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Today's noontime entertainment: The Paul Dresher Ensemble

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Paul Dresher and the Paul Dresher Ensemble will be making three presentations on campus this weekend, two of them for free and a third one for a low ticket price.

Dresher, an emerging name in the world of new music, will give a Noon Concert today, January 17, on the Quad. He will demonstrate stereo cassette playback and explain this technique. Immediately following there will be a premiere of the video "Was Are/Will Be" produced by the Ensemble and Target Video. This premiere will be in Winnett Lounge.

Later, at 7:30 pm in Ramo Auditorium, the Paul Dresher Ensemble will hold a technological demonstration with questions and answers. These two events are free and open to the public.

On Saturday night at 8:00 pm. the Paul Dresher Ensemble will

perform in Ramo Auditorium. Works scheduled on the program include "Dark Blue Circumstance," "Destiny," "Was Are/Will Be" and the concert version of "Slow Fire." Dresher and his ensemble use electronic guitar, keyboard, electronics, and live-tape processing to produce music that ranges from classical to rock.

The Paul Dresher Ensemble is made up of Paul Dresher on electric guitar, electronics, live-tape processing and synthesizer; tenor Rinde Eckert; Gene Reffkin on percussion; and audio engineer Jay Cloidt.

Tickets for the Ramo concert are \$12, but only \$6 for Caltech students, with \$5 rush tickets available on Saturday. Tickets can be purchased at the Caltech Ticket Office, 332 S. Michigan Ave. Call (818) 356-4652 for information.

DI at Caltech

by Rob Fätland Policy, Military Operations, and Technology are the official divisions of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). Caltech, JPL, and the nation's academic and scientific institutions in general are involved with the Reagan administration's ambitious program of "deterrence through prevention" on at least two related levels: first as a research juggernaut relentlessly forging revolutionary science and technology under the direction of the military, instrumental to the success of SDI, and second as a loose community of individuals trying to resolve the immensely complicated political and ethical problems inherent in the SDI program.

The debates and complications in evidence everywhere around this nebulous subject of SDI seem to be of a public relations and reputational nature rather than over the propriety of what the SDI is trying to accomplish. The debate does not rage over whether it is a good idea to build a rail gun that can fire a block of plastic into an oncoming Russian missile at four kilometers per second, but rather focuses on who might be risking his or her reputation as a scientist by claiming publicly that SDI can or cannot work, or whether Caltech is or is not appearing to publicly support SDI. The public relations aspect of SDI is everywhere.

This does not imply that "the Caltech community" has accepted SDI on principle as a fine plan. In fact, more than 500 scientists from Tech and JPL signed a petition last

May strongly opposed to the idea, calling it "at best an enormous waste of scientific and financial resources.

In contrast to such an outcry consider this: Last year Caltech's own Office of Sponsored Research claimed that all SDI gave Caltech was a \$50,000 grant for Optical Signal Processing research under Dr. Dmitri Psaltis. The SDI information office claimed instead that last year Caltech got \$300,000 for Gallium Arsenide Materials research. Furthermore, SDI said that last year JPL received a \$75,000 grant for Neutral Collision Growth (?) research. Upon further investigation it was revealed that Caltech actually received both grants through SDI, one for \$75K and one for \$300K, and that this was obscured by SDI's practice of buying research contracts through other military research organizations such as the Defense Analysis Research Projects Agency. They also disclosed that in addition to the \$75,000 grant, last year JPL received an additional \$300,000 for classified research.

The point is not that there is any conspiracy to obfuscate the facts, but that Caltech is indeed involved directly in SDI. How does the In-

carefully. Institute policy is not to take an official stand, but rather to maintain Caltech as an open forum of debate. As far as the administration is concerned, research proposals must meet only three standards: there must not be restrictions at any time on publication, there must not be classified work done on campus at any time, and the proposed research must not be a dumb idea. That's it. Any further restrictions are up to the scientist contemplating taking on a project.

Has SDI got projects available? Believe it. SDI has projects coming out of their eyes. Dr. James Ionsen, head of the SDI Office of Science and Innovative Technology, came here in December to present an overview of SDI research. Ionsen began his talk by stating that he was not at Caltech to discuss SDI policy, or SDI military operations, or any of the five offices within the Technology Division concerned with the various phases of a missile's trajectory. He was here only as a distributor of funding from the sixth office of the SDI Technology division, that of Fundamental Research. He proceeded to touch on the work in progress today that will continue for at least continued on page 4

stitute's administration stand? Very a

The Honor System plays an important role in the life of the Techer, yet it's not a topic most students think or even know much about. This raises some serious questions: How effective is the Honor System? What are the problems with the present policy? What sorts of changes would improve the effectiveness of the Honor System? The California Tech invited the BOC to discuss this fundamental part of student life. The following is based on a discussion that took place in the Master's

office on 14 Jan. Present were:

Peter Ashcroft, an editor of the Tech Pam Feldman, the BOC secretary and former Ruddock BOC Rep Fred Ferrante, the BOC Chairman and former Rep-at-Large Sue Hannaford, a Tech writer and former Blacker BOC Rep Michael Keating, the Page BOC Rep Drew Lindberg, the Ruddock BOC Rep David Nice, the Ricketts BOC Rep Sam Wang, a Rep-at-Large

Sue: I'd like to start with a point that Tim Allen raised last year when running for BOC Chairman; he stated, based on his experience on the board both as secretary and as a voting member, that the honor system wasn't being taken seriously by the students, and he proposed a harsher line- that if a person I personally don't believe to be be caught committing a violation

s/he be kicked out, no second chances given. I guess what I'm asking is, based on your own experience, do you think the honor system works?

