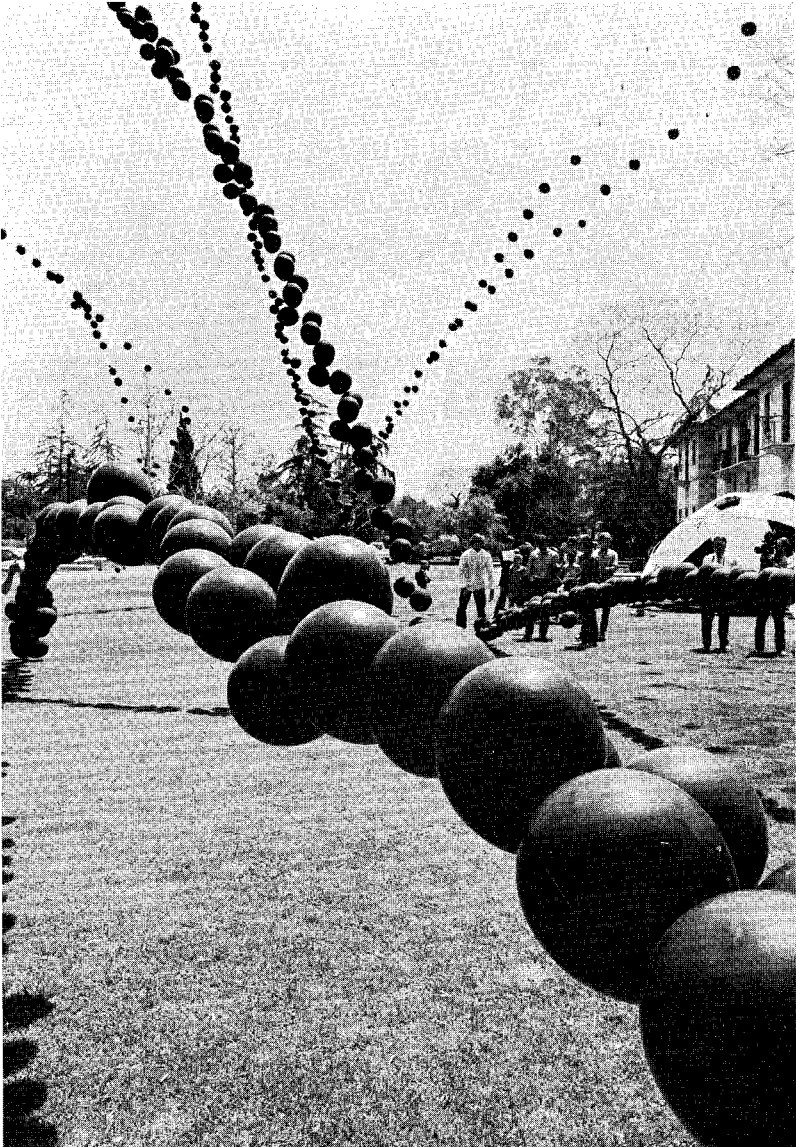
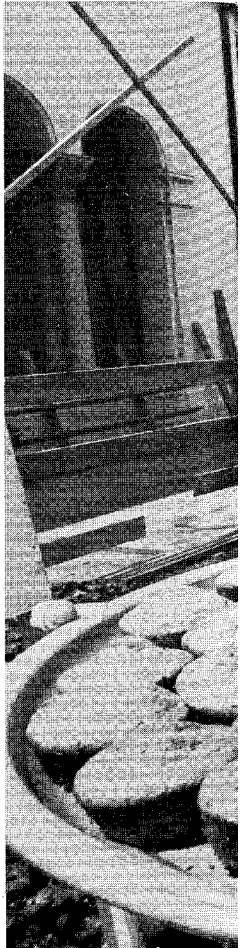




