Benzer at the Watson Series:

Of Flies and Men

by Quoc Pham

fruit flies are humans, too, at least in certain ways, according to Dr. Seymour Benzer, Caltech's Jan and Dean Wasserman Professor of Neurosciences. Benzer's lecture, entitled "Of Flies and Men," was the fifth in the Earhart-Watson Lecture Series.

The first thing Benzer emphasized was that Drosophila melanogaster are perfect organisms to study, but one cannot confine the destructive Mediterranean fruit flies. Drosophila do not bite, carry diseases, or sting.

According to Benzer, the proteins found in the Drosophila brain are similar to those in humans, making Drosophila mutant strains have corresponding human difficulty. For example, Benzer believes Drosophila's eyes contain a receptor protein strain labeled "drop dead," which has a perfectly normal development to the adult fly, but which is missing within two or three days of hatching from the eggs stage, is the Drosophila version of Alzheimer's disease.

Benzer's wife, Carol Miller, a neuropathologist, is able to stain healthy is a testament to the plasticity of the Drosophila's nervous system. Certain mutant strains have a perfectly normal development and can be separated for further study.

Retinal detachment is another Drosophila disorder with a corresponding human condition. According to Benzer, the fact that cells found near the border region divided to form a new type of normal cells can be diseased or healthy is a testament to the plasticity of the Drosophila's nervous system.

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The flies' learning ability has been proven by associating electric shock with a odor. Most flies avoid the painful odor afterward. Certain mutant strains have very short memories and can or cannot learn at all, however.

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By Bill Shannon

Mar 9, the Argus Middle East Studies Group held what was supposed to have been a debate in full. The debate, "Options for Peace," was to have been enunciated by representatives of three major interests in the Middle East: the Palestinians, the Israeli, and the superheroes - representatives of the "official" Israeli view backed off. The result was a one-sided panel discussion attacking Israel. The "moderator" of the discussion was Michael Bogopolous, the former hockey player who is presently on leave, of radio station KPFK's "The Middle East in Focus." This station reflects the left of the political spectrum and is presently being monitored for anti-Semitic and bigoted.

The panel consisted of four guests: Yegel Arons, the son of Moshe Arons, former Israeli ambassador to the United States. Arens is a vehement anti-Zionist and was formerly a member of the Anti-Zionist Socialist Organization of Israel. Dr. Tony Saidy, the president of the Los Angeles chapter of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), whose purpose is to combat "negative stereotyping of Arabs in the United States media." Dr. Sabrie El-Farah, who has become involved with organizations seeking Israel's downtrodden and has been active in the ADC. He considers all of Israel to be "occupied territory." Rob Edman was introduced as the director of a large Israeli support group, Friends of Peace Now. Bogopolous was honest about the discussion - he made it clear that not all sides were represented and that the debate would have a limited scope. He also stated that there was no "official" representation on either side, that the guests present were qualified by their personal involvement and experience with the subject.

The format of the debate was standard: a moderator would ask a question, each guest would be given a chance to respond within a certain time limit, and then given a follow-up question from the moderator. This procedure is the same as the standard debate format, except that the moderator generally follows the discussion and prevents it from going off topic.

Dr. Saidy stated that he did not consider the United States as a force for peace in the world. He pointed out that the plan calls for the Palestinians to be representatives by the Jordanian government in the negotiations. Pointing out that this plan has been criticized by the Palestinians, Saidy stated that 90% of the Palestinian people would like to have some form of the PLO as their government.

Yegel Arons claimed that the American plan was just an attempt to protect its economic interests in the Middle East. He went on to say that the United States was interested in a peace between Israel and the Palestinians for the sake of American interests. The American plan is going to support American interests in the Middle East. Arons added that he believed the PLO may be willing to accept less than an independent state now because, deep down, they believe an independent state may be unachievable.

Dr. El-Farah quoted, "I don't care if you love me or hate me, just don't ignore me." He believes that there is no way to solve the problem unless the Palestinians and Israelis sit down together, face to face, and truly negotiate with each other. He said that there is no formula on both sides - that the time has come to forget and maybe to forgive.