Pam: It seems to me that you've raised two issues: (1) whether there is a lot of cheating going on [which

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by Mike Goedecke

Martin Luther King exerted a uniting moral force upon America's social conscience in the 1960's which is far-removed from the divisive political self-righteousness of today's television evangelists. This was the basic theme of a presentation Wednesday in honor of Dr. King's birthday, given by Father Peter Kreitler of the group People for the American Way. The program was co-sponsored by Hillel and the Caltech Y, the latter of which, incidentally, sponsored a three-day stay at Caltech by Dr. King in 1958.

In his presentation, Fr. Kreitler contrasted King with such people as Jerry Falwell, Jimmy Swaggert and Texas evangelist James Robinson. King preached acceptance and equality of all people- not just blacks, but also all Christians, Jews and other racial and religious groups. One of the evangelists was quoted on Kreitler's video presentation as saying, "God doesn't listen to Jews because they don't believe Jesus was the true Messiah." King used scriptures and the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi to promote passive resistance as an effective weapon. Today's evangelists use television and the Bible to ask for donations and spread their ideas of good and bad and extend political influence, Kreitler said. Another example from the videotape: "We want to teach people what to think, not how to think "The tape also described an instance of bookburning in St. David, Arizona, where the school committee at first banned Golding's Lord of the Flies, and then in a second motion, all of one teacher's required reading list. According to Kreitler, groups like the Moral Majority (now the Liberty Federation) focus these efforts in states like California and Texas. These states are large enough that when a publisher revises a book there, it revises that book everywhere, and thus the evangelists' influence spreads throughout the country. There was a spirited discussion after the videotape, which brought out another important point. Martin Luther King used a positive, "follow me" approach, while today's TV evangelists often adopt a more negative, "they're evil because they're not like us" attitude. Kreitler's message again: King tried to unite everyone, while current evangelists seek to unite only the specific groups and turn them into sheep, while actually dividing America as a whole.



ASCIT president and treasurer; Lisa Cummings care of the Dean's they will close 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 21.

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-Statements for the Tech are also due January 21.

office (102-31). For more informa tion contact Joy Watanabe (RI-32) or Dave Bruning (PA-115).

Recognizing the importance of the coming ASCIT elections, and especially that of ASCIT President, the Tech asked incumbent President Joy Watanabe how she would describe her duties. The following is a summary of her reply.

Perhaps the first concern that comes to the mind of a person considering the office is the time commitment. While the time required can be as little as two hours per week, a more realistic estimate is in the range of five to fifteen hours per week.

The duties of the President are largely administrative, and this is most evident in relation to ASCIT BOD meetings. It is the responsibility of the President to prepare

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an agenda for these meetings as well as contact those who should be there.

In addition, there are monthly faculty board meetings. The President represents the interests of the student body to the faculty in this context, as well as serving on the Alumni-Faculty-Student Relations committee and the Admissions Support Committee.

Other less structured tasks are such things as holding Excomm meetings and working with a Presidential Committee. It is ultimately the responsibility of the President to oversee the operation of the Coffeehouse and the ASCIT Publications Empire, which includes the Big T, the little t, and continued on page 4



Fred Ferrante, Captain of the Guard, Defender of the Faith, and Chairman of the Board of Control.

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OPINION

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true]; and (2) whether the manner in which the BOC handles cases has any effect on the number of system violations honor committed.

Sue: Aren't there students who feel that the board won't throw them out on a first offense if they admit to it and say that they are sorry?... Fred: I seriously doubt that anyone goes out and commits an honor system violation with the idea that the board will go easy on them. The majority of cases we see involve students who break under pressure, not premeditated actions. Pam: I agree. I know of several people that have been surprised at what the board does to them, but none that expected to get away free.

Fred: Most schools that do have honor systems are more severe than we are. For example, at UC Berkeley, if a professor suspects a student of cheating, he gives that student an F. The student can then appeal it.

Peter: Could you tell me how many cases you see?

Fred: I've got the data from 1976 on. Breaking it down by chairman it goes Gromley 3, Sexton 8, Sirri 15, Jensen 5, Dunkeld 34, Lambert 20, Chivukula 27, Sutton 39, Ferrante 23. It varies. In the larger numbers there are probably more

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small cases and non-academic cases. To be honest, there seems to have been a jump. From 1930 to 1970 there were on the average 5 cases a year; from 1970 to 1980, about 10. Recently it's plateaued at about 20 cases a year.

Peter: Do you attribute the increase to more non-academic cases, or are people more dishonest?

Fred: It's hard to say. I don't know how other chairmen handled nonacademic cases...

Peter: What percentage of violations are academic?

Fred: I'd say 1/2 to 3/4.

Peter: What about the number of cases brought before the BOC and the number of cases you investigate but drop?

Fred: Well, the majority of academic cases get heard. Nonacademic cases are sometimes handled by the Master or the Dean directly.

Peter: How much out-and-out cheating do you think there is that's not being caught?

Sue: From my own experience on the board, I feel that there must exist people out there who are cheating...I can't believe that the only violations which are being committed are pressure violations- the kind that often come before the board.

Fred: There was a survey done 6 years ago in which the students weren't required to write their names, etc. They found that only a third of the violations committed came before the board.

Pam: Things like going over time...We've never caught anyone for just going overtime on a test. That's easier to justify, too, than cracking a book on a closed-book test or copying someone's paper. You can say "I had to go to the bathroom, so I can really work 15 more minutes" or, "I'm not feeling well, so it's taking me longer to do this than it should...'

Peter: In light of the fact that a possible 2/3 of all violations are unreported, what improvements do you think could be made in the board and honor system?

Fred: The main area is homework policies. The spirit of the homework policy seems to get violated a lot.

Michael: It's the area that's most open to interpretation by the student in a convenient manner. Sam: There should be better communication between students and profs.

