Caltech Alum Found Dead
by Mark Lyttle
Early in the morning of February 12, Bengt Magnusson, a Caltech graduate and current UCSB graduate student, was found dead in a pick-up truck parked in a UCSB parking lot. A passerby discovered the body at 7:45 AM and notified the authorities.

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Pre-reg Day Changed

Sign-ups for registration will begin on Tuesday, February 26th at 8:00 AM, instead of Monday because of Instructional Access Day.

Please enjoy your day off and we will look for you in the halls of Parsons-Gates on Tuesday.

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Corbet Wilcox, Chris Phuha, and Tristy Kibey are slowly being eaten alive by the killer rocks of Baja, Mexico.

Voter Turnout Up

After two weeks and four separate votes, the ASCIT election are finally over. Mike Lazaro, ASCIT Election Chairman, handled the elections with none of the errors of previous elections such as protests and stealing of ballot boxes occurring this year.

Turnout for the elections was than last Two factors to were an increased turnout bly due to Richard and Sauby's campaign for Chairman and Director of Academic Affairs, respectively, and to raise on the ASCIT

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Crime Beat

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by Antonio Rangel

If a label has to be chosen to describe the times that our generation will have to face, it will inevitably be challenge. Challenge in a planet supporting too many people with too many problems. Challenge when we are close to becoming an endangered species, what a suicidal habit it is to destroy the only earth we have! Challenge because the ethical constraint is not strong enough to balance the threats that power without morality creates; paper hands should never play with fire. Challenge for the beings that have reached the possibility of massive destruction but have no awareness of the course of their existence: Who are they, Where are they going, Why do they exist, and from today until 2:30 PM, do they have a chance in the human phenomena?

Our history has been characterized by strong shocks and continuous dynamism. No one can deny that the present has been hatched through barbarous behavior and repeated irrationality: the individual's quality of life has never been close to what it should be. Intelligent beings that have forgotten to apply their knowledge is an accurate description of social interactions. Intellectually have always asserted and taught that the quality of harmony is the basis of a change. But if possible solutions have been pointed out, why does a history of failure repeat itself? Why doesn't man's "intelligent" essence predispose an ordered state? My feelings scream that the magic rule has never been revealed, but my mind says that we have never really listened to the lessons of the past.

For eons, men of thought have been philosophizing about the human experience. The conclusions they have reached can be grouped in two main ideologies. The first tradition believes that humanus error est and derives from this statement an entire explanation of the world's irrationality. Every man carries an inborn seed of confusion, and it is his job to elucidate his mind and his one of his future actions. This postulate implies that the concept of an ideal world, a world free of war and famine, is not only a nonexistent dream, but living proof of a disgraceful human essence. Even if I don't share this point of view, my intellectual honesty obligates me to mention that a systematic analysis of history reveals a tendency to social and moral disorder. As a corollary to these arguments, in the future we will certainly evolve, but only toward a more sophisticated chaos.

Idealism, the second ideology, is a derogated tradition of ethical thought. Derogated because today's social organization is built on the conception of the egotistic individual; an "altruistic" self-interest is the basis of the liberal market postulates. An unconditional faith in man's unlimited potentialities in this group different hypotheses about the human phenomena into a common expectation of a better world. A part of this group maintains that because no individual has ever been born in a perfect environment and because cultural heritage predominates over genetic factors, the obstacle to higher states of development is not an imperfection but a negative influence that destroys a formidable potentialities. Others see history as a search for optimal organization with a feasible possibility of a mankind free of today's challenges, a mankind on the road to eternal growth. A quote from ex-president Kennedy summarizes this posture: "Human beings are to be divided in two: there are men who seeing the world the way it is, ask themselves: Why? But, there are men who clos­ ing eyes and saying the world the way it should be, ask themselves: Why not? Those are the ones who can change the world." Jean-Paul Sarte reaffirms the idea using the immortal words, "It is not important what has been done to you; it is the way that you do it that is of importance.