Robert Eshman said that he was glad that a superpower was interested in dealing with the conflict, and that peace had never really been given a chance by anyone in the region. However, he thought that the time for amelioration of the conflict and peace would take a long time and could not occur overnight. He said that there won't be peace in the Middle East until both superpowers cooperate.

The debate was well attended, indicating a strong interest in the Caltech community.
The Real Questions

To The Editors: The question of the "editorial axe" was brought to my attention just this evening when I read through Al Petterson's delightful, unencumbered version of the Dabney Inside World. What shocked me most was hardly the content of the Inside World but Al Petterson's righteous indignation over the censorship of his "expressionistic art." (The quote here is mine, not his.) Here in America we feel proud of our historic struggles to preserve our right to express ourselves freely in whatever artistic context we choose. According to Al Petterson, this struggle has boiled down to an issue of being allowed to print as much sexually tantalizing language as possible. Censorship is complex, involving conflicts in the values of different elements of society and he ignores the real questions. I hope free speech means more than just the right to free literary masturbation.

Sincerely, Chandra Raman

Censored

To The Editors: Why was the entire Dabney Inside World cut in the March 4 edition of the Tech? It was not excessively long, and surely not every line "contains abusive language." Phrases such as "sex in the alleyways," "abuse one to one. Above all, why exactly do the editors feel the need to censor? Sincerely, Tom Toney

We're Late

To The Editors: If you are so concerned about a frosh-sophomore event, why didn't you say something first term? Sincerely, Phyllis Bauer

With Due Respect

To The Editors: Tues., Mar. 8, Prof. Sterl Phinney delivered the second half of his lecture. One was not aware that the course was being interrupted for a joke, a joke which the professor did not wish to participate in until after the lecture had been completed. Phinney attempted to complete the lecture, certain members of the class made it impossible because they had already dismissed the class and left. Some people do not think Phinney's reaction was appropriate. However, many of us disagree. Professor Phinney, as the first day of that class so long as any one person wanted to learn, no one had a right to disrupt class. Many of us wished to hear the rest of the lecture. Phinney stated his position clearly from the start; it should have been respected. Even if some students disagreed with Phinney's attitude towards jokes in lectures, as students, we owe the prof., and those students are there to hear his lecture, some respect. Sincerely, Susan Howard

Show a Little Class

by Chandra Tucker

Imagine being asked to teach a class: a class famed for its difficulty and for causing confusion; a class that our instructors rather than elective, and which many grudgingly take for requirements in classes but in which others have an interest. Imagine trying to teach a difficult subject to such a diverse group of people: attempting to hold the attention and challenge and expand the minds of those who understand and are interested in the material - posing difficult problems and questions to ponder over - while at the same time trying to get across the general ideas of the class to those whose interests lie elsewhere; trying to simplify, but not oversimplify, the concepts. Imagine trying to teach: perhaps not getting all the ideas across to those who must be forced into, those to who must be drawn to classes with demonstrations and jokes, but trying... Such a task is formidable, even for the best and most experienced of lecturers: few speakers are able to hold the interest of such a diverse group.

In this context, Tuesday's incident in Physics II was insensitive, disrespectful, and above all, immature. For those not well enough informed to have experienced this incident, it basically involved the hiring of a stripper to perform for Professor Steel Phinney at his last Physics I lecture. The stripper came, and Phinney, after being "boosed" and based on the evidence of the audience, hired another stripper. At some universities, students show their appreciation for a teacher's time and effort by applauding at the end of the final lecture of the term. Teachers, it seems, have developed their own method of showing appreciation. In order to keep their best to humiliate and embarrass the professor.

Who are the Editors?

by Stephen Lew

Freedom of speech and the press are two rights guaranteed to every citizen of the United States. In the past week, the Tech editors have received letters accusing them of abridging these rights. It seems that Mr. Petterson, a frequent contributor to the Inside World, has exercised his right of free speech and press by printing copies of his writing and distributing them around campus. To the best of my knowledge, no editors have exercised those very same rights. I believe this misunderstanding has to do with the naive notion that, somehow, certain people have the right to have things published in the Tech. Let me assure all those concerned that this is not the case.

According to the ASCIT bylaws, "The Editor of each publication is responsible for the selection and preparation of all content of that publication exclusive of advertising material. There is a fundamental difference between editorial policy and censorship. A censor prevents everyone else from publishing what he has published. We did not do that; for, if we had, Mr. Petterson's material would never have reached your eyes through any medium.