Greg Susca Painting and Wallcovering Interior and Exterior

Pam: I think every prof should state what his policy is at the beginning of the class. I've been in classes where the prof has never mentioned what the policy for homework is - we just assume it's collaborative.

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Peter: If you could change one thing about the board what would it be?

Drew: Well, people I talk with are always upset about the vagueness and secrecy of the board. It seems that the BOC could issue some general policy statements on what specifically you cannot do and what will happen if you do do those things. It's something I'd like to change but I can't think of a good alternative.

Michael: But putting down rules prompts the search for loopholes in those...

Fred: I don't think it's necessary. People coming to Caltech have a basic knowledge of what's wrong. They should know not to cheat or steal. One thing that annoys me is that the BOC used to go visit houses and then answer general questions. The questions of secrecy and other business never really get discussed.

Peter: I'm always impressed with the fact that very few if any people complain about being condemned unjustly by the board. Michael: There are people who

feel that way when they are convicted but never say anything

because they feel it would do no good. Also, by the time they go to talk to the Dean (usually the day after the conviction), they've had time to think about the board's reasoning and they are not so mad. And then there are some who are so happy that the board's decision was not to throw them out of Caltech that they're actually glad. Sue: Are there any cases you don't feel comfortable handling?

Fred: I don't feel comfortable handling cases where the person is on the edge. Sometimes the person really would be better with professionals; putting them through an investigation would be too much pressure. Situations have occurred where I've been informed by the Master or the Dean that a problem is being taken care of by them. Peter: How about interhouse

pranks or problems? Fred: Well, in some cases I think it's better handled by the IHC or

House officers or the MOSH. Sam: There's a problem with the BOC and that's that you can't talk about the violations. With an Interhouse thing often you want to hold up an example to other houses.

...putting down rules prompts the search for loopholes...

David: And when there's a large number of people involved... Fred: We won't convict an entire house.

Sam: It might be nice if there were something in the Tech -not a publication of the minutes- but maybe an "Ask Fred" column or something ...

Fred: The problem with publishing

The Caltech Y Fly-by

Friday...January 17

Noon Concert – electronic music on the Quad. Bring a friend and an Armadillo.

Wednesday...January 22

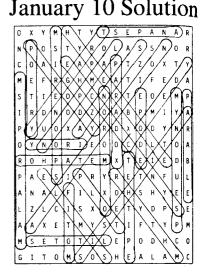
Noon Update-"Patents and Copyright at Caltech." Discussion with Ed Ansell, Director of Patents and Licensing. Winnett Clubroom #1, at 12 NOON. Bring a lunch.

Friday...January 24

Noon Concert-Irish Folk Music on the Quad with Mick Moloney, James Keane, and Robbie O'Connell. Bring a friend and a Shamrock.

cases in the Tech is that the board is not a static thing; it changes with the people on it.

Drew: What about grad students? I've heard rumors that they commit more violations than the undergrads. continued on page 4



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Tuesday...January 28

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IHC Highlights

by John Beck

The format for Interhouse football has been changed from twohand touch to flag. It is hoped that the use of flags will greatly reduce the uncertainty as to whether or not a player has been downed. Any complications caused by this rule change will be handled as the need arises.

The pros and cons of replacing the pay phones in the alleys of student houses with campus exten-BUY YOUR AND SAVE CALTECH CARD AND SAVE

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Tomatoes

Pineapple

Jalapeños

sions were discussed at length. Campus extensions have the advantage of being able to call anywhere in the 213 or 818 areas without charge. They have the distinct disadvantage of being inefficient and slow when calling long distance. For long distance calls, there is no significant cost difference. The following off-campus houses have been approved as offcampus alleys for the following houses:

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255 S. Hill Bl. 290 S. Holliston Ri. 297 S. Holliston Pa. 1052 Del Mar Ru.

Several houses have reported sightings of unfamiliar people roaming the halls, and there have been unidentified off-campus persons as well. If you spot anyone who looks out of place, don't be afraid to ask him what his business is. If necessary, call security at x4701.

The Housing office has handed the job of undergraduate house maintenance to the physical plant. If you have anything needing attention (leaky faucet, broken window, burned-out bulb, etc.), give them a call at x4717.

The Inside World

Dabney: (Ring) -"Hello?"

- "Yeah, Bill, it's Arthur, I'm...sorry to disturb you we've got an emergency. It looks like a takeover. We're trying to rally the whole board, and the meeting's in forty minutes. Bill – everything is riding on your vote; can we...can we count on you to make it?" (Revv...screech)

-"Mercedes-Benz... when you simply have to be there."

Page: Now we may determine the veracity of the RED FRAT Boy's killing claim: an 11-1 kill to be killed ratio (??) is a transparently poor piece of braggadocio, even for a frat brother. Common sense alone, demands that his buffoonish mouth be painted with a red smile. But it's unlikely we'll ever know, since the girls south of the Olive Walk will find an excuse not to accept

Ice skating with the Rudds: Everyone aches, but had incredible fun.

Be warned: the Syndicate phone is reserved for Syndicate members. Extensive use by non-Syndicate members yields welted patrons. Wear goggles!

-Cindy

Ricketts: "The cosmic space gum will bring peace to the universe," said Space Commander Zokar. Back on earth:

Welcome to the waiter's corner: Swaka seizes the hockey stick and THE POWER! Welcome New Guys! Think: "Quick, Quick, Quick." Samer is not only paranoid, but he's also a real turkey wad. He keeps taking Joy's seat at dinner and upsets all of the univers. Saxy left us to serve the Blacker Moles. He sped up their dinner, they were done before the Darbs and the Flems. (Yeah! The Blacker Moles were done!)

