Steve Watkins Elected New ASCIT President

Circumscribed by Peter Beckman

Henry Dreyfuss was the design-
er and Caltech trustee, showed that
a symbol is truly worth ten thousand
words at Monday night’s Beckman Lecture. Speaking on “Signs of the Times: Symbols–A Universal Language,” he explained
that symbols have come to mean-
things throughout the world while
classes often are difficult or impos-
sible to translate from one
language to another.

In the Beckman complex, sym-
boils form a much-needed supple-
ment to language. With over 100
major languages in use, complete
translations of signs are impossible
in places like international
airports or world fairs, but uni-
versally recognized symbols can
solve the problem easily.

†This Ends Up

Symbols are roughly divided into
two classes: graphic and arbitrary.
Graphic symbols are created by
men while arbitrary symbols are
drawn by machines or by man
himself. Often the best symbol is
“this side up,” a glass meaning
“this way,” or a metal joint meaning
“form.” No one would have drawn a
metal joint, however, if it had not
been for the operation of Egyptian
hieroglyphics. They have found great use today since the
language to

foundations.

Graphic symbols are easier than
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Fisher Reflects on Year as President

by Bob Fisher

On going out of office, the biggest regrets are often for those things left undone. It is my feeling that the 1970-71 BOD yielded some accomplish­ments and some improvements, with the latter outnumbering the former. Here I would like to dwell on half-dozen areas still unresolved, in the hope that someone else will pick them up. I am not necessarily speaking for the entire Board. Forgive me, also, if this column resembles an election statement. It is not intended as any kind of a campaign.

1) An Intern Program Caltech: What will I do when I get through with you? What will I be when you get through with me? A start has been made toward helping undergraduates to find out what it is they really want to do after leaving school, while still in school. Leaves of absence are easily available. The Administration deserves credit for arranging exchanges with other schools. Some students have made plans to intern in business on government. I think these ventures should be encouraged on a routine basis. A faculty committee on internships could compile sug­gestions from industry, government, and other sources. Then try to put them in a position to advise a student who applies for time away from Caltech with perhaps only a vague idea of what he wants to do. Four straight years at Caltech can be less efficient than they can also be possible.

2) Social Life I still defend the overall concept of the Executive Social Committee. It is, however, an idea that not all on campus can support. Some Committee funds ideas, but as the saying goes, a bean can't lay an egg unless you feed her. More creative thinking and vigorous legwork is needed to make the social program and social life fully successful. I should have supplied more of both.

3) House Life Student Houses are too much alike. I would find a diversification of life-styles very welcome. Some houses could be arranged around suites, some like fraternities, others like cross-sections of the real world, or a completely different scheme could be dreamed up. House life was very important to me during my first few years at the Institute. Four years in an unchanging environment is too much. I don't want to see the House system break down because it houses too many ongoing occupants into having. Over the next few years, the off-campus community has been able to agree on some general directions for the future of the Houses. I hope someone more clever than I will find a way to make them operational.

4) Feedback on Teaching Undergraduates have uncommon pay in institutional affairs. But we have very few effective channels for feedback on the quality of teaching at Caltech. Gilbert made a start with his publishing of comments on effective teachers. But more think­ing and negotiating should be done to guarantee that poor teachers are not going to get away with it.

5) Community Relations Pasadena: I know little about Caltech's role in the communities outside of Caltech's old neighborhood of students alone. I have considered the idea of a one-day "Community Fair" on Caltech's grounds. It would be a carnival combination of Parent's Day, Generation Gap Tours, Conventions such as the one held in Beckman last spring, reunion throngs and tall, and a party. It would also be a lot of work to organize.

An Institute Project Caltech has so many resources focused in so many different directions. But so many of them concern us are as a whole to all elements of the school. I think we no longer need a Student Research Project on social issues, and another Faculty project (such as the Environmental Quality Lab) working independently of each other. If it is possible anywhere to initiate an exciting program where students, faculty and administrators may work together toward common goals, it should be possible here.

These half-dozen "leftovers" may not be the most important areas for future work, but they are the things I would keep pushing were I to stay in the business of student govern­ment. There are many specific areas also, too numerous to list here. I want to admit, however, that these projects, or most other projects as well, can be picked up and worked on as effectively by a non-BOD member as by an elected officer.

I have found my year as ASCIT president to be a major learning experience. I hope our Board's successors will be consolidated. I hope that in the cases where we fumbled or didn't follow through sufficiently, I hope someone will butt me out.

Swimmers Defeat College of the Desert by Defeat

by Bob Kuckhefer

The All-SCIAC diving champ­ionship, which has been arranged around suites, some like fraternities, others like cross-sections

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Nick Smith

Badman

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Local reading customs can drastically affect the meaning of published symbols if they are read in the wrong order.

But the great usefulness of symbols makes up for any failings. They provide a unifying factor and help to break down international language barriers. The more com­monly used universal standardized symbols will help to break down the world's complex world.

Next Monday at 8:30 p.m. Professor J. L. Benchamp will give a slide presentation on his recent and upcoming travels entitled "Past the Ptolemy Line."
Power of the Press Dept.

Physics 2 Hot New Issue

EDITORS’ NOTE - Our readers may remember that many of the candidates, including a number of the students unlikely to be awarded a degree, are running for the Physics 2 in their statements published in last week’s issue. The immediate impact of those statements became evident when Dr. Rochus Vogt, currently lecturing that class, related some of his experiences in the aftermath of last week’s statements in lecture on Monday. We are pleased to print his remarks, which are “excerpted from wires, telephone messages, etc. to Dr. Vogt.”

From a highly placed CIT

Source: Have you read today’s California Tech?

Vogt: Why no, should I?

Source: You goddamn better do Vogt: Why?

Source: Just open any page and you will know why! You’ve had the class for only three weeks, and already we are having a crisis.

At the dinner table:

Mrs. Vogt: You think it’s really worth taking on the whole Sophomore class?

Dr. Vogt: Please, at least my family should stick with me—no, with you, don’t count your chickens before they hatch.

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Then I got a call from the Campus Riot Committee:

Committee: Do you realize that we might have to put “Plan F” into action?

Vogt: What’s “Plan F”?

Committee: To sacrifice you.

Then Governor Reagan wired: 

Reagan: National Guard has been alerted, at your disposal. PH2 is true, white, and blue!

Vogt: Please keep the guard; I feel much safer alone. Besides, you might need it at any moment yourself.

Then I got a telegram from a high Washington official:

Official: Let me make one thing perfectly clear. The Administration is deeply grateful that the pithy issue of Indochina has been replaced by PH2 on your campus. Peace.

Vogt: —continued—

J. Edgar Hoover: Under the assumption that PH2 is — like everything else — federally funded, I am sending in a team of hippie type undercover agents. Hold out, protect property rights!

Vogt: But how can I tell the agents from the students?

Hoover: The agents don’t know any physics.

Vogt: I repeat, how can I tell…

And of course, Spiro got onto the act:

Spiro: It is a most gratifying moment, now that the effete man Bob: of us just quietly?

And a parting shot from Chairman Bob: Can’t you do anything quietly?

Vogt: You know me chief. Some of us just have a natural charm.

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