Editorial policy, on the other hand, is a filter that reflects what the editors believe should be print ed in the medium they publish. This editorial policy extends to the Inside World.

The publication of the Inside World is a courtesy extended by the editors of the paper. We know that most of the people who write the letters and columns enjoy this type of feature. My purpose is to make clear my intention that many people feel that the Inside World should be print ed in the upward direction; that the, I am in- slashing." I agree. The thought of spending hours of my time editing obscene Inside World articles makes me ill. Fortunately, I have come up with a solution. If it causes me too much trouble, I don't edit it, I just throw it out.
Caltech Has a Little Soul

by Greg James

Hey! It’s—what’s their name again? Junior Mince! Raisinettes? No, it’s Junior Mince and the Dukes of Soul. The name may be hard for some to remember, but the sound is definitely not.

Junior Mince first descended on the Caltech campus this academic year as the musical guest at Ruddock’s Hard Bistro Cafe Interchange. They were an instant hit. Long after the other bands’ quarts were shut down, Junior Mince had the Ruddock courtyard packed with people round dancing to their authentic Rhythm and Blues.

Then, earlier this term, the band appeared at the Coffeehouse. I hope I am not using car lot, complete with classy music. Even from the beginning, it is obvious that the world of Caltech Has a Little Soul. The name may be hard for some to remember, but the sound is definitely not.

The group is mainly geared toward club acts, but will appear in various capacities throughout the year. The unexpected car lot appearance is coming next month, Saturday, March 12.

Junior Mince and the Dukes of Soul have surely found a home at Caltech. Just to make this stage my home*, Junior Mince sang. Well, home is where you’re appreciated, and Junior Mince and the Dukes of Soul have surely found a home at Caltech.

Flavor and Variety

by Rhonda Stroud

Sometimes I actually get tired of the incredible variety of ice cream flavors offered at the Coffeehouse. I hope I am not stressing my job, but I must admit that even early craves for something different once in a while. In fact, it was he who suggested I try Robin Rose’s. Located in Old Pasadena, the atmosphere is somewhat different from that of the Coffeehouse. The decor is on the yuppy side, complete with the tasty creations of Almond Delight.

To my surprise, the portions were generous. Even the prices were reasonable. One scoop, about 1 cup, on a regular cone, cost a little over a dollar. Certainly the real raspberries in Chocolate Raspberry truffles in Chocolate Raspberry Truffle and Kahlua Mocha Cream, I ordered the former. My companions picked Pielcco and Coconut Almond Delight.

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The Inside World

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Blacker: Marty O'Brien
Fleming: Pierce Wetter
Lloyd: Rob Jarzko and Chris Nolte
Ricketts: Steve Sobelman

Blacker: SEMIPHILosophical EPILOGUE TO TERM TWO

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Speaking of psychological implications, how will it effect the student body that finals week started on a Thursday this term instead of a Monday? Did it make any difference to anybody that the Ride started on a day after a class day, instead of after a weekend? How will this affect the fresh, knowing that they had to do all of their finals on Wednesday night in order to get everything done before finals week actually began? How will the upperclassmen feel, knowing that most of the frosh actually did this?

Tell me about your first girlfriend. How old were you? How did it begin? How did it end? How serious did it get? How long did it last? Would you call it love? Can the Lloydies really be as bad in broomball as they are in capture-the-flag?

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Fill-in-the-blank-quotations. This week: Harry Catakis.

"All of the freshmen girls in House suck."

"_____ qualifies as not sucking."

"_____ is awesome, basically."

"Everything is trivial, even though it actually _______."

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Skii and prosper, dudes

Fleming: Finney is a geek. An incredible geek. I didn't think it was possible to be as big of a geek as the frosh keep telling me that he was, but they proved me wrong. You-Hung seems to have a peculiar affinity for love amphibians, and Eric Fung doesn't like to have scantily-clad women sitting on his lap. Maybe he should get together with You-Hung's love toad.

The party at 328 last weekend was a huge success...until security booted all the high school kids. I guess they just didn't understand that we only want the high school-age MALES. LEAVE the underage women. After all, if they're within two years, it's okay--or so I'm told).