Alas, the bird still flies – bringing hours of merriment to all. Even Dr. Brennen was spotted testing out his gymnastic skills.

To that Guy: "Dope smokin' moron, don't make me yawn." -Saxy and Joy

Dangerous Visionary

by David Hull

Harlan Ellison, aside from putting on quite an entertaining show, is a very serious person. By his own admission, he is incapable of keeping his mouth shut when principle is at stake. Moreover, he takes things personally. (He'll probably take *this* personally, in which case I may never write again). And he'll talk your ears off. One person I was with described him as "the Grateful Dead of the lecture circuit," and worried that I hadn't eaten a hearty breakfast to sustain me. It brought back memories.

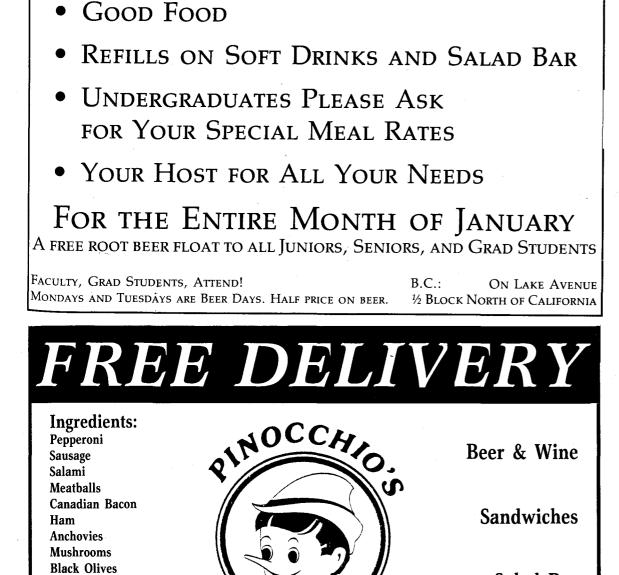
During my senior year in high school, I had attended an Ellison lecture at the University of Kansas titled "I Will Now Rag on Jerry Falwell for a Long Time," or some such thing. At that time, I was also reading as much of the Dangerous Visions series as I could get my hands on. (If you haven't read Dangerous Visions, go out and do so now. I'll wait.) (Now where have I heard that before?) Dangerous Visions (along with Again Dangerous Visions and The Last Dangerous Visions) is an anthology of high-quality fiction that could not have been published anywhere else. Although the actual stories are written by dozens of different authors, each has an introduction written by Harlan himself As a result the books are so permeated by Ellison and his Intensity (they should be introduced as a couple-this is Harlan Ellison, and on his left, his Intensity) that after reading them I felt like I knew the man personally. Of course that's sheer nonsense, but a writer cannot help projecting himself into his work, and a reader can hardly help picking up on it. Ellison does more than project himself into his work. He fairly projects himself out of the page and into your face. Knowing what I did about Ellison, I suspected that a better title for this talk would be "Why I Quit Twilight Zone" rather than "Writing Fantasy to Promote Reality." To be fair, I did suspect that the latter might creep in. As it happened, Ellison stayed fairly close to his stated topic while still putting on a helluva show. After a bout of introductions, with Al Hibbs of JPL fame holding his own, we were treated to a fairly

pointless clip from *The Merv Griffin Show*. (Did you know that astrology has no scientific basis? Well Harlan knows too, and he's not afraid to tell Merv and the teeming millions about it.) There then followed another skirmish of introductions, and then the spiel.

Spiel is Yiddish, from the German for game. When a musician plays, that's a spiel. When a hawker tells you why you should buy his wares, that's a spiel. When Ellison gives a lecture, that's a spiel.

At times he used words that have already failed to get past this publication's stalwart editorial policy, and which are therefore best left to the imagination of the Gentle Reader. He told us interesting names for his sister and in-laws. He brought up high ideals and took pot shots. He told stories (including the one about why he quit Twilight Zone). He incessantly invoked the names Phyllis Schlafley [sic] and Jerry Falwell as though he were trying to induce some sort of Pavlovian response. (One can imagine the converse: "Harlan Ellison!" screams the Reverend Jerry, and thousands of True Believers foam at the mouth.)

He recommended reading all of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "Sherlock Holmes" stories, in order to learn the skepticism and inquiring attitude needed to separate fact from fiction. And in between it all he told about the value of fantasy. Fantasy at its best holds a mirror to reality. When you see reality through that mirror, you see it from a different angle, and you see things you hadn't seen before. You watch the brutal behavior of the characters, and wonder how anyone could do such things, and then you realize it could be you. You breathe a sigh of relief that it can't happen here, and then you see it in your own backyard. You read of the incredible nobility and integrity of a character, and realize that that, too, could be you. You wonder why our world couldn't be like that, and then become aware that it could be closer than you thought. The value of fantasy is to get people to think, and to realize their potential. Imagination is a powerful tool, and good fantasy lends you continued on page 5



Salad Bar

Daily Specials



PIZZA

Fred: The Graduate Review Board takes care of that. I think they meet once or twice a year.

Sam: My impression was that they met as needed.

Fred: Well, they do, but I knew a chairman who had never met... The education the grads receive pales in comparison to what the undergrads receive.

Sam: Grad students also have a very different life. They don't take very many courses, if any. The grad students I've talked with are much less concerned about the undergrads cheating than they are for their lack of respect for labs. They complain about the vandalism undergrads commit.

Sue: What are your feelings about being on the board? I know that now that I've been off the board for a while I have mixed feelings—part of me is glad to be through but other times I really miss it.

Sam: Being on the board is more than a job; it's a way of life....You get to know the people on the board really well in the search for truth..Oh God, you're writing all this down...

