Frosh Camp 1994: A Wrap-Up

by Stephen Van Hooser

As the TeCh went to press last Friday, freshmen and transfer stu-
dents returned from the annual New Student Orientation session at Catalina Island.

The event began on Wednesday morning with a light breakfai st of Granola bars and juice. After EMT Lisa Ross and Mark Stapf distributed sedating motion sickness pills, the new Techers were whisked away on buses to Long Beach harbor. There they boarded boats for Catalina.

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Throughout the affair, students rotated through three exhibits intended to help them at Caltech and throughout life in general. During Challenges and Choices, Kevin Austin and the Counseling

TRACKS, it is presently touring the country. Ms. King serves on the Board of Directors of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonvio-
lent Social Change, Inc. and is Founding Director of the King Center's Cultural Affairs Program. That program produces a variety of artistic projects designed to celebrate the common humanity that all people share.

Ms. King's main lecture is open to the community at no charge. It will be held in Beckman Institute Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow her lecture, location to be announced.

This is part of a series of events on diversity. This event is co-spon-
sored by Multicultural Task Force, the Caltech Y and Race, Poli-
tics, and Religion. Partial support for this program is provided by a fund through the James Irvine Founda-
tion. For more information on Yolanda King and other Multicultural Task Force Events, please contact Athena Castro at the Caltech Y (818) 395-4165.

This paper is in dire need of editing. Many people seem to think that they need to write well to help with the Tech. This is not true. The following jobs are open:

The assignments editor would be in charge of finding important news items and giving these assignments to the writers at the weekly Friday meeting. Additionally, there should be a follow-up to check that these articles are done. This job can be handled by more than one person, if possible.

The E&EN office will handle the gathering of the announcements on the last page.

The sports editor will gather regional sporting results and articles. Other people could use would be copy editors and artists. Writers are always welcome.

If you're interested in any of the aforementioned jobs, come to the weekly Friday meeting in the SAC Coffeehouse at 12 noon and enjoy the free food. You get 3 units, too!
Proposed Changes to the ASCIT Bylaws

Some proposed changes have been presented for consideration by the student body. These changes will be voted on within a few weeks, and deal with various elements of the bylaws. Most of the proposals deal only with rewording of the current bylaws; the full text of the proposals is printed below:

1. In Article VI, Section 2, change:

The Executive Committee shall have the power to interpret the bylaws. It shall also have the sole power to consider the validity of protests and rescind invalidated elections.

2. In Article VIII, Section 12, change:

Upon presentation to the Board of Directors, by any member of the Corporation, of a petition bearing the signatures of twenty percent (20%) of those eligible to vote for an office in which there was a vacancy because “NO” was the winner of an election...

To read:

Upon presentation to the Board of Directors of a petition bearing the signatures of twenty percent (20%) of those eligible to vote for an office in which there was a vacancy because “NO” was the winner of an election, by any eligible voter in said election...

3. In Article IX, Section 1, add the following at the end of the section:

If the requested legislation concerns the Board of Control, the signatures of twenty percent (20%) of the registered undergraduates shall suffice to bring the matter before the Board of Directors, who must bring it to a secret ballot, open to all registered undergraduates.

4. In Article IX, Section 2, add the following to the end of the section:

If such legislation concerns the Board of Control, the vote shall be open to all registered undergraduates.

5. In Article IX, Section 3, add the following at the end of the section:

A vote restricted to the members of the Corporation may not amend or strike down any legislation concerning the Board of Control.

6. In Article XI, add Section 2:

No Bylaw amendment concerning the Board of Control shall be made by any vote restricted to Corporation members.

Such amendments may be proposed by official action of the Board of Directors, or by submission to the Board of Directors of the proposed amendment signed by twenty percent (20%) of the registered undergraduates, in the case of a Bylaw amendment.

The President shall then present the amendment to a vote open to all registered undergraduates within fifteen (15) days after the submission of the amendment. Notice of the election and a complete statement of the amendment shall be posted and published at least seven (7) days prior to the election. Two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast shall be necessary for adoption.

From your Tech Editors

To start off, we would like to give a belated thank you to Samantha Foster and Ken Apperson, the Quarter House RA, as well as Mac Cob, a first year, they turned on the speakers on campus to get an earful of music from frosh camp before it was over. Thanks to everyone involved.

Hopefully you have noticed our little announcement on the front page. Work is still getting done, thanks to several individuals who have been willing to step in a little time, but we are still heavily overworked and are fighting the temperature between classes and the paper. Anybody who is interested in getting more involved with the publication of The Tech is strongly encouraged to get in touch with us by e-mail (editors@cco.caltech.edu) or call us in the office (x6153).

