Letters to The Tech

To the Editor:

Since KW89 (Kenneth H. Wadleigh) wrote of our Dorm Regs on his latest letter, I looked at some of them. I cheerfully noticed the section concerning pets—lizards are not forbidden by pets. This is fortunate for those of us in East Campus who would have a difficult time giving up our pet cockroaches.

Tim Gill '69

No trip

To the Editor:

This is just to clear up any controversy which may have evolved concerning the article which appeared last Tuesday's paper under the heading "Tech Takes Trip" in the column of "Dear Ted".

The article was written with a tongue in cheek, but due to the layout of the paper, it appeared to be a serious news item. It was not. The cast of the "Favorite Villains" do not plan to tour the fictitious kingdom of Malkomand to entertain the troops, for there are no troops in Malkomand. I therefore, there is no "Malkomand." Those cast members who misunderstood the article are urged to unpack their bags.

Dave Esper '69

General Manager

Tech Show '67

Testing pass-fail

To the Editor:

The recent editorial on the experimental pass/fail system being offered on a senior-only basis was amusing as far as it went but I feel that it left one basic question unraised. Since the program is experimental, it appears that it is being used as a test to determine if a more complete pass/fail system would be feasible. However, the Committee on Educational Policy should be aware that many people do not fit the "senior" requirement and that this fall system may fail. I believe that certain courses should be graded on an incomplete basis or that a failure grade should not be given.

Lawrence W. Ludwig '79

SCEP Forum

Caltech pass-fail discussed

By Mark Spitzer

The following was taken from a statement prepared by Foster Strong, Dean of Freshman and Associate Professor of Physics at the California Institute of Technology.

Caltech initiates an experiment with Pass-Fail grading for freshmen in the fall of 1965. The experiment was to last for two years, during which time all freshman courses would be graded Pass or Fail. The purpose of the experiment was to attempt to reduce the competitive aspect of student academic life and to encourage the new student to experiment with pace and depth and emphasis.

It's been fun

This issue brings the formal efforts of the staff of Volume 86 of The Tech to a close. We hope those efforts have resulted in a newspaper which has been useful and informative.

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