Involved in a lifetime search for human development, I'm clearly predisposed in heart and mind toward idealism, but ideological ideas have been here for centuries and we are still falling into the same pitfalls. In those paragraphs of historical review we will not find the answer, because the answer is not a new idea, but the wealth that every individual generates when he lives consciously. Do you think the good, if you say the good and if you feel the good, the world would be as good as you. If you change yourself, you will change the world because the world is what you think, what you feel and what you see. It's easy without your mind and your heart?

Perhaps the greatest mistake a man makes is to think that what he does not influence the world, to forget that he is the world. Society is nothing but the sum of every individual's actions; so every morality reflects the soul of every one of its members. We have to learn that every action we do and every word we say determines the final result: politicians who are not infected by the so­ cial conscience, then live the way you think. Live in a continuum of honesty and work because the world is not improved by revolu­ tion, but by the tenacious heroism of those who daily improve the world with every effort, every word, every action. Antonio Rangel is a sophomore in Dalhousie University.

Various News Items From the Caltech Y

Do you feel environmentally conscious? Then come to the Per­ sian Gulf War Forum. It's happening this Wednesday from 2-5 PM and will focus on the env. effects of the war.

So, Guess who's coming to town? Can't? I'll tell you. Ray Baxter — the man, the legend, the autograph. It's Baxter Lecture Hall, Wednesday, 2/27 at 5 PM in Baxter. And guess what? If you feel romantic, upset, or even madly cu­ rious, you might want to step by the friendship seminars, same Wednesday, 8-9 PM. That one is happening in Winnet lounge. Yo, Yo, Yo Members! (Don't you just love onomatopoeia? Or is this the other one?) Its alliteration, eds, I hate grammar.) Due to Eeroclear Day (Like the name?) we are having our Excocm meeting on Tuesday at lunch. That goes for all those of you random people who want to stop by also.

Skimeisters - Mammoth - Spring Break. What the heck? We only got ONE person signed up!

Where are you all? Get over here and sign up for heaven's sake! (at the Y)

Art Lovers - Get your Les Mis­ erables tickets at the Y. Tickets are going on sale Monday, 2/25 for a show on 3/4 at 8 pm and one on 3/6 at 8 pm. Only $42.75 - just good.

For the best and last: It's that time of the year, when spring pops its lovely head, flowers are blooming, trees are showing their green, and the ice is covered with blood! Yes, it's BOFFO BONECRUNCHER NUMBER FIVE!!!! I had this whole shitplex about the signed posters being filled up as of Wednesdays! (Holy Flying Cows Batman!) So watch and cheer if noth­ ing else ... Cause remember, it's fun and games until someone breaks something. And then, it's even more fun.

Don't forget for me, fun lovers ... remember - this is the Caltech "Keep World" total without US. Don't forget to come in and sign up for all those nifty free dinners the Y is always offering.

FRIDAY NIGHT ASCIT MOVIE

Baxter Lecture Hall
February 22
7:30 & 10:00 p.m.

$1.50 ASCIT members
$2.00 for others

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Next Week:
Lethal Weapon 2

The California Tech
Glee Club

Are you tired of losing at the California lottery? Well, then, buy one of the Caltech Women's Glee Club raffle tickets for $1. For each ticket you buy, you can win up to $3 off the price of admission for student seating, or up to $5 for the price of general admission seating! Three to five times a month only, three to five times the cost! Hey, you get what you pay for. This offer will not be repeated, so buy now!

On Friday March 8, Internation­al Women's Day, the Caltech Women's Glee Club will present Giovanni Beccaria's "Shabat Mater," a short Baroque masterpiece, piece written for treble voices. The concert will take place Thursday, Wil­ liam Ravine, a Caltech alumni in 1984, and a Caltech first year graduate student.

Tickets are available from any member of the Women's Glee Club or from the Office of Public Events. Tickets cost $5 for gener­al admission, $3 for student seating.

Get it? Well, okay then. Cam­pus events are always great.

Chances of winning a raffle prize are one in one.
**Second Annual Best of Caltech Poll**

Humorous comments or elaborations on your answers are encouraged.