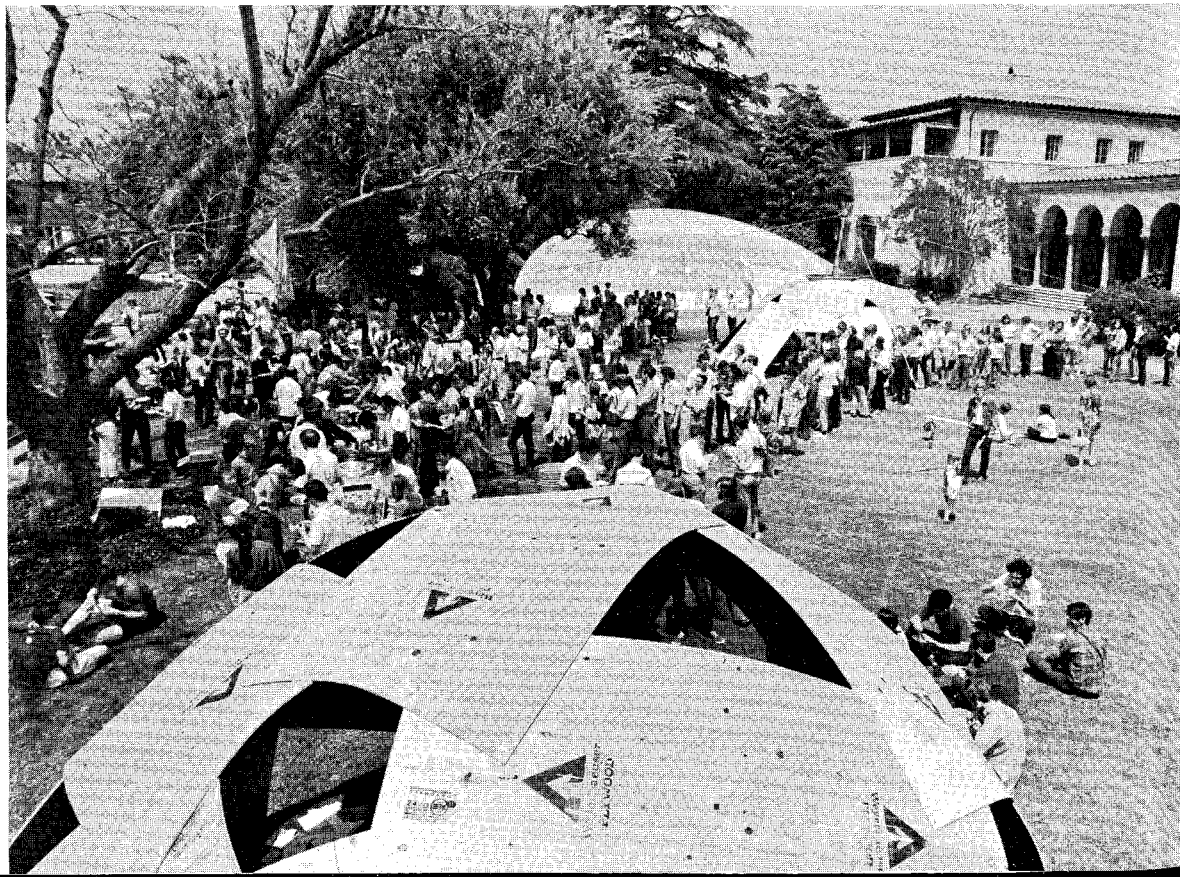
Participants from the community . . .



Black balloons symbolizing atmospheric pollution . . .



Plydome "houses," an inflated plastic hut, picnickers—an Ecology Faire . . .





Pollutant-free food made from organically grown plants...

CALTECH'S ECOWEEK

by Paul Wegener '70

Wegener, co-chairman of Caltech's Environmental Action Council, was one of the organizers of the week-long ecology program.

Caltech, like most schools around the country, had a "Teach-In on the Environment" throughout the week of April 20-24. As elsewhere, there were speakers—experts and authorities in their respective fields. Even Polytechnic School next door had a Teach-In, with the children bringing aluminum cans to school and writing essays about the evils of pollution. Everyone agreed that we should clean up the automobile when the law forces us to.

However, Caltech's week was also quite different, for we also had some color: a lawn filled with children and balloons, a feast, a celebration, and some people who weren't very interested in what some of the experts had to say about the kind of world we may live in. These people, from both the campus and the community, were more interested in the kind of world *they* wanted to live in. Perhaps a world with more parks and

animals, peace and freedom, quiet and joy. These people came to reach out around them with the vision in their hearts. They came to the Faire.

At the Ecology Faire people helped build plydomes, houses that cost less than \$100 each. They came to look at exhibits and talk with the representatives of various groups: Planned Parenthood, Planning and Conservation League, Outward Bound Adventures, Atlantic-Richfield Corporation, Pasadena Commission on Human Need and Opportunity, Fluor Corporation, Get Oil Out, Headstart, Foothill Areas Association. People talked with each other at the Faire, with speakers, students, faculty, Pasadena residents, and businessmen. They learned, from the Teach-In and the Faire, what direct effects they could have now to create the world we all want.

The Teach-In and Ecology Faire were designed around people and laughter, not numbers and fear. Numbers are vital to an understanding of what is to be done and how to do it, but there is a point at which they should be left behind; fear and accusations serve no constructive purpose at all. Many learned these things during the week, and this means that the week and all the effort behind it were a success.

The following week 40 people came to a meeting to begin, in as effective a way as possible, to build for the world. We are now creating a collection system in Pasadena to deal with the waste of valuable resources such as paper, glass, and aluminum; we are starting a food-cooperative as an alternative to bad food at high prices; we are becoming involved with Pasadena government at all levels in encouraging more parks, bicycle trails, stricter zoning laws, and in fighting the freeway; and we are working on various issues in coming elections and various community action and education programs around Pasadena. We are, in the simplest sense, a gathering of people who have come to realize that "everyone changing" means starting now, with ourselves, peacefully.