Despite the shuffling of our jobs, the deadlines and contacts for the editors are still the same.

Deadlines for Submission to The Tech

Letters to the Editor — 5 p.m. Monday
Events and Notices — 5 p.m. Tuesday
Unsolicited Articles — 5 p.m. Tuesday
Regular/Semi-Regular Columns — 5 p.m. Wednesday
Articles, News Submissions — 5 p.m. Wednesday
Art/Photo Submissions — 5 p.m. Thursday

Please send submissions for letters to the editor to The California Tech, Caltech 40-58 SAC, Pasadena, CA 91125, or by electronic mail to editors@cco.caltech.edu. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m. on the week of publication.

The editors reserve the right to edit or refuse to print any letter for any reason.

And Above All, Remember...

Work for The Tech!
There are a number of really cool classes at Tech: one of them is Physics 11. Open only to a limited number of students (around 28 people this year), Ph 11 tries to take the most creative of the incoming class and develop their problem-solving capacity. We also need to physics majors to take the course. The students are selected on their work on two "hurdles" that are handed out first term in Ph 10 (if you aren't taking Ph 10, you can get the hurdles from Professor Tombrnlo in Sloan Annex 201). The hurdles are problems designed to select students not on their background, but on their approach and creativity. The first hurdle has already been handed out. We aren't going to make life too easy for you by telling you what it is, but we hope it is an interesting problem and that your solution is due by Oct. 24.

During the first two terms of Ph 11 (it starts 2nd term and continues through first term sophomore year), you will get to try a few more of these hurdles. They will be a little bit more difficult, and will force you to learn some techniques that normally aren't taught in freshman classes. For example, we spend a good amount of time last year trying to explain why almost all the water rivers have about the same wavelength-to-width ratio. No one knows the answer and although we came up with a few interesting ideas last year, they still don't have a satisfactory explanation.

Technically, Ph 11 is one of the most under-united classes on campus, but people who take it don't care: the work is too much fun. It feels great to be challenged by problems that no one has ever solved before! Some weeks you do almost no work. But other weeks you end up spending 20 to 30 hours and more on just one problem. It is also fairly likely that in the end, you might find out that your approach just won't lead you to a satisfactory solution. Welcome to the world of physics.

Before the summer starts, you will get a paid project to work on for the fall. If you do original research: this summer, one student was (and still is) working on superconductivity, and another on the dynamics of sand dunes. You will get an office in Sloan Annex, and will be paid the same amount as for a $2.00 ALl Labs run. You may also be one of the most important scientists you ever could ever take.

Undergraduate biology laboratories, long overcrowded and ill-equipped, are soon to be improved through a major donation of Institute and outside funds. More than a million dollars, provided by Caltech and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, will go towards the renovation of 102 Kerckhoff (where Bi 3 and Bi 123 labs are held); 317 Kerckhoff (the home of Bi 8 and Bi 10); and the upgrading of undergrad neurobiology labs. The undergraduate Mead Laboratories for Chemistry will also be affected.

According to Professor Charles Brokaw of the Division of Biology, "the proposal submitted to Hughes emphasized the current limited capacity of Caltech's undergraduate labs. "There are often more students than equipment in Bi 8 and Bi 10," said Brokaw, referring to introductory molecular biology labs. Recently, growing interest in biology courses among entering freshmen has caused yearly overflows in enrollment for these classes. Bi 8 approved the proposal, and will contribute $1.2 million towards new equipment over the next four years. Upon receiving word of Hughes' approval, said Brokaw, "we pressured Caltech to contribute in share. We told them (the Division of Biology) that they wouldn't get the money from Hughes if they didn't give some themselves." With unprecedented largesse, the Division of Biology agreed to set aside $300,000 towards renovation of the labs; renovation of 317 Kerckhoff, said Brokaw, should be completed by the end of this year.

The crunch of students and lack of equipment in recent years have not been helped by a cluster instruction in Bi 8 and Bi 10, where often has been kept to a minimum. Ray Deshaies, a new faculty member in biology, has been entrusted with the renovation of Bi 10. "This is very unusual," Brokaw said of the grant. "The Division has a list of priorities for major equipment," he said, "and undergraduate labs are below other things," including necessary massive refurbishings of professorial labs.
A course on African history is being featured as part of the curriculum this year. The class meets Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m., and will include lectures by Dr. Edwin Mungar, Dr. Thydr Seidler, Dr. Bates, and Dr. Davidson. The course is also expected to include talks by visiting Africans or black American lecturers, or by lecturers from other colleges in the area. It is hoped that Dr. Siler of UCLA or Dr. Card of UC Riverside will find time to talk to the class.