It might be nice if there were something in the Tech...an "Ask Fred" column.

Fred: One of the things I first noticed when I got on the board was the responsibility. Deciding whether a person should be allowed to remain at Caltech...well, to some people it's the most important thing in their life..you have to sit and decide the future of people. That's hard. Sue: Fred, Pam, how do you feel about being chairman and secretary versus the voting member? Fred: My job of chairman is very rewarding. I get to interact with the

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other scholarly publications. Much of what makes a good President consists of simply being aware of student opinions and desires. Through cooperation with faculty and the Dean. As chairman, my job is to do the investigation, ask the questions, and then report our decision to the Dean and professors.

Pam: I think the investigation stage is critical. Sometimes at the preliminary investigation the accused is really scared and denies everything. If we can make them confess it's a big help. Otherwise, a few days may pass before the board hears the case, and in that

You get to know people on the Board really well on the search for truth.

time they may have hardened their story and locked themselves into a lie.

Sue: I know I never wanted to be in one of those positions; I think it would be too frustrating to sit in on a case and not be able to vote for what I thought to be the right side. Fred: I've never missed the ability to vote.

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billion dollars worth of funding.

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tromagnetic Rail Gun has been

built which is capable of firing a

110 gram projectile at .5

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stored in colossally huge

capacitors. The aim is to eventual-

ly lift the whole assembly into

space, so they are trying to shrink

those capacitors in size without

diminishing the amount of energy

they can store. Research money is

going into new materials with

higher dielectric constants, into

porous carbon with large surface

area, into fast epitaxial layering

(sputtering) processes, and so on.

rocket fuels, in composite

materials, in sensory equipment,

phase conjugage optics, and of

course in extremely powerful ex-

cimer and free electron lasers.

They need refrigerators the size of

a thumbnail which can crank down

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terested in artificial barium comets,

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SDI needs major innovations in

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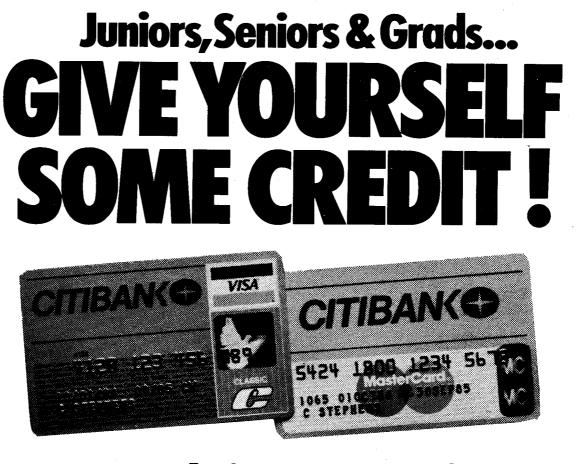
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comets. The list of projects goes on.

Ionsen gave assurances that research will remain completely unclassified, which is very likely considering that as a new agency, SDI is under close public scrutiny and needs to establish a reputation of consistency in dealing with the scientific community. In fact, an SDI contract, like other government sponsored basic research, would tend to be less restrictive than a contract offered by a private industry such as IBM, with financial interests to protect and innovative progress secrets to keep. Yet there seems to be a vague unease that the classified lid would come down if a breakthrough were to occur, or that SDI will aggregate a large number of its carefully directed "goal oriented research" results and scurry off to a dark castle to build some terrible classified device. This is the sort of thing which could happen with any kind of research, of course. The government of the United States has the power to intervene in anything which affects national security, regardless of who is funding it, but SDI is disproportionately suspect, as it is a controversial new program prominent in the public eye.

This has worked to the United States political advantage in one respect: The Russians believe we are serious about SDI, at least on a rhetorical level, and are willing to bargain it away. The other clear advantage of SDI-sponsored pure research is the major technological innovation it will bring about, with spinoffs rivalling those of the Apollo program, while simultaneously pumping money into the economy.

The Caltech administration recently did address the SDI issue in response to a statement made by Ionsen that Caltech was part of a nine-university "consortium" which had been recruited by SDI expressly to develop a new breed of lightbased supercomputers. Caltech President Marvin Goldberger denied the existence of such a consortium in a letter to Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Dr. Goldberger went on to say that Caltech's closest relationship to optical computing was a proposed \$50,000 subcontract from the University of Dayton Research Institute, which was of course the grant provided by SDI through Dayton alluded to above. The public relations aspect of SDI is always present, owing to the continual media coverage of SDIrelated events and the immense skepticism over its technical feasibility. The public relations game and the inherent emotionalism of weapons research and politics threaten to obscure and oversimplify what is really happening with SDI.



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administrators such as the Deans or

Teaching Awards

The faculty members chosen to receive Teachings Awards this year are Yaser Abu-Mostafa, Glen Cass, Eugene Cowan, Fred Culick and Jerome Pine. This group was chosen based on the TQFR survey responses and represents the sentiments of the entire student body. Plaques will be presented at the spring faculty conference. Congratulations to the winners!

THE CALIFORNIA TECH

ENTERTAINMENT-

Movie Review Movie of the Year?

by John Fourkas Brazil by Terry Gilliam United Artists release

If United Artists is trying to get as much publicity as possible for Brazil without spending any money, they're doing a good job. Although the film was completed a year ago, Terry Gilliam has been battling loudly with UA over the film's release for just as long. It seems that the studio wants a shorter, less depressing movie, but Gilliam won't budge. He even took out a full-page ad in Variety complaining about it. A few months ago, he secretly showed a copy of Brazil to the Los Angeles film critics, who ran out and voted it "Movie of the Year". Oh yeah, and it's been out in Europe for ages.