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Applications are now being received for the 1988 Paul Studenski Memorial Travel Award. The Studenski Award of $2000 is given each spring to an undergraduate student who will use the money to travel, to reflect on the future course of his or her life.

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The General Motors Corporation is offering a scholarship in Electrical Engineering. The GM Scholarship includes full tuition, a book allowance and a paid summer internship. The award is limited to 20 scholarships and the financial need is a consideration in the selection process.


Watson, cont'd

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left brain/right brain phenomenon

Benzer's work includes isolating mutant genes, identifying the gene products, and comparing these to the corresponding products in human beings.

The Drosophila is a prime candidate for genetic study due to its short generation time. Its genes are sufficiently large to be individualized and observed with an electron microscope. Furthermore, its relatively large eggs can be injected with external genetic material. These are among the reasons which contributed to Benzer's decision to work with fruit flies, among the many other choices he had.

Benzer received a degree in physics from Purdue University. After numerous fellowships and advanced degrees from many universities, as well as post-doctoral experience at Cold Spring Harbor and Oak Ridge National Laboratories, Benzer arrived at Caltech. In 1975 he was the James G. Boswell Professor of Neurosciences.

Benzer has won many awards for his work, including the National Medal of Science, and has many publications concerning genetics, molecular biology, and behavioral biology to his credit.

ASCIT Meets

ASCIT Minutes 10pm 8 Mar 1988.

1. The people organizing the El Ranch Milagro Trip want some financial assistance from ASCIT to the tune of $500. The purpose of ASCIT is to give money to students not orphanages even though that is a noble cause. Tony says that the UG's going might be considered a club. According to Dwight, PR should be able to give them what they need. It is decided to give them $200.

2. The BOC needs some money to cover expenses (food, stationery). Jerry says about $200 should cover it and it's already been budgeted.

3. The BOC's old phone (x6200) had Doug's answering machine attached to it. Gaby says since Doug is longer the BOC chair, the BOC needs an answering machine of its own. Cost: about $200.

4. Tom Tromey claims it will cost $1000 to print the Totem. This includes typesetting, photo and printing costs for 1000 copies. Many question if there is that much demand. Gavin suggests that there are only about 200 copies sold. More than $1000 is spent. Since Todd has nothing better to do he is given the task of finding cheaper stations. The Totem will, however receive some start-up money.

5. Remember those Budget questionnaires? Well, Page won the contest to see who would turn in the highest percentage. Ralph Wolff wrote a letter and had some suggestions about the questionnaire. It is decided to hold off discussion of it until next term.
Evil Barry Lind Death Jello™

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1 cup Triple Sec
1 package orange

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---NeanderFlam & Young Funsemo

---N.F.

---Skip Friedman
Stiff Competition Passes Runners

by Paul Vaulter

After a week of no competition, our track team faced CMS and Redlands with their several All-American athletes at the Claremont dirt track. As a team, we got killed, but the ruthless competition helped our athletes set several personal records.

Three women showed up. Margi Pollack competed for the first time this year, running the 1500m (6:02) and the 3000m (13:17). Bibi Jentoft-Nilsen ran yet another 800m (2:44.5). Liz Warner improved her own school records in the 200m (29.41) and the long jump (4.77). She also competed in the 100m and the discus.

Ray Sidney, better known in public as the "left handed fencing sensation," proved that he can handle with sufficient skill yet another instrument in his hands, as he went over the height of 3.50m (11'6") with the help of a pole. He also managed to slip in another two PR's with 17.8 at the high hurdles, and 12.06m at the triple jump.

Four basketball players joined the track team after the end of the basketball season, and they all showed that they are valuable additions. Randy Ralph started his season with an impressive 1.93m (6'4") at the high jump which won the event, the only first place for Caltech. Randy was our highest scorer at the SCIAC championships last year as a freshman. Sean Hillyard ran a 54.0 400m. Scott Kister showed a lot of nerve at the 5000m (17:59), running a smooth race at an event where being in shape requires a lot of miles that he lacks. Huck Seed was not ready for his true event, the high jump, but tried the high hurdles, the 800m, and the 4x400 relay.

