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How do all the Offices mourn?

Memorial Service
Admissions Office, Alumni Office, Campus Patrol, Chemistry Department, Information Services, Medical Department, Registrar, Resources and Accounts Office, Student Affairs Office, Student Aid Office, Student Health Insurance, Student Loan Office, Tech Talk, Tech Talk
From: Holladay C. Heine
Re: John C. Chen '83
14 No. 141-56-866
If you have already done so, will you please note to your records that John C. Chen died of cancer at home, on January 22, 1980, after an illness of three months.
Plans for a memorial service are under discussion. I didn't know John C. Chen. Personally, that is. I mean, the face in the Freshman Picture book is one I seem to remember seeing in the halls. But that's beside the point . . . now, anyway.
You can tell a lot from a photograph. Sometimes a typewritten page will conjure up poet images, sometimes analytical reasoning. Sometimes a phone number. It's the same with death.
We get a lot of typewritten pages at this newspaper. The one that carried the above memorandum struck a nerve, though, I didn't know John C. Chen, but for some reason I was driven to look . . . and think.
Please note in your records . . . how antiseptic. The reality of death, of a life lived and a chapter closed, are not pressing matters at this juncture. The memorial service will come later, of course, the grief can be articulated, the tears will come soon enough. But not now. Not yet.

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The winners, losers and the in-between overlap in Maine

So, the real winner at the Maine Democratic presidential caucuses was Jimmy Carter. No, not that Jimmy Carter. Let's try again. After his rogging comeback from the bluster he soled under President Carter, media experts consider Senator Ted Kennedy to be the real winner at the Maine caucuses. No, not that Ted Kennedy. Just one try . . . Gov. Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown of California delivered his campaign from the thrones of obscurity into the forefront of being a serious challenger for the presidency by gaining a respectable total of the votes in the Maine Presidential primary.
This fact makes Brown the real winner of the Maine caucuses. Brown won 47 percent of the vote. He didn't have to win. Writing this is murder: I can't change who really won Maine. Carter's campaign manager Robert Strauss, the former Federal Reserve chairman, was a clear victory for Carter because: "we had him (Kennedy) in his own backyard in a state he said he had to win." Oh, I see; President Carter's campaign staff feels that Carter won Maine. But his chief strategist in New Hampshire, Christopher Brown, conceded that "the momentum this morning is clearly with Kennedy."
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I think I'll check with Kennedy's people. After all, Carter did get more votes than he did, certainly no reason for a celebration among Kennedy supporters.
But what is that? Pete Meade, Kennedy's Maine campaign manager, threw a champagne party after the caucus to celebrate. What? Evidently they feel that they won also.

What can we make of this situation? Can there be only one winner? Well, yes and no. The official vote count in Maine gave Carter 46 percent, Kennedy 41 percent, Brown 13 percent, and the official vote count in Maine gave Carter the Maine caucuses. But a key word in political campaigns is momentum, that intangible quality that can make or break a campaign. Carter won 59 percent of the vote in Iowa and only 45 percent in New Hampshire. Clearly, this downward trend is upsetting to Carter's campaign staff, Kennedy, in drawing to a close in Maine, has nothing but that momentum which is so essential to a winning campaign. Jody Powell, press secretary to the President, commented on the issue of momentum by saying, "It seems to me that we are gotting off on the wrong foot. There is too much Paul political campaigning. Kennedy's and Brown's blind spots come too close together to see."
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This is the reason why Brown has so clearly and so consistently celebrated the result of the Maine caucuses. They were not won out, but Carter was a sure loser in Maine.

Carter's position of not leaving the White House to campaign until the hostages are released has put him in a difficult position. Politically, his policy of not campaigning has served his purpose, it has greatly increased Carter's popularity, but the political community is showing signs of overtime in its conclusion.
The American people are getting riding with a suspicion President. But Carter's insistence on staying in the White House has not made it impossible for him to campaign. Kennedy's and Brown's blind spots come too close together to see. Carter has no superior to Brown, Brown seems too soft on foreign issues. On domestic issues, Kennedy's and Brown's blind spots come too close together to see. Brown seems too sweet on foreign issues. On domestic issues, Kennedy seems too sweet on Carter's campaign staff feels that Carter won Maine. But his chief strategist in New Hampshire, Christopher Brown, conceded that "the momentum this morning is clearly with Kennedy."
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