usually indicate the theme of the puzzle, and provide clues about how to manipulate the information you've been given. The full meaning of these clues may only be evident once you've figured out what to do. Solving the puzzle requires extracting an ANSWER, which will be a common English word or short phrase. It should become clear when you've found the answer. Sometimes you may think you need to consult external information; that's okay, no resource is off-limits when solving. When you think you know the answer, submit it on our website (http://puzzle.berkeley.edu).

## Week 4: Search and Destroy

Mathematical!

This column is the third in our ongoing series. (You can find an archive of past columns on our website). These puzzles have a TITLE, some flavortext, and the content. Figuring out what to do with the content is the hardest part. The title and flavortext