1. Best Pizza ____________________________
2. Best Chinese Food ______________________
3. Best Mexican Food ______________________
4. Best Hamburgers ________________________
5. Best Thai ______________________________
6. Best Sandwiches _________________________
7. Best Coffeehouse Waiter __________________
8. Most Irritating Coffeehouse Waiter _______
9. Best Place to Buy Condoms _______________
10. Best Grocery Store _____________________
11. Best Local Band _________________________
12. Best Radio Station ______________________
13. Best Line to Get a Woman/Man in Your Room ______
14. Best Euphemism for Vomiting __________
15. Best Excuse for Not Graduating in 4 Years _______
16. Best Music Store ______________________
17. Favorite Band __________________________
18. Best T.V. Show _________________________
19. Favorite Movie Theatre ___________________
20. Best Feature of the *Tech* ______________
21. Worst Feature of the *Tech* ______________
22. Best Classroom _________________________
23. Best Teacher ___________________________
24. Best Toilet _____________________________
25. Best Outgoing ASCIT Officer _____________
26. Best Off-Campus House __________________
27. Best Caltech Sports Team (Bridge and Debate are Not Sports) _________
28. Best ASCIT- or Y- Sponsored Event in the Past Year _______
29. Comic You Would Most Like to See in the *Tech* _____________
30. Best Newspaper _________________________

**Caltech Readers Poll Rules**

*No Xeroxed Ballots*

Ballots must be dropped off at the *Tech* office, room 40 in the SAC, or sent to The California Tech 40-58

One ballot per person, please.

Circle One:  
Student  
Faculty  
Staff  
Other

VOTE for the best of NOW!!
This Week’s Column was by: Blacker: Walker Aumann Lloyd: Jeff Hagen Ricketts: Nathan Rockwell, Charles Cook & Lindsey Dubb Ruddock: Chris Martin

Blacker
I wondered what it would take to get me to write an Inside World again. I guess a sizable group of people attempting to prevent me from moving under my own power ever again is a reasonably effective motivator. Maybe I should explain...

Two weeks ago yesterday, I found out that a group of Lloyds were coming to Blacker for dinner. Being the considerate person that I am, I thought the Scarves deserved a warning of this and the fact that it was the first night of Nominations, since they wash the dishes for the South Houses, and like to be told when they will have extra work and/or dinner will be running much longer than usual.

I’m not exactly sure how things went next. I heard something about a collection being taken up during dinner in Ricketts, but I may be wrong. Anyhow, the Scarves then paid to have every Lloydie at dinner dumped. Being a devout capitalist, I couldn’t say no, and several members of Lloyd House got dumped before they all got up and left, without permission, I might add. With the newly received windfall, the Blacker waiting staff ate all the dinner the next evening.

One week later, a group of Molese went to eat dinner in Lloyd. I didn’t go along because I was waiting in Blacker, and I know that at least some people would still expect a waited dinner. However, the Moles weren’t the only ones who went north that day. The same Scarves that had paid me to pay the Lloyd waiters to dump the Moles. While most of the waiting staff agreed to this, Aimee decided, for reasons I understand but don’t entirely agree with, that no Moles would get dumped, and a good time was had by all. Lloyd had a moral victory. Blacker had Tarrantin’s pizza for dinner, and everyone was happy, until...

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And this was about where I started. A marvelous bit of slander was printed as what passes for a Lloyd Inside World, condemning my actions and saying, among other things, that I must pay. While I wasn’t really worried about it, I was concerned enough to organize a Republican Guard to insure my safety during the coming broomball match.

Now it’s true that I didn’t spend the whole time at the game, and that was because of a preemptive strike on one of my NCO’s, requiring a trip to the hospital. It was only a sprained shoulder, and he will be just fine for broomball next week, it didn’t stop them. Soon after I returned, time was up and people started clearing the ice. I was about to leave when I was rushed by a pack of screaming Lloyds out for blood of vengeance or something. If it hadn’t been for my loyal troops, who held these attackers off even in their weakened condition after the game, and the loss of one of their comrades-in-arms, I might not have been able to leave this day. But as it is, I escaped, and still have not paid.

