Two—Alarm Fire Under Ricketts Forces Evacuation

by Moe

“We got within thirty yards of it, but the smoke was too thick to get any closer. When the firemen arrived we showed them the way through the bicycle room to the lounge dormitory to the fire.” You could see it best from the steam tunnels, said Mike Fishman of Blacker House, concerning his discovery at 3 a.m. last Friday morning of the Great Ricketts Fire, which involved 22 units from the fire department. The damage was minor, most of it caused by the smoke, for the fire was confined to one room.

C. W. Easley, Director of the Safety Office, said the fire was evidently started by hot embers from the Ricketts fireplace. The trap door under the hearth was open, as well as the one at the bottom of the pit. Wire was found on the wire chimney, perhaps for the Interhouse Dance. Once it got into the small room, the heat apparently melted the conduit for the 200 volt electric floor, which by surprise threw the circuit breaker for the campus electricity. The power for the Great Hall was cut about an hour later, when the fire was under control, followed shortly by the electricity down-campus and in the New Houses. The Old Houses remained stumpy.

Power shut off

In the case of the whole smoke was still being pumped out of the steam tunnels, all the electricity except the one floor and ground floors was off. At 7 a.m. Saturday the power for the entire campus was restored, and minor details were ironed out over the weekend. Not much of value was destroyed in the store room, but the fire offers an opportunity to replace the old wood, which, in many cases, was nonflammable metal ones.

What isoinichtig?

How the fire was recognized and reported is a colorful story. Mick Mortell, the Resident Asso­ciate of Blacker, got back to the House lounge late Thursday night because he had to escort home his friend John D. Gallivan, who was suffering from heart attack. He told the lounge rules who were sitting around that something was wrong. Rich Drews, Mike Brennan, and “a number of other guests” then left the lounge over to the Ricketts lounge where an enormous amount of smoke was pouring out of the walls. Brennan went adventuring into the tunnels, and made from a possible source of ignition. The courts from one intoxicating ven­ture, but Mortell phoned first the fire department (which was 3 RA, “but none of them answered.” We wonder what those were at 3:30 in the morning.” Finally Mortell got through to R. C. Poolman, Assistant Director of Planning and Engineering. Poolman spread the word to B&G from then on, because just as Mortell finished the call the phone rang.

Deb or smoke goes . . .

In Ricketts House Gary Jager, Howard Hoffman, Martin Gyle, and a compass other rats, according to Jager, “sitting around in the lounge. They came and finally phoned ‘til about 3:30.” At 3:15 Hoffman smelled smoke. But nothing further happened until the next day, when the group broke up and the fire department in the direction of increasing smoke gradient.

Seeking all the smoke pouring through the panels of the lounge, the group went down to the lounge, saw the fire, and ran through those doors, still sleeping in Ricketts and Blacker. The fire department ar­rived, opened the door to the store room; saw smoke when the group broke up and ran over to the lounge.

Blacker Blazer

Curtains, sheets, and clothes were severely blackened by the blaze. George Sharman, vice-chairman of Blacker, but they will be cleaned at Institute expense, thanks to the fire department’s policy. A few pa­cels in the Ricketts Lounge were ripped out, but those will soon be replaced. According to L. Ter­ry Suber, Services and Operations Manager, the damage will total between 28 and 30 thousand dollars. The insurance company will come during a vacation, the sleep lost by the evacuees was not available from the insurance company but given up in an otherwise dull weekend.

Construction On Millikan Started

by Frank Ettin

No longer is the area between Ricketts and Millikan just a grassy pasture but it has grown into a modern building. In the first picture are photographs of the “Proctors of Modern Biology.”

Students Day involves the participation of the whole Caltech community. Many members of the student body, from freshmen to seniors, were present. The event is the beginning of the long-delayed, much-anticipated move into the new Chemistry Building.

It’s a bird, it’s a . . .

Rearing nine stories above ground, the new building will stand on the site of the old Eucalyptus grove. A large reflecting pool with fountains and a dividing bridge will occupy the remaining green space in front of Throop. And the covered walkways between Sloan and Bridge and between Dabney and Gates will be extended to Arms United, for the benefit of the occasional student who has missed the shuttle bus (damned). It is expected that the library will be completed by March 1968.

Hills for the Millikan Library were opened November 4. According to Dr. R. P. Feyn­man, the director of the Caltech Physics Research Project, the “Fred Hoeber Memorial Library On Cayman” will “inform you about my previous experiences with Quantum Electrodynam­ics.”

