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Karl Klein, a control specialist with Caltech's Building Management Systems, snapped this photo of the Seelye G. Mudd Building of Geophysics and Planetary Science (South Mudd), which he posted to Instagram.



Letters

Putting Things in Perspective

That's a terrific photo on pgs. 4-5 of the spring *Caltech* magazine. BUT NO SCALE! How can I/we tell whether that's 6 inches or 6 feet?

Don Lewis (BS '56)
LAFAYETTE, CA

Editor's note: We posed the question to the photographer, Mark Garcia, who said: "Since I was just working on the geobio course, I felt it was not necessary to use a scale bar since I was not doing any science. The area on the photo was probably 12 to 15 inches wide."

Two Many Techers?

Received two copies of @CaltechMagazine today. Apparently someone else from @Caltech has lived in the same place before me... 🤔🤔

Weilai Yu (PhD '21) on Twitter

A Fond Memory

Seeing the mention of the newly named Lee F. Browne Dining Hall in the Spring 2022 magazine struck a chord for me. It must have been in the summer of 1979 that, as a PhD candidate in chemistry, I was approached along with Bob Kreh by Lee Browne to see if we might be interested in providing about six weeks' instruction in chemistry to a group of incoming undergraduate students. The students were diverse in background, but had in common that they had attended schools where they had excelled but where the programs fell somewhat short of fully preparing them for Caltech classes. They also had in common being bright and enthusiastic learners. Bob and I developed our own condensed curriculum and enjoyed our time with these new students. Years later, I experienced an echo of that experience as director for 10 years of the NSF-funded Research Experience for Undergraduates at my research institution. Nice to see Lee being recognized!

Randy Morse (PhD '81)
ALBANY, NY



Kudos

All of your recent issues have been excellent, but today's was outstanding. And so far, I have only seen the articles about Po-Shen Loh, Ardem Patapoutian, and the video about magnets. Keep up the good work!

Neil Sheeley (BS '60, PhD '65)
ALEXANDRIA, VA



Caltech students attempt to solve a puzzle on **Ditch Day**, which took place this year on May 20.



Endnotes Sneak Peek

What do you remember most about your Caltech commencement day?

IT RAINED. We had a friend who attended about 35 Caltech graduations in a row, and we got to attend with him for about the last 10 before his death. Every time we'd sit with him, he'd say, "Hey, did you know that I've only ever been to one graduation where it rained? The sky just opened up, and everybody just scattered." And every time, I'd say, "Yes. That was my graduation." I think he really enjoyed bringing that up.

Donnie Pinkston (BS '98)
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For more commencement memories, see Endnotes on page 40.