As an offshoot of all of this, Brazil is now enjoying a limited engagement in this area (Westwood, Beverly Hills and Newport Beach, to be exact). There's no telling how long it might be here, but it seems likely that it will be different when it returns. With all of this in mind, how good is *Brazil*?

First of all, Brazil is no Monty Python movie. Sure, Michael Palin is in it, but Monty Python it is not. Perhaps Brazil is best described as a glimpse at Terry Gilliam's serious (read "cynical") side. The action takes place "somewhere in the 20th century", and that somewhere seems an awful lot like 1984. Of course, Gilliam's world isn't exactly that of 1984; he couldn't have had any fun with that. I doubt that George Orwell ever envisioned any vigilante air conditioning repairmen in his world...Still, it's impossible not to draw parallels. Brazil, for instance, is full of 1984ish propaganda posters, and the "enemy" is the Ministry of Information Retrieval. And the hero (whose name is Sam, but not Winston) is in love with a girl and.

If Brazil seems at first to be a

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whimsical view of this world, by the end of the movie it seems that the initial lighthearted feel of the film is calculated to counteract some of the inevitable depression at the end. Where George Orwell used hope, Gilliam uses humor, albeit an often dark variety. Whatever moods *Brazil* may create, it is clearly a film with a MESSAGE.

Is *Brazil* really the Movie of the Year? I don't think so (I'm partial to *Blood Simple* and *Out of Africa*). Even if the award was perhaps premature, and even if *Brazil* isn't quite so new and original as it's made out to be, it *is* worth seeing while you can. Who knows what it will be like when it arrives the next time. One tip-buy your tickets a couple of hours early, and be prepared to stand in line.

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someone else's to complement your own. Ellison saw *Twilight Zone* as a chance to promote this idea of fantasy (not to mention a chance to give Jerry Falwell ants in his pants), and even without him it still has that potential. And as long as Ellison (among many others) is still alive and kicking, there will be other chances.

Of course, there is more to life than Harlan Ellison (even Harlan may suspect as much), and fantasy alone won't save the world. And lest you think that some kind of religious experience took place last Sunday, let me assure you that it was mostly just a lot of good fun. Not good *clean* fun, mind you, but fun nonetheless.



- Egypt, Land of the Pharaohs: The first Armchair Adventure of 1986, narrated by Frank Carney. Beckman Auditorium. Friday, January 17, 8:00 pm. \$7.00, \$5.50.
- **Paul Dresher Ensemble**: An interesting minimalist musician who works with guitar, keyboard, and tape processing. Ramo Auditorium. Saturday, January 18, 8:00 pm. \$12.00 (General Admission)

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Pam: I have. There have been times when I've been frustrated; especially when my vote would have been the deciding one.

Peter: ASCIT elections are coming up soon. Do you think the nature of the board will change with the election of a new chairman?

Fred: The chairman usually comes from within the board so they are familiar with procedure, so there

BOC is not a verb.

won't be radical changes. But there are seven seniors on the board right now; changes will occur with the election of new members.

Sam: But elections are staggered to minimize the effects of the changeover.

Fred: There's also the selection of the BOC Reps-at-Large coming up. It's a good experience and, historically, frosh and sophomores have done really well.

Sam: The potential problem with house officers is that it can turn into a popularity contest. BOC Reps-at-Large tend to balance the board. **Peter:** Is there anything you'd like to add?

Drew: BOC is not a verb.

Sam: Yeah, and there's no such thing as a BOC violation. BOC violation, my ass! I've never been violated.

Movie Review A Jewe

by Nick Smith Jewel of the Nile

Directed by Lewis Teague I usually don't like sequels. In a few cases, when there is a good story left untold, it's worth doing a sequel, but let's face it, for every 2010, there are a dozen Jaws II's. When I heard that a sequel to Romancing the Stone was being filmed, my first reaction was "Oh no, now they're going to ruin it!" Fortunately, I was wrong.

Jewel of the Nile is a very funny film, and if you don't take the villain seriously, it's a very enjoyable one. Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, Danny DeVito, The Senegal National Dance Company and the Flying Karamazov Brothers team up to make a remarkable film that, while not quite as good as *Romancing the Stone*, is still very much worth seeing.

The story picks up a few months after *Romancing the Stone* ends: our hero and heroine are on a trip around the world on the sailing vessel you saw at the end of *Stone*. Joan Wilder is using the trip