JOB INTERVIEWING

Students planning to have em­ployment or placement interviews will want to attend a group dis­cussion, which will be held by D. S. Clark, Director of Placement, in 206 Dalney Hall next Wednes­day, November 24, for discussion on job inter­view problems and interview pro­ceedings.

STAG FILMS

There will be screenings of two “sheep” which were already missed out featuring Cal­tech scientists, for faculty and stu­dents in Dawby Lounge as follows: Tuesday, Dec. 7, 4 p.m.

“The Heart of the Matter”

Feynman SPOAKS!

Dr. Richard P. Feyn­man will speak to the Physics Research Project under the auspices of the Millikan Library.

NOTICES

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If it bites, it’s a grad student.

Senior Takes Own Life

Frederick Ianley Mayer, 20 year old Caltech senior and honor stu­dent, died of an apparently self­inflicted gunshot wound last Mon­day afternoon. The incident occurred on the off­campus apartment­like Mayer­ residence with another senior, Jim Arles.

When he returned from classes to the apartment, Mayer discovered his friend’s body and the letter in which Mayer described feeling that “Life just isn’t worth living.” The weapon used was a .22 rifle belonging to Arles.

Mayer was always cheerful and showed no outward signs of despondency to those who knew him. “He was a real extrovert and very outgoing,” according to Dr. G. D. McCann, Director of the Computing Center and Mayer’s advisor. Arles explained to police that there probably was no “single incident that made him do it. It was just that he felt life was not worth living.”

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CONTEST EXTENDED

Ten ten-dollar prizes are still available in the California Tech Princess Margaret picture contest. Final deadline for entries is 6 p.m. Sunday, December 5. If you have any reasonable photograph of the Princess at Caltech, submit it to the Techs and win some extra Christmas money.
Welcome to Caltech!

Welcome, faculty and high school students, to Caltech! We should like to remind you that Caltech is not all science. Look at the men behind the machines, the students around campus; talk to any of them.

Perhaps you may learn as much from them as from the impressive technical displays you were exposed to this morning.

—Tim Hendrickson
Norton Greenfeld
Bob Berry

Reparis and Reason

Students may have an area on campus in which they can work on cars in the near future. Discussions are going on between students led by Fred Brunswig and people in B&G, and are progressing rapidly.

The major suggestion has been to take a section of the parking lot just north of Bobby Hall and use it. There is enough room there to use all drum and supply tools; and have electrical outlets and water available. It may even be possible to have a concrete floor or a covering overhead. The car-washing area would also be included, hopefully enlarged to a two-car capability. Other ideas being considered include other areas of campus or even paying some nearby service station to allow students to do their work there.

Two important features of an on-campus area would be the clarification of rules and the use of work permits. At present the rules say that no work is allowed on campus, but students do their work anyway. B&G recognizes this as a work permit—written permission to work on a car—to anyone who asks for it and agrees to some simple rules such as cleaning up afterward. But the existence of these permits is not publicized and not many know about them, so they are not worth much now. A standardized procedure for the longer repair jobs would eliminate a lot of the confusion and some of the problems now plaguing B&G.

The important thing to realize here is that this is an example of constructive cooperation between students and the institute, in this case B&G. This happens, usually, if students have a valid complaint and sensible solution. This, and other instances like it, do prove that there are some intelligent and responsible institute personnel.

—Norton Greenfeld
Tim Hendrickson
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Student Parking Complaint

Editors:

Recently returning to Tech from the outside world (what goes up must come back down) I found the student parking area near Keck dilapidated. This area is posted with notices requiring student parking stickers for all parking in that area. Just half the cars had such stickers. The time was 10:20 a.m. and the campus turns out, furthermore, in such a situation, the student must return and find his car in the student area later in the day or get a parking ticket.

This was the third time this has happened to me this term. Students mention the same problem, but usually it occurs only once or twice a term, depending on how much they leave campus during the day. Typically, if there are any empty spaces they are at the extreme north end of the lot. Random counts of the day indicate 60% (usually around 45) of the 90 spaces are occupied by cars with stickers. I, or anyone I know, have never seen a car without a

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From Other Campuses

The MIT Tech recently announced that they were going to try to drum up enthusiasm for their fraternity by switching around the instructions for Georgia Tech’s “card stunt.” The Tech admits to eating more than the faculty’s physical fitness; good the paper, “The thought of Dean Washle running around in shorts is too irresistible to pass up.” We know the feeling.