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If you are an undergraduate with any inclinations towards chemistry come join us this weekend. Our new club room is located deep in the basement of Chemistry (Room 007). We meet about every other week and attempt to:

1) Figure out what our next meeting will be about.
2) Decide which chemistry faculty member to take out dinner next week.
3) Argue over who has to write the next newsletter for Chem Club.
4) Plan and develop goals for our otherwise unsuccessful underclub.
5) Worship our newly elected president, Alf Morales.

These are some of the current goals of our club:
1) Meet each other and chemistry faculty members.
2) Get a refrigerator for our club room.
3) Get ice cream to put in the refrigerator.
4) Organize a chemistry reception for the upcoming EUREKA conference.
5) Start a junior chapter of the American Chemistry Society.

So far we have gone out to dinner with the infamous Ch! Prof., Nate Lewis, and our amiable faculty sponsor, Sunny Chan. It is inspiring and fun to meet the chemistry faculty members and other chemistry undergraduates. The Chemistry Club provides an easy way to get the inside story on which chemistry courses are interesting and what research opportunities are available. We are meeting Wednesday, February 27 at 5:00 pm in Church 007 with Dr. Chan and Dr. Lewis to discuss graduate schools. If you are interested in attending, phone Alf at x5676 (home) or x5676 (lab).

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**SEDS Conference**

The weekend of March 8-10, the Caltech chapter of Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (SEDS) will hold its 1991 conference at Caltech and the Pasadena Holday Inn.

Mr. Mark Albrecht, Executive Secretary of the National Space Council will deliver the keynote address on Friday at 8 pm in Rams Auditorium.

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**CRIME AND INCIDENT BEAT**

**Crime Tip:** Tuesday, February 26, Caltech Security and the Pasadena Police Department are sponsoring a meeting on crime prevention. The meeting is at Winnett Lounge, from noon until one. Please attend this important and informative meeting.

2/11 A four-teen-agers were seen in Ruddock lounge playing pool. They were also seen taking sodas from the Chandler kitchen. Later it was found that the couches in the lounge were cut with a sharp object. The teenagers were not Caltech students.

2/13 A student parked and locked his bicycle to the wrought iron fence on the south side of 5. Mudd. The chain was cut, and the bicycle taken.

2/15 A student parked his car in the Tournament Park lot. Someone punched the door lock on the truck but did not steal it. A tool box and jumper cables were removed from the trunk.

2/19 A truck parked in the Luna lot was broken into in the same manner. A stereo and equalizer were stolen.

2/20 Over the weekend a teen-speed bicycle was taken from the Fleming hallway, near the courtyard.

2/27 Three persons between the ages of 11 and 13 were found rummaging through a Ricketts hall closet, when they were detained by a house member. Suspects told police they were looking for the arcade.

2/28 Ruddock House members reported a magazine salesperson soliciting on the second floor. The suspect was told to leave campus and that she could be arrested if she returned.

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**Psycho Tracksters**

by Chris Campo

"Darn, they didn't have a final in the shot put. I wanted to go up against some of those big guys who weren't in my flight. When some big guy throws past me I just get kinda psycho." Big Steve Harkness spoke with these words of regret about the shot put at the Pomona Pitzer's All Comers Meet held last Saturday, February 16th.

The distance was measured by team points. Instead, it was a competition on the individual level. Despite this "every man for himself" atmosphere, all the Caltech performers sported their stylin' uniforms.

Steve "Psycho" Harkness competed sans uniform, as he is not officially on the Caltech track roster for this season. Even without the uniform, the psycho man threw 42 feet, 9 inches.

I wanted to run the steepchase," was sophomore Greg Duday's lament. He was instead asked by the Caltech sprinting coaches to run the 400 meter and 200 meter events. Duday, although denied his wish to participate in the 3000 meter over-the-hurdle, handled the-water event, performed spectacularly in the races he did enter: 24.6 seconds in the 200 meters and 54.2 seconds in the 400 meters. Duday showed clearly that he's capable of exceeding serious speed.

Beavers who burned up the 200 meters included Aaron Matzner, 23.46 seconds, Rob Whiteley, 24.24 seconds, Brady Montz, 23.46 seconds. Also, "Laz'rd" Warner ripped a time of 28.8 seconds in the 200 meter, "1.1's ability to come back strong after knee surgery is no longer in doubt."