Three of our four discus throwers, Ed Mao, Dave Amezcua, and Steve Harkness, set personal records with Mao throwing well over 30 meters (31.20). All three, and Miller, were within ten feet of each other. Dave Park did as well at the long jump, jumping his personal best with 6.20m.

The Redlands men won the meet by one point over Claremont, with whom they fought head to head in several events. After a break of three weeks, our team will compete again at the Redlands Invitational on March 26. Since school will not have resumed by then, only a few Beavers are expected to go.

Looking cool in her shades, Caltech's Jennifer Low delivers a strong forehand during a recent home match.

photo by Michael Keating

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Note: if you notice tech-neers in the game room, you are encouraged to report them at x4701. If you have a question, please ask a Campus Activities Coordinator.

Backpack in Zion Park
The Caltech Y is sponsoring a spring backpacking trip to the canyons of the Southwest. This year, we will be exploring the backcountry of Zion National Park. (We are reserving spots for Great Canyon for spring break of 1988.) The trip is scheduled to leave EARLY on Monday, 3/14, and return on Thursday, 3/17. Cost does include transportation, food, and equipment from the Y (if you need it). This should be a great new tradition, so sign up now! Spaces are limited. Deadline for signups is Friday, March 11 at 5:00 PM.

Senior Pictures!!!
Senior portraits and group photos soon. The final deadline for taking the photos will be Friday, March 25. Include your own name, hometowns and options.

A Japanese Rumpelstilskin
The 1987 film by this name is the sequel to the 1985 film "Red Shoes," and consists of images from the present to the past that gives us a feeling of "getting lost in the wind," and a feeling of "the past and the future" that is the idea of the story. Admission: $8.00 for men's chorus and orchestra will highlight an all-student lift concert. Games will be on Wed., 4/6 beginning at 7:00 and on Fri., 4/8 beginning at 9:00 PM in Macdonald Auditorium.

Gay/Lesbian Discussion Group
The Gay and Lesbian Discussion Group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. Clark Brooks (Economics, 64 SAC, x2935) is the activities coordinator. 357 E. Colorado Ave., Pasadena, CA 91105. Call for information.

Legal Internship Program
The American Bar Association office of Coosdert, Barron, etc., has recently been given the approval to open up an additional 15 co-op positions. These jobs are for the March to September and June to December time periods. All assignments are 40 hours a week and will be non-competative. Coosdert could involve programming in a development or test environment. Most of the positions are for students who have experience as a legal intern at any level or study, computer science, mathematics, etc., and are interested in the structured work environment. The background. The Career Development Center and Parsons-Gates has more information.

IBM Co-Op
IBM's Santa Teresa Laboratory has recently been given the approval to open up approximately 75 IBM co-op positions. These jobs are for the March to September and June to December time periods. All assignments are 40 hours a week and will be non-competative. IBM could involve programming in a development or test environment. Most of the positions are for students who have experience as a legal intern at any level or study, computer science, mathematics, etc., and are interested in the structured work environment. The background. The Career Development Center and Parsons-Gates has more information.

AIDS and Ethics, Part II
March 20, at noon in the Board Room of Millikan Memorial. John G. K. Fisher; the Mellon Postdoctoral Instructor in AIDS and Ethics, II: Disease Prevention. Bring Lunch. Sponsored by the OWC as part of its own hybrid engines from scratch and develop, respect its people, and tricks of the trade learned during four decades of trying. All students who may want to take some time to get this information.

The California Water Pollution Control Federation
The California Water Pollution Control Federation is looking for graduate students to fill positions. There is a federal mandate that requires an inspection of all schools (K-12) for asbestos. The inspection must be completed by the end of the month. The positions may require part-time or weekend work between now and the summer, and full-time work during the summer. Student experience is not the only requirement. Application deadline is Tuesday, March 15, 1988. Application forms for and information can be found in the Career Development Center, 08, Parsons-Gates.

Neighborhood Job Fair
The Rotary Club of Los Angeles is offering the opportunity of employment and education in the Financial Aid Office. For further information contact the Financial Aid Office, 515 S. Wilson.

TUESDAY SERVICES
ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

No tech-neers in the game room, you are encouraged to report them at x4701. If you have a question, please ask a Campus Activities Coordinator.