Georgia Tech’s Technique was glowing to itself in the last issue about their clever Sigma Nu’s, who managed to advertise their fraternity by switching around the instructions for Georgia Tech’s “card stunt,” the people who do those stunts with cards during football games. Instead of spilling out “Tech” during the homecoming game they spelled out “Sigma Nu”. Big deal. They’re still a long way from the Rose Bowl, & being original.

Amidst the crumpled pages of the Purdue Exponent, findeth we an appealing advertisement in advertising. A pretty picture of a lovely lady with sweetly swinging her sedata is framed with the words: “You can’t study all the time” plus a lot of garbage about selected spots seductive to not studying. Man, that just shows how little they know about life.

Lehigh University has announced that students with a 3.0 or better will be exempt from attending classes, if they wish. That’s called “negative feedback” around here.

In the Virginia Tech we find the following definitions of the “isms” as confusing in our times:

Socialism — If you have two cows, you give one to your neighbor.
Communism — If you have two cows, you give them to the government and the government gives you some milk.
Fascism — If you have two cows, you keep them and give the milk to the government; the government sells you some milk.
Nasten — If you have two cows, the government shoots you and takes the cows.

New Dealism — If you have two cows, you shoot one and milk the other; then you pour the milk down the drain.
Capitalism — If you have two cows, you sell one and get a bull.

No Parking

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sticker ticketed unless it was in the lot overnight for several nights. Then a warning ticket was sometimes issued.

This parking problem is clearly one of non-students infringing upon the privileges granted the students. The students are required to use this area (or park off down in the boondocks behind the tennis courts), and in theory it is supposed to be reserved for their use. It would seem that either cars without stickers should be ticketed or towed away or the students should be allowed to park where they want (like others seem to do).

Luther Perry

“Million Dollar Legs” Featured

“Million Dollar Legs,” a parody on sequestent movies, will be shown in the second of the series of movies sponsored by the Pasadena Art Museum. The movie starts at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. The program also features “The Hero of Chateau du De” and the second episode of the “Captain Marvel” series.

Klopotoksk arede$ is

In “Million Dollar Legs,” W. C. Fields plays the President of Klopotoksk, a country full of Klopotokskian which has somehow managed to go deeply in debt. “What country needs,” says Fields as he leads Klopotoksk, “is money.” However, all is not lost, as Klopotokskians have an unusual natural resource, namely their legs. Since the Klopoto- skian’s secret weapon is the slow, loping gait of the Klopotokskian, the president’s decision to make the natives compete in the Olympics. The Klopotokskian track team is promptly formed and sells two cents a ticket, and the profits are used to run along the train, thus avoiding expensive train fare.

In addition to Fields and Jack Oakie, director Eddie Cline (Kna­ dy Clyde, Ben Turpin, Billy Gil­ bert, and many others to round the cast.

Sharon: “The Mysteries of Chateau du De,” a short film produced by Man Ray, is an avant garde clas­ se of the century. But not least, is the second episode of the amazing Captain Marvel Shaanan.

The Art Museum is located on the 4608 N. Robles, and admission price is $1.50. The next movie series will be shown on Dec. 17.

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Benton Explains Medieval Sex

by Mike Meo

"Aphrodite is a powerful goddess," concluded Dr. John Benton last Friday evening at a YMCA Dinner Forum. "If we are to worship her properly, we should not be misled by false ideals drawn from a mistaken impression of our romantic heritage." The false ideal which Benton sceptically attacked in his scholarly paper was "Courtly Love," which he claimed was nonexistent by today's standards.

Based on legend, the idea of "courtly love" is based mainly on the legend of Lancelot and a textbook written in the twelfth century by a courtier of Champaigne, Andreas Scoppoli. The thirteenth-century concept of courtly love, which he claims never to have existed.

No elevation of women
Socially-accepted adultery, the idea of "courtly love," which Benton has suggested may have never existed. The most prevalent attitude to women, with a flourish.

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Questions
Matmen Lose to LACC

In an unusual, close match, the Caltech wrestling team dropped its opener to LA City College 23-16. Tech's formerly large team had to forfeit both the 130 lb. and the 152 lb. classes; fortunately LACC reciprocated in 137 and 190. The first real match saw Larry Gorbet take down his opponent, then through a sloppy move fall directly into a pin. In exhibitions Mike MacLeod and Russ Crenshaw both won, Crenshaw by a very generous margin.