Topics to be covered include an extensive background to West African history, black African culture the slave trade and its effect on West Africa, and present day African politics.

**Human Development**

By David Lewis

"In their search for kicks, the teenagers of today are constantly trying to bring new visions at a rate of 'highs.' First it was marijuana, then, bazuban, LSD, and now—peanut butter! And now, there's a medical authority quoted by the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin last month, claims of students 'shooting up'—injecting with a hypodermic needle—peanut butter have been reported.

This new craze has stripped the street of any form. Go to any food store and see for yourself the rows of empty shelves which once held piles of 'Skippy' peanut butter and cans of roasted, salted peanuts. Now peanut butter is only available from 'pushers,' who often mix it in jelly to dilute it and give them a higher margin of profit. These uncannily similar suits sell this mixture in various sizes known as 'jar.'

Sometimes an unsuspecting peanut addict will buy a 'jar' of unscrupulous peanut butter, and use the same amount of this smoother stuff. This often causes a 'bad trip' or 'funny stomach.'

Couch Style is a Bummer

The injection technique is difficult, as getting the peanut butter through the system is not easy, nor is loading the hypodermic in the first place. Because of this, addicts can be identified by their dilated pupils, the needle marks on their arms, and their overdoped behavior.

Recently the Federal government has stepped in to stem the traffic in this dangerous substance. Operation Inter-Inside, conducted by the Justice Department, has helped to stop this illegal traffic in the bud through the use of bloodhounds trained to spot peanut butter and thorough searches at the Mexican border. The Mexican government is cooperating with our own by burning the fields of unscrupulous farmers who are raising illegal crops of peanuts.

The effects of peanut butter are not to be laughed at. It is highly addictive, and has captured the minds of millions of our youth. Use of peanut butter causes one to experience a feeling of fullness, causing users to lose interest in everything including eating. This leads to vitamin deficiency among addicts and can also leave sticky bumps on the roof of the user's mouth. Some medical researchers have evidence that peanut butter can cause chromosome damage when injected into rat foetuses, especially in the late stages. Therefore, the Federal government has helped to stop this illegal traffic in the bud through the use of bloodhounds trained to spot peanut butter and thorough searches at the Mexican border. The Mexican government is cooperating with our own by burning the fields of unscrupulous farmers who are raising illegal crops of peanuts.

**Postscript:** Jokes of the weak
d.tr.: what alcoholic calculus students get

* Screw — twisted wedge
  * Grin — a tradition for drops who have to come clean or are all washed up. While some think it all wet for it is dampening their spirits, it simply what the appetizer of others. There's something fifty gros, isn't? Some fresh don't feel it. But others because virtual shower heat; thus, the tradition is rather fluid. Most of us can't wait for a showering the rest usually aquatic.

* When often offered, they're round
  * Battery — an electrifying charge. If you conduct yourself negatively, you're put in a dry cell. Try to develop a capacity for inductive reasoning, and don't generate radiation. It's reading this? It's shocking. I'm positive.

* Grin — to make a hash of this definition, when it all goes up in smoke, your lungs go to pot. I've blown it; weed burn this key stuff, but in this joint if you pipe down, they clamp a lid on you.

* Battery — to shed light on this cohertely, don't get excited, or you'll make wipe. Live — Stop! Note this: when keyed up, turn down. See sharp, or you'll be flat, which is unnatural.
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by Topher Hunter

Well, everyone, Rotation is almost over, and that means life is about to settle down into some sort of normalcy once again. But your friends at the Y are working hard for the coming week. That's because it's Diversity Week, and the campus has a whole lot of diversity information to offer up.

First on the list of events is the Diversity Week Noon Concert at (yup, you guessed it) 12:00 on Monday in front of Winnett Center. There will be movies offered both Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Wednesday, Yolanda King will deliver a lecture entitled "The Dream is Still a Dream: A Dream Deferred" at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium. Friday is the Noon Celebration consisting of Native American Dancers, again in front of Winnett Center. To cap off the week, there will be a FOCUS Party for all International Students on Saturday, starting at 4:30, in the Y lounge.

For those of you out there who are Mountain Bikers, the Y has a trip every Tuesday afternoon. Drop by and talk to Chris Sandberg if you'd like info.

As always, you are all welcome to drop by the Y for additional information. Our student ExComm meets Tuesdays at noon in the Y lounge. Drop in and see what we're about!

Until next time... what's your name? What's your major? Why bother? AAAAAAHHHHH!

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The California Tech
Crime and Incident Beat

John Hubenschmidt

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MEETINGS
- The first general meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 7:30 PM on Monday 3 October in SAC 64, the ASCIT Office. Meetings are open to the Caltech community. Funding requests and new business are handled at the beginning of the meeting.

