.

This term's Discobolus results:

Page defeated Blacker in softball, 8-7.

Page defeated Ruddock in volleyball, 15-4, 15-11.

Page defeated Lloyd in tennis, 3-2.

Page defeated Ricketts in track and field, 45-5.

Fleming defeated Page in wrestling, 22-20.

Fleming defeated Dabney in basketball, 45-35.

Blacker defeated Fleming in

bowling, 2-0.

The current challenge order and point standings: Blacker (5), Ruddock (2), Lloyd (2), Ricketts (2), Page (19), Dabney (2), Fleming (20).

## News Briefs

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Rationality of Faith in Religious Hypotheses." 8:00 p.m. in Winnett Lounge.

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afternoon just by saying, "How do I know?"

The session broke up about 6:30 in a flurry of autographs, as all participants went off to feed their faces in one manner or another.

### The Evening Opens

The evening session opened with the screening of a short documentary entitled "Lunch with John W. Campbell." The film covered the development of a story line between writers Harry Harrison and Gordon R. Dickson and Analog editor John Campbell. It explored the influence an editor's criticisms and suggestions can have on the creation of a viable plot, and afforded a number of insights into the character of the man who was one of the most important influences in the development of modern sci-fi.

Following the film the writers on the panel offered their evaluation of Campbell and discussed those present editors likely to have a large impact on the genre. Robert Silverberg stated that in his opinion the two biggest current influences were Harlan Ellison and Ben

Dova, but other members of the panel expressed a disinclination to include Ellison in anything.

In response to a question from the audience, the writers discussed their working habits and the worlds that they create. Heinlein researches until he feels ready, then writes straight-14 hours a day, seven days a week-until he finishes, Silverberg is content to write a little, every day.

All the authors expressed their ability to live mentally in the worlds they create, but most of them are relatively content to live for real in the here and now. One exception was Larry Niven who said that he wouldn't mind living in any of the worlds of his "known space" series after the 24th century.

Finally, the session broke up in the usual confused melee of introductions and autographings.



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shit.



## O'Crack

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"To this act of repressive fascist censorship, the OCRC can only respond by quoting one of its prophetic posters: 'Why?' The Committee is truly dismayed to see such strong opposition from fellow students and from Flora, certainly one of the last people we would have expected to be a bourgeois reactionary. Despite the setback, the Will of The People prevailed, as an anonymous sympathizer [blonde Flem with a cane] prominently displayed one of the posters while she was posing for the TV cameras."

### Dirty

In its first People's Revolutionary Action, last Friday the OCRC found Dr. David Smith's automobile parked illegally and reported it to the proper authorities. Concerning this matter, the OCRC released the following statement to the press:

"As you all know, Dr. Smith has been sending out threatening letters to undergraduates who violate campus parking rules. Well, Dr. Smith, the OCRC knows that you were parked in a yellow loading zone behind Baxter Hall for at least three and one half hours last Friday morning. If professors refuse to use their assigned parking spaces, their parking privileges should be revoked and handed over to The People. In the case of Dr. Smith, we might point out that he hardly needs a space since he only lives a half a block from the

campus. If Dr. Smith is caught parking illegally again, the OCRC will demand the nullification of all parking warnings sent out of his office. If these warnings persist, Dr. Smith's car might suddenly find itself the victim of a People's Kidnaping."

In other action at the meeting, the OCRC invited people to express their opinions on the People's Wall. They explained that it is the only way that they can get any feedback from the people, considering that their meetings are secret.

Madam R was asked what she thought of "streaking," the new campus pastime. She replied, "The OCRC firmly disapproves of this childish sport. The OCRC prefers to engage in more destructive forms of activity. Streaking can in no way benefit our cause, unless of course the streakers have 'OCRC' tattooed across their buttocks."

Next weekend the OCRC will have a poster party. There will also be a discussion about possible retaliatory action against Flora. Bring your own lunch.

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