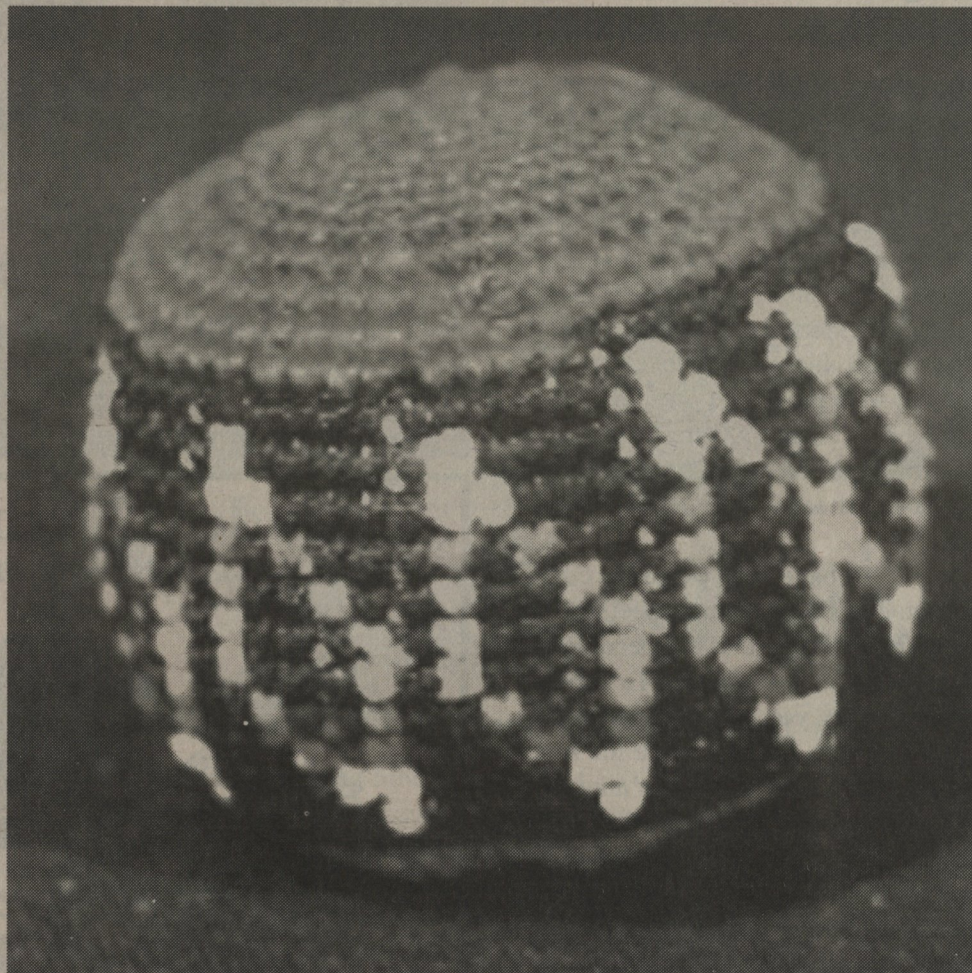


Cass Hack

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The paterrens make it go good.

all over campus. Hey, you can say that I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one.

Unless you want to spend your days tracking me or someone else with a hack all over campus, I suggest purchasing your own. Island Beach Company (I'll take that money under the table, thank you) sells fine hack products although you may have to do a bit of home economics to make sure it lasts you a few semesters. Having your own to practice solo in your room along with some Daft Punk will make you a better player for that day you venture into the circle. Besides, the more hacks kicking around the higher the statistical chance that you or your pals will have one when the fancy to "break out the hack" strikes you.

There's few feelings more depressing than having a group of decent players and nothing to kick around - diehard players have even resorted to using a dining hall fork left in the gazebo. Pennies, quarters and

nickels are all possibilities, but do yourself a favour and drop the four bones and get your own.

The "rules" of hack are simple and easy. For starters, the self serve is not kosher. Toss it up to someone else if you're the poor sap having to pick the wayward hack off the floor, window sill or top of the pop machine (extra points for placing it in the change return). Trust me, you'll only feel like a loser if you dare the self serve and fudge it up. The same principle goes for juggling, it's dandy fine to take that hack to town, but if you don't share it soon your circle mates may lose interest and turn back to studying or socializing - gasp.

As far as style goes, it's all about individuality. Top and sides of the foot are all good, I'm a fan of the knee and still others prefer the always dangerous head. It doesn't matter if you look like a chicken a particularly bad case of Tourette's - at most it would only provide a quiet humour to

other players in your circle, reminding them of their own uncoordinated beginnings. Stylistic serves are great, but go for personal expression instead of being a copy cat.

The spirit of hack is after all, one of brotherhood and other half-forgotten maxims of hippiedom.

If you find yourself kicking and flailing your legs about in a small area, be sure to stay conscious of those around you. We're talking about a peaceful sport here, so causing head injury or full-out casualties of hack should be a considered a no-no. Walls, doors, desks and the occasional teaching assistant are perfectly ok to give the boot once in a while.

That being said, all you really need is a friendly disposition. So why don't you bring yours along and jump in the next hack circle you see. Won't you join?

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