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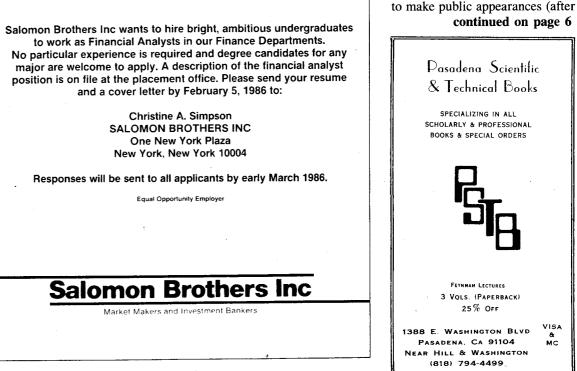
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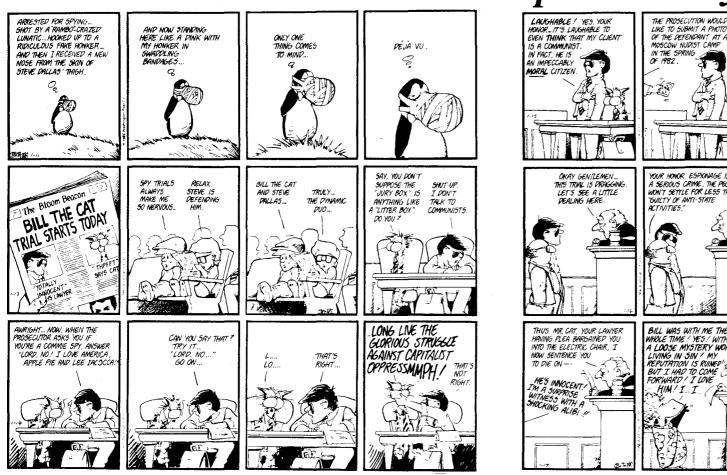
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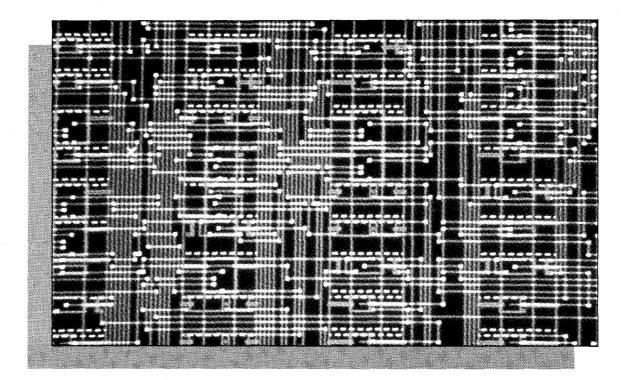
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all, everyone who is *anyone* has at least *seen* her books, whether or not they have read them). Of course, true love isn't running quite smoothly enough, and besides, the writing opportunity of a lifetime is handed to Joan on a silver platter. And so the real plot begins...

And so the real plot begins... Jewel, like Stone, is an adventure-comedy with occasional serious overtones. There is always a chance that one of the dangers will suddenly turn real and kill a character. Also, the basic plot, involving the possibility of a *jihad* sweeping down the Nile and upsetting the 'balance' of the whole Middle East, is quite a scary one. Unfortunately, that's the only part of the movie that fails. The villain, supposedly powerful and charismatic, comes across as a jerk on a power trip. His guards are such yoyos that they aim searchlights around the inside of his fortress, just in case anyone climbs off one of the interior balconies, and then don't spot them when they do. His military force is such a joke that not even the Egyptian army would have had to worry. His charisma? Well, decide for yourself, but I wouldn't follow him the length of a hall, much less into battle.

Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner are marvelous. Danny DeVito gets a bunch of good lines, especially when he tells what happened to him after the end of *Romancing the Stone*.

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jugglers...um, well, you see, the National Senegal Dance Company plays a group of Nubian warriors and maidens, and the Flying Karamazov Brothers are nomadic philosopher-warriors, Sufi and ... well it made sense at the time, trust me. (If you didn't get to see the Karamazov's during their recent appearance at Beckman, let me assure you that they are the most amazing and bizarre juggling act in modern history, and while they don't juggle any live cats or sacks of pudding in Jewel, they do get to display their skills.) Actually, the nomads came across as sort of comic-relief Fremen (for those of you who saw or read Dune).

Jewel of the Nile has excitement, adventure, romance, chase scenes, juggling, and a whole lot of other good things. It's a very good film, well worth your time and money to see. You may have a little trouble picking up the plot if you haven't seen Romancing the Stone, but it will still be enjoyable. Go see Jewel of the Nile. We pioneered the ASIC industry, and our leadership in this growing technology will help us grow to become a \$1 billion company by 1990.

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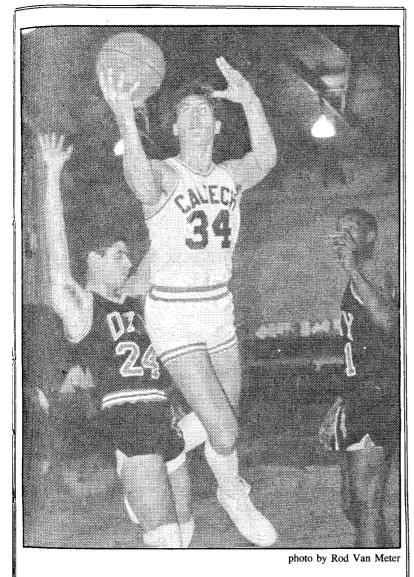
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SPORTS



Basketball – Jim Helgren flies past Occidental J.V. defenders to lay in two points for the dribbling Beavers. The Caltech basketball team went on to down Oxy 72-53. In the past week, the Caltech team have defeated Pomona J.V. and fallen to Redlands J.V. Tomorrow night, Caltech and Claremont J.V. play at the Tech gym.

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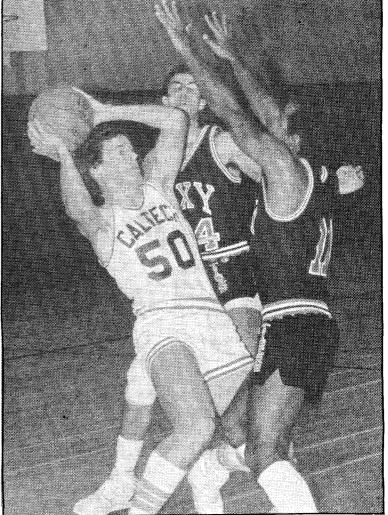
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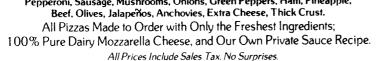


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Day	Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Location
Sat. Sat. Sat.	1-18 1-18 1-18	10:00 am 10:00 am 7:30 pm	Wrestling Swimming (M/W) Basketball	Pomona-Pitzer Occidental & Whittier Claremont-Mudd JV	Pomona-Pitzer Caltech Caltech
Sun.	1-19	Sometime	Women's Soccer	Somebody	Somewhere
Wed. Wed.	1-22 1-22	4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Wrestling Basketball	La Verne Whittier JV	Caltech Whittier
Thu.	1-23	TBA	Swimming (M/W)	Las Vegas Invitational	Las Vegas
Fri.	1-24	TBA	Swimming (M/W)	Las Vegas Invitational	Las Vegas
Sat. Sat.	1-25 1-25	TBA 6:00 pm	Swimming (M/W) Basketball	Las Vegas Invitational La Verne JV	Las Vegas La Verne
Sun.	1-26	BLANK	Women's Soccer	BLANK SPACE	BLANK
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Strong Pressure – Caltech's Brian Porter has an olfactory encounter with the pits of an Occidental defender in Caltech's Wednesday night 72-53 victory.