Another noteworthy sprint performance came in the 4x100 relay from Tech's "RedSmith", Cetelan-Balfarzen-Whiteley-Montz. As the Tech cheering section watched the race unfold, perfect handoffs all the way, crises went up of, "Hey! We're not in last place!"

"I would have run the 1500, but Zieg and I got lost on the way over here," was CRX driver Aaron Matzner's reason for arriving at the meet too late for the 1500 meter run but just in time for the 800 meters. Aaron, sans uniform like Harkness, came through the 400 meters at the front of the pack in 58 seconds. In what turned out to be a 24.5 seconds' race, Aaron was snatched by a breakaway pack that sprinted past him in the last 200 meters. Matzner still managed to finish in a respectable 2:00 flat.

Bumping up from middle distance to the distance events, the highlight of the day came in a deadly duel between Senior Mike Ida and an anonymous 12 year old runner who decided to run with the big boys. The crowd were on the edge of their seats as Ida and the Kid jockeyed for position throughout the race – sometimes Ida surging ahead, sometimes the gutsy Kid. In the end, youthful enthusiasm was the victor over seasoned experience. The Kid edged Ida on the final straightaway. "Iron Mike" Ida still put it in an admirable performance, finishing in 5:00 flat. Mention is required about the race: "I want a rematch."

In the longest event of the day, the 5000 meters, senior Chris Gefery turned in a personal best of 16:37. Freshman Andy "Bug" Zieg was dazzling in his 5000 meter debut, finishing a mere 21 seconds behind his teammate in 16:58. Gefery's meet mark was the kickoff of the SCIAC conference season and will be held at nearby Occidental College. Swim season is almost over, so we expect to see people like Dave Geraghty to start turning out on the track for workouts soon!

by Jim Caron

The Pasadena skating rink was the scene of an ongoing grudge match that has now taken being a grudge place for the past six years. Unfortunately, on this past Sunday, the Caltech Beavers fell prey to the M.I.T. Beavers as they lost 2-0. The Beavers are coming off of a big loss last Saturday in the Long Beach area, but even so, their first two league games are on Sunday, March 3 and Sunday, March 17 both at 11:00 AM in Pasadena.

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**M.I.T. Hockey Tops Caltech**

by Sam Dinkin

M.I.T. both teams played very well and had Caltech gotten a few breaks more might have been a little different.

It is back to business now for the Beavers as they face UCLA today in Calver City. This should be an easy victory for Caltech. The last time these two teams met Caltech buried UCLA with a score of 17-1. Unless UCLA recently signed Gretsky, a victory should not be hard to come by.

The Beavers then move on to San Diego to play San Diego State on Sunday at the San Diego Sports Center.

**Sam H. Dinkin's Bridge Column**

In addition to regression analysis of the teams' results, computer optimization of team bidding systems, and professional coaching, The Caltech bridge column is participating in bidding boxes and bidding screens. Bidding boxes and screens are used in the most heated level of bridge competitions to make the contests as fair as possible. Bidding boxes contain every bid so no information can be derived from the tone of voice of the bid can be made (e.g. "four no trump?" or "FOUR no trump.") All bids are face up so a review of the bidding is never necessary.

The Caltech intercollegiate bridge team continues to practice day and night for the upcoming tournament in Atlantic City. Three graduate students, Jeff Goldsmith, Mingstang Li, and Yun Sun, and your bridge guru are going to be competing in the Trump Palace in Atlantic City on March 17th, and they have the national intercollegiate title.

Even with bidding boxes, some emotion can be implied (e.g. slamming down the double card while glaring at right hand opponent.) In order to eliminate all information from facial and other expressions, a bidding screen is positioned diagonally across the table so only one opponent is seen, but not partner. After the bidding is over, the screen is raised half way so cards, but not faces may be seen. These innovations to the game are improving when used for the first time.

Yet without seeing facial expressions, signals can still be passed on to both partners and the team. In today's deal, West leads the king of diamonds dropping East's queen. West realized his partner had either the queen alone or the queen-jack doublont in diamonds which made it safe to lead the ten of diamonds. When leading a card...

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