ONE-NIGHT STAND

At Caltech's 1956 Interhouse Dance on November 3, guests were able to visit Venice (Fleming), Interstellar Space (Throop), Toyland (Dabney), an Arabian Night (Ricketts), or Jack and the Beanstalk (Blacker). Though the pictures on these pages can only give a pale approximation of the glittering event, they at least indicate why this annual undergraduate Spectacular has become—not only famous, but even notorious.

Guests descend on Blacker House by way of a 40-foot beanstalk

Dabney's dance floor, covered over with a budget-busting blanket of balloons
Awe-struck guests warily approach Dabney’s versatile hippopotamus, which rolled its eyes, wiggled its ears and swallowed paper cups throughout the evening.

Biggest men at the dance were the genie (left) issuing from a magic lamp in Ricketts’ Arabian Nights courtyard, and the wide-eyed giant in Blacker’s Jack and the Beanstalk layout.

In Toyland, a lemonade spring bubbles brightly at the foot of a hyperactive volcano, shooting popcorn from its crater.