John Stevens' 145 lb. opponent held a black belt in judo and gave Sacks a close several times, but Sacks had to settle for an unrealistically close 13-12 decision.

Our 177-pounder, 169 pound Jim Woodhead, who usually puts on a good show, had perhaps his best supporting cast ever. While Woodhead's cool moves and casual domination should have made the match boring, his opponent's gags and gross exhibition was too funny to ignore. Not only our side, but the referee and his own coach were amused at his antics. As his teammates set aside the usual sideline coaching for such commentary as "Forget about your match!" and "Get back to work!" Woodhead, usually in the 177 lb. class, had to fill in for the injured Andy Rampe, as heavyweight. As luck would have it, LACC faced him with a 238 pound blow. Though Powell was faster and more proficient, the 50 lb. mass difference cost us a decision.

Matthews' 185 lb. and the 152 lb. classes;

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Pacific Christian plays here tonight at 8 p.m. in the season's opener. Borda comes in Friday night. The Beavers will then travel to Pacific Christian on Saturday. Fans will be more appreciated at the two home games.

The frosh games will precede the varsity contests, each starting at 6:30 p.m.

Season Opens For Basketball

The Beaver quintet opens the 1965-66 basketball season with a busy three game schedule this week.

The loss of John Tucker has reduced the bench strength. The prospects, however, remain bright. The front line is set with Terry Bruns at center and Jim Pearson and Jerry Yudelson at the outs. Doug Holford, Don Blair, Ed Hsi, and Jim Stanley will reciprocate in the last minute of the last period. The first real match was the last game against Tech's formerly best supporting cast ever. While Powell was faster and more proficient, the 50 lb. mass difference cost us a decision.

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by Ballist

The football season is over, thank God. The team that showed no much promise at the beginning of the season and in a couple of games they played much stronger, true, they suffered several key injuries, but we played at least two teams during the year which were on the same level as us. We had a chance to best both Azusa Pacific and Claremont-Harvey Mudd. Yet in these two games the team played far better than the season, losing 240 and 567.

Good defense

At least on paper Caltech had a pretty good offense. The season started with Mike Brennan and John Frazzini at running backs, both of whom had very impressive seasons the year before. At quarter-back was Tom Burton, a frosh, who was an unknown quantity. But he proved that he was an excellent passer, with焚烧ers such as Locazina Martin, Les Power, and later in the sea-

son, Frazzini. The offensive line, though not overly large, proved in several games that it could provide holes for the runners and plenty of protection for the quarterback. There was considerable trouble, however, after Andy Kampe was out of action. Wetting was poor all year and the pass defense had huge gaps.

Good defense

The football team, goes differently: at least on paper, it has the right stuff. The defense has shown itself to be a formidable force, and the offense has had its moments.

Lloyd Wins Again; This One Forfeited

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Next year's team will have most of this season's players returning, but they will not have any hopes for a better season unless their attitude improves. The lack of interest in the stu
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Y Finance Drive Successful;
Blacker Wins Scrippies

The Y finance drive has exceed­
ed its goal of $800 with dona­
tions totaling $1313.56 as of Nov.
29. Blacker took the lead with an
average contribution of $6.38 for a
House total of $438.

Dabney, Lloyd, and Ruddock
followed with contributions of
over $5 per person. The under­
graduate body, with an 80 per­
cent response, contributed
$265.75, nearly 75 percent of the
total. The grad students account­
ed for the remainder, with 30 per­
cent response to date.

The donations this year repres­
ented a sizable increase over last
year’s donations totalling nearly
$280. Students are encouraged to
return any of the remaining cards
to the Y office as soon as pos­
sible. Blacker also won last year’s
drive and hence the girls from
Scrippies.

The funds from the drive are
generally an indication of student
interest and appreciation for the
many programs which are spon­
spored by the Y. This indication
usually serves as a guide for the
amount donated by the powers
found outside the campus.

Last year there was a slight
controversy about which mem­
ers of the student body the Y’s
program should have been aimed
toward. The controversy, which
was never very great, ultimately
died down with the realization
that the Y program should be of
interest to all students to attend
or take advantage of as the mood,
or more rarely, the spare time
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