SPORTS RESULTS

Basketball

Swimming Wrestling Caltech 66 Redlands J.V. 67 Caltech 56 Caltech 72 Mills College 84 Caltech 22 Pacific Christian 64 Caltech 49 Pomona J.V.49 Occidental J.V. 53 Caltech 40 LaVerne 18 WHAT GOES ON

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Cal Grant Applicants

All freshman students who have completed a Cal Grant Supplement (or who will) must complete the "Additional Report Request Form." Failure to do so will result in automatic denial of the Cal Grant. Please stop by the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible to pick up this form. Cal Grant deadline: February 11, 1986.

Scholars Dollars

The Scholarship Bank has announced ten new scholarship programs that are currently accepting applications. Funds are now available for future college teachers, returning women students and other exceptional students. Also available are scholarships for different specialized fields. A variety of on-campus jobs are sponsored by The Scholarship Bank. For more detailed information, see the bulletin board outside the Tech office.

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The next Caltech-MIT Enterprise Forum will be held Tuesday, January 21, 1986. Fred Fourcher, President of MIRALITE, an organization designing and manufacturing earth stations for satellite-relayed cable television, will present his business plan to a panel of technical, financial and marketing experts. MIRALITE designs and manufactures a 5-meter dish with receive and transmit capability. They seek funding for further testing and marketing to video conference centers and broadcast stations. The Forum at 7:00 pm in Baxter Hall is free to Caltech students with ID.

Raffle Raisings

The Newman Club's raffle raised \$457.33 for victims of the Colombian volcano eruption. All prizes were donated by local businesses so the entire sum has been sent to the Red Cross. Winners in the raffle include Janet McWaid, Steven Ferris (Ricketts), David Garza (Page), Randy Pollock (Fleming), Robbie Robb, Cynthia Whitman, Mark Evans and Jeff Hartt (Ruddock), John Scott (Page), Tom Kerruish (Dabney), Doug Gray and Larry Siegel (Blacker), Julie Bolster, Renée Thorf, Chris Eich and Prof. Bellisard.

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Cal Grant Deadline

February 11, 1986 is the postmark deadline for both new and renewal Cal Grant applicants. Current Cal Grant recipients should have already received a SAAC and renewal supplement from the California Student Aid Commission. New applicants (and students who applied in previous vears but were ineligible) can pick up the Cal Grant Supplement at the Financial Aid Office.

Faculty Photos

Time is running short for faculty members to submit their favorite photos of themselves to the Big T(107-51). Photos should be black and white (any size) preferably on glossy paper. Please include your name and department. Remember: if you don't find a photo, we will!

Grad Furniture

The Housing Office is in the process of reviewing furniture options for the new Catalina Graduate Apartment Complex. Any Graduate Students interested in becoming involved in the selection of furnishings are encouraged to contact Linda Chappell in the Housing Office at 356-6178 immediately.

Free Money for Seniors

This is it, seniors-time to turn in your senior photo to the Big T office (first floor, Winnett). Photos. are due no later than Feb. 7. They should be black and white (any size), preferably on glossy paper. Please include your name, option, and hometown. Call us at x6154 if you need a photographer.

Yearbook Class

The Yearbook Class (PA 15) will meet in Baxter 127 on Tuesdays at noon. Please come if you are interested in any aspect of the Big T. Feel free to bring your lunch. The class is worth 3 P/F units.

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CLAGS is going to Moun of Tunis (Moroccan food). If you enjoy good food and great scenery, come join us Tuesday at 7:30 in front of Winnet. Please call Josh Susser at 974-5553 if you plan to go. Cost will be \$10-\$15. We will not be meeting Monday Night in the Y-lounge.

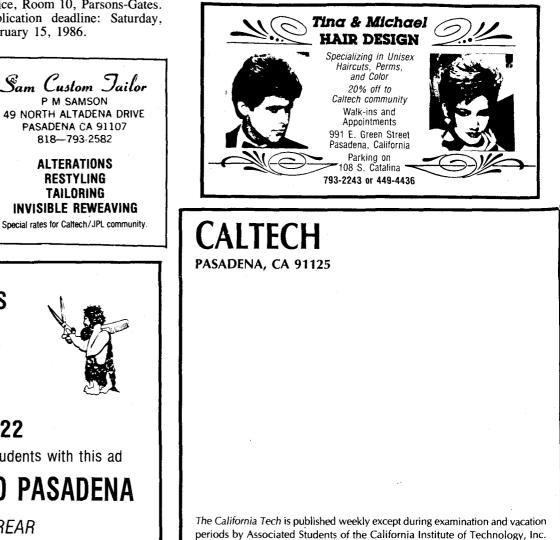
Totem Reborn

The Totem is being resurrected again this year. If you draw, write, or photograph, I will gladly accept drawings, poems, short stories, prose, and photographs of any kind. Talent is not a prerequisite; just express yourself! I'm trying to publish two Totems this year, so please contribute something by Feb. 7. You can mail contributions to Richard Lawson 1-55, or drop them off at my room, 221 Ruddock. Questions? Call me at x6182.

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