ELECTION
- See the related article in the Tech for an update on the ASCIT Presidential Election. Nominations for the office close Tuesday 4 October at 5:00 PM. Campaign statements are due to the Tech by 5:00 PM Wednesday 5 October.
- One Bylaws Amendment is up for vote in the election. It resulted from a petition circulated at the end of third term. See the text of the amendment in the Tech.
- Election Day is Monday 10 October.

WWW
- ASCIT now has a home page on the World Wide Web. The URL is: http://www.cco.caltech.edu/~ascit/
- Updated versions of the documents (Bylaws, Resolutions, etc.), current lists of Directors and Officers, and other useful information may be found on this site.

PUBLICATIONS
- The little t (the undergraduate handbook) is being distributed. Undergraduates, if you have not received a copy, please write for information from the little t Editors.
- The CLUB (Review of Courses) is also being distributed at this time. Students are encouraged to use the on-line (WWW) version, which will be activated within the next two weeks and accessible from the ASCIT WWW Page. Undergraduates who need a hard copy can pick one up at the Deans’ Office.
- The BIG T (yearbook) should be available for upperclassmen in the coming week. Please watch for information from the Big T Editors.
- If you are not an undergraduate and are interested in obtaining one of the publications, please contact the appropriate Editor.

MISC
- Clubs which plan to seek ASCIT funding for their general budgets should watch for information on this process in the coming week.
- Copies of ASCIT Board Minutes are available by mail or e-mail free of charge on request to students, faculty, and administrators. Requests should be sent to Secretary, ASCIT 64-58 or derkits@cco. The Minutes are also available on caltech.ascit.announce.


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Guide to Student Life at Caltech

by Su De Nym

ASCIT is the student government here at Caltech, but it’s not just a student government, it’s a corporation. ASCIT has had a busy year with several officers redesignated, several proposed amendments to the bylaws, and greatly increased student involvement and attendance at Board of Directors (BOD) meetings. This year has the potential for dynamic change in the organization of ASCIT. Be sure to scan the minutes from the Committee on Student Government (CSOG) and if you have questions or concerns to talk to one of the committee members and/or house and ASCIT officers. The committee chairman is Tom Macmurray.

Advice on those running for ASCIT officer: green petition forms of the type used when petitioning for reinstatement are available in the Office of the Dean of Students.

The “little t” is a student handbook. You should hunt down Michael Radford, Steven Skovran, Lauren Stadler, and Jennie Yoder and ask them to sign and distribute the books as soon as possible. These four did a really good job this year and should be congratulated once the books are distributed for people to see for themselves.

As of September 30, 1994

The honor system, as was surely drilled into at fresh camp, is one of the most cherished aspects of student life here. KEEP IT THAT WAY. And remember, even though we may trust each other, that doesn’t mean we can trust members of the Pasadena community at large. So, read the Crime and Incident Beat, lock up your bicycles, and make sure the doors to the computer rooms close the way. Report “suspicious persons” to security.

Something for the brave: get a copy of “Ride of the Valkyries” from Wagner’s Ring Cycle. Play it loud and often. (Wait till after rotation, though.)

Dish Day: a special event taking place tomorrow. Look for the white sheets.

About rotation: The upperclassmen are tired too. Just be glad you don’t have to go to a meeting on Saturday that can take up to 12 hours. But don’t be sad — you’ll be there in a year too.

Some things to ask super-super-seniors about if you can find one: MOISH Wild, life before DAPAC, Gwoho. Something to ask seniors about: Gary. Burger Continental is a popular food location among seniors. Be sure to suggest going there when with seniors. They’ll be ecstatic. And, don’t forget a fine tradition here at Caltech: when a group dines at a restaurant, and one bill comes for the entire party, it is the responsibility of the youngest non-math major to figure the bill. (Math majors can add: they’re too busy trying to prove that 1+1=2.)
The 4th Annual Free Information Fair and Student Activities Center (SAC) orientation will be held on Saturday, October 21, 1995 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the John J. Deutch Auditorium. This year's fair will feature over 200 representatives from a wide variety of organizations. The fair is open to the public. The Fair will provide an opportunity for students to learn about student organizations and other campus services.}

The Fair is sponsored by the Student Activities Center and the Student Life Office. The fair is free and open to all students. The fair will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Deutch Auditorium.

The fair will include representatives from various organizations, including student government, athletics, and community service groups. There will also be information available on campus activities, such as sports, clubs, and events. Attendees will have the chance to meet new people and learn about the many opportunities available at Caltech.

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