

MOURNING WOOD

Stanford U./U. of California, Berkeley

Berkeley's relatively liberal student body might have been classified as tree huggers before, but this is ridiculous. In June, Cal cheerleader Scott Landry was cleared of inciting the Cal student body to "kill the tree," following Cal's loss to Stanford last November. "The tree" is the Stanford Tree, the school's mascot. But this tree had a soul. His name was Chris Cary, a Stanford junior, and he was nearly splintered in half. "I was under about 30 drunken Cal students," Cary told *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Mascots are people, too, you know. "It was a guy named Chris Cary," Cary said. "And that guy was pretty darned scared." Petrified, even.

BAKED GOODS

U. of California, Berkeley

Berkeley students and faculty got a real taste of the high life at a recent campus potluck event called Creative Faire. A wacky prankster, no doubt inspired by the "creative" part of the faire, baked three trays of marijuana-laced brownies and set them out under a sign that read: "Magic Brownies. These are strong; be careful." Well, four students weren't careful enough. After eating the magical brownies, they were hospitalized with upset stomachs and dizziness. A curious professor picked up a few on his way to class and later complained he suffered symptoms of paralysis. As for the rest of the brownie-scarfing passersby? Why, they came back for more, of

QUICKIES

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course. They had the munchies.

DORF ON COLLEGE

Bowling Green State U., Ohio

It's one thing for a school to inherit the personal papers of a historical figure like Malcolm X or John F. Kennedy. But Bowling Green is the proud recipient of the personal papers and memorabilia of (drum roll, please) Tim Conway, the actor best known for his four-year stint on the wacky *Carol Burnett Show*. Oh, and let's not forget his memorable cameo in this summer's splash hit, *Speed 2: Cruise Control*. We're just curious — any "Dorf on Physics" tips in those papers?

STOP, DROP AND WATCH

Utah State U.

Flying saucers are no big deal at Utah State U. Neither are flying bowling balls, flying microwave ovens or flying bikes — as long as they're part of its annual Business Building Drop. The event draws hundreds of stiff-necked students to stare at the sky while volunteers chuck everything from air conditioners and answering machines to yogurt and watermelon from the building's roof. Once gravity is successfully tested, students scrounge the grounds in search of souvenir ... um, stuff. It's probably not quite what Sir Isaac Newton envisioned, but hell — what fun is a falling apple, anyway?

CHOPPER ONE

Lafayette College, Pa./Georgetown U.

The Gilberts — Gary and Anne — had a quandary; both of their children, twins, were graduating on the same day, 150 miles apart. Lacking an adequate intermolecular transport module, the couple put their heads together (their children are not Siamese twins, so no wisecracks) and decided on a more realistic mode of transportation — that wonderful da Vinci creation, the helicopter. As soon as son Gregory received his degree from Lafayette College, the Gilberts hopped in the chopper and flew to Georgetown U. to see daughter Magdalene become a Hoya alumna. So what do you get when add up two twins, two graduations ceremonies, two helicopter rides and two thousand bucks to pay for it all? Two exhausted parents.

FOOTSIE

Luther College, Iowa

Now you know why those other countries love soccer so much. In a display that would likely impress both Pele and Madonna, seven Luther College students were charged with indecent exposure for playing naked soccer to celebrate the end of exams. The game goes on every year, but this time City of Decorah police, Iowa's finest, were there to film the festivities. Now there's a sight. A bunch of naked college students dribbling on each other.

SLOPPY WET ONES

Oregon State U.

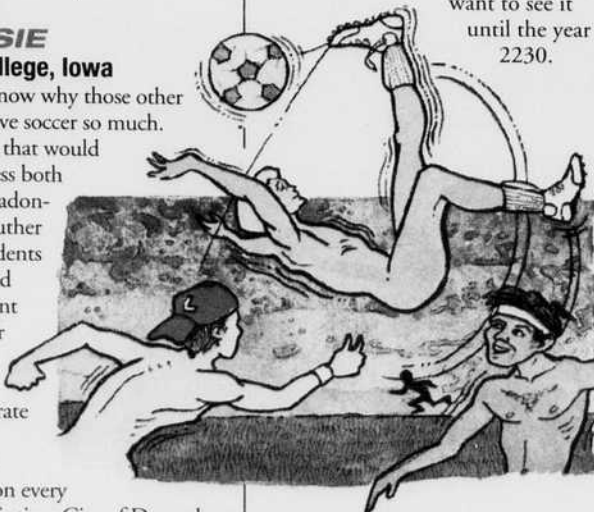
Nothing beats the sight of 320 Beavers kissing in the rain. In June, Oregon State U. attempted to get into the *Guinness Book of World Records* by breaking the mark for the most people kissing at one time. The records stands, however, as rain kept the number of smoochers down to 160 couples,

short of the current mark of 1,420. Organizers were surprised by the rain, meaning they must have forgotten that they live in Oregon. Were the OSU participants disappointed they fell short? Hardly. One lonely fellow commented: "I finally found someone who's willing to kiss me at least once."

LATE FEE

Harvard U.

Somebody's great-great-great-great-great grandchild might want to start thinking about taking out a loan. In June, Harvard U. received a book, *The Complete History of England with the Lives of All the Kings and Queens Thereof, Volume III* (whew), that was 233 years past due. Charging a two-buck-a-week late charge, that's \$24,232. Checked out in 1764, the gargantuan then-complete history was discovered by a university historian through a rare-books dealer. It's now in Harvard's rare book collection. Wisely, they won't be lending it out again. Not unless they don't want to see it until the year 2230.



HARD WARES

California State U., Chico

The term urgent memo has taken on a whole new meaning at California State U., Chico. More than 1,600 faculty and staff members were roused — hey! we said roused, not aroused — when a very merry prankster sent a full frontal view of a nude man titled "announcements" to their campus e-mail boxes. Those with less advanced computer software weren't able to download the dirty digitalia, however. If that isn't incentive to upgrade those computers, we don't know what is.

SKIP IT

Ohio U.

It looks as though the ol' "death in the family" excuse has finally kicked the bucket — at least in professor Michael Bugeja's ethics class. The Ohio U. journalism professor allows students to skip class for any reason, as long as they tell him why. And tell they do. Before a Friday lecture, a female student wrote: "I will not be attending class today because my buddies and I are going to Lansing, Michigan, to drink beer, kiss boys, and engage in general collegiate merrymaking." The honesty policy is for attendance only, so lie lovers need not worry — "the dog ate my homework" excuse is safe as ever.



BOILED OVER

U. of Maine

Oh, the humanity! Or is it? After receiving enough inquiries from crabby seafood lovers wondering whether boiling lobsters to death is inhumane, scientists at the U. of Maine decided to find out. Researchers at the school's Lobster Institute (yes, that's right, it has a whole institute) discovered that dropping a lobster into a pot of boiling water isn't such a bad way for the crusty critters to eat it — their nervous systems are so primitive, they can't process pain. Pass the butter.

WHOLE LOTTA BULL

Colorado State U.

Employees at Colorado State U.'s veterinary teaching hospital won't be wearing red anytime soon. When a private rancher unloaded a bull on campus last spring, the mighty stag made like a door and bolted. Six police officers and a slew of vet hospital workers chased, cornered, then shot the furry fugitive with a tranquilizer. Proving it was no bull dozer, the bull shook off the shot, got mad and, finally, got even. The bull hurdled a fence, ran onto nearby College Avenue against traffic and charged a car before running to a local restaurant's parking lot, where it received a second tranquilizer shot. Wonder if the restaurant had buffalo chips on special that night ...

