JUST ADD WATER—
and you add a whole new dimension to campus life

When the architects (Flewelling and Moody) drew up their plans for Caltech’s Millikan Library more than five years ago, they made special provision for a reflecting pool and a fountain. As a landscaping element, the pool was intended to give a greater sense of open space to the quadrangle formed by Millikan, Gates, Dabney, Throop, Sloan, and Bridge. Architecturally, it was meant to achieve harmony between the new and the old buildings. Most of all, the architects hoped that the sound of the fountain and the patterns on the water’s surface would “divert attention from other activities” and that the water would be “conducive to reverie and study.” As the pictures on these pages show, it’s been conducive to all that and a lot more.

On a clear day you can usually see at least one class in session on the edge of Millikan Pond.
The fishing may not be good—but it's certainly convenient. (The book on his knee? Moby Dick, of course.)

Sometimes a girl's got to go all the way to the middle of the campus to get a little privacy.
There must be something about a bridge that just naturally makes you reflective.
When the weather gets really hot, of course, you're liable to find almost anything in the water.