National Student Organizations Agree to Joint Efforts to Fight Cuts in Student Aid

submitted by Kevin Boyer

Washington, DC/Chicago, IL...The nation's national student organizations have joined forces to fight Congressional proposals to cut student aid. Representatives of key organizations met in Washington, DC/Chicago, IL yesterday to discuss one of the only joint meetings of major national student organizations in the history of the student activist movement.

Represented at the meeting were the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) based in Chicago, and the United States Student Association (USSA), U.S. Public Interest Research Group (U.S. PIRG), the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) and the American Student Association of College Majors (AMSA), all based in the Washington, DC, area.

The five organizations represent millions of undergraduate, graduate and professional students at more than 1,000 campuses throughout the United States. Other national student organizations have been invited to participate.

The student groups established the week of March 13 to March 20 for the meetings of the student activist movement, signed to make members of Congress aware of the need to continue federal support for student aid. In particular, the organizations hope that student aid programs will be made at the expense of our future business leaders, our future teachers, our future artists & thinkers. To deny many the opportunity to secure an education is a necessary result of significant cuts in student aid - to deny our country the rich benefits to be gained by an educated and productive population.

Students interested in participating in the cooperative efforts should contact their member of Congress March 13 to March 20 to work more closely with the student groups, make the following contacts:

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Glee Clubs Introduce Winter Concert Tonight

by Don Caldwell

Tonight at 8 p.m. in Dabney Lounge the Caltech Glee Clubs and Chamber Singers will present a Choral Concert featuring music by composer greats Henry Purcell, Igor Stravinsky and Benjamin Britten. Admission is free.

The combined Glee Clubs will sing the final movement of Stravinsky's 20th century masterwork the Symphony of Psalms. Written for the 50th anniversary of the Boston Symphony, the movement combines the timeliness of symphonic development with the lyricism of language. Inspired by such biblical imagery as dancing before the Ark and Elijah's chariot climbing to heaven.

The sixteen voice Chamber Singers will conclude the concert with the Song of the Mass, written by Stravinsky in the late Forties. This is a highly challenging work with many unusual rhythms creating music by doing so. It is one of Stravinsky's most challenging vocal pieces. Both Caltech Glee clubs hope you can attend.

Sailing Club Returns

There is good news for nauti-cal-minded Caltechers: the Caltech Sailing Club is back in action. Currently, the club possesses four boats (A two-man dinghy called Flying Junior) and has over forty members. Right now the club's main emphasis is on cruising. The Club has sponsored about one cruise each month since last fall, ranging from afternoon outings on 27 foot sloops to overnight cruises to Catalina Island aboard a 65 foot MacGregor. Possible future activities include racing, beginner lessons, and dinghy sailing, depending on interest in the club.

There will be a club meeting next Wednesday (March 8) at 4:00 in Winnett Lounge. During the meeting, topics ranging from lessons for beginners to starting a racing team will be discussed. Caltech stud­ ents, faculty, staff, employees, alumni, and friends are invited to attend. For further information, read the html http://caltech.edu/~sail/club.html.
Dick Feynman Opinio by Aimée Smith

Last week’s letter by Dennis brings up so many issues, it is hard to know where to begin, so I will limit myself to the most troubling ones.

First of all, it is frightening to see that not only does a student seem to believe that creative expression by certain individuals is justified merely because of the intentions behind the creation. It is, of course, the immediate manifestation of the consequences, he is willing to openly admit it. What exactly does Caltech do to ensure that such attitudes do not go uncorrected as the institution “arms” the students with the tools to engineer and improve on such “creative expressions” as tanks, missile guidance systems, etc.? Obviously not enough since I know of current students, alumni and even current faculty willing to work on just such projects. Feynman himself also seemed to misstep on such training. In the hours spent teaching himself math and physics and all the years of education, he clearly missed out on the human decency lessons of life. That must be how he managed to work long and diligently on man’s (not humanity’s) greatest tool for destruction to date without once stopping to wonder about how horrible it was. And even after he witnessed the successful test, genius that he was believed to be, couldn’t figure out why his colleague looked so down, while everyone else was celebrating. Only one asking them seemed to realize that it wasn’t the Fourth of July, and that the test wasn’t success for successes sake, but success toward ushering in a whole new era in violence technology. Mine is the generation that could never be sure that tomorrow would come...

Of course, the Atomic Bomb Project is only the most obvious example of how Feynman’s lack of forethought and/or lack of consideration for others has negatively affected individuals. As a woman at Caltech, it is hard not to wonder how her bladder would stand up to various texts (see Surely You’re Joking, Mr. Feynman, by Feynman himself., particularly chapter entitled, “You just ask them!”), and excerpt from Nobel Prize acceptance speech. A World Without Women, by Nobel prize laureate, here to dedicate at best and to harbor or abuse at worst, women who seek and have sought to become members of the scientific community. He clearly had very little intelligence when it came to dealing with women. He is proud to have thought of women as “bitches” and called one a “whore” in order to get them to sleep with him. Any half-way honest human being would be repelled by the idea of such a sexual encounter. But he, in his boyish enthusiasm, tells the tale as if it were an exciting scientific discovery. Here again he fails to consider the implications of his actions toward these women and toward his own sexuality. I would be horrified or happy to meet such a man.

A word of caution to Mr. Dennis or anyone else who slips into this same narrow way of thinking; it is important to remember that just because a person studies at the same place as you and perhaps shares some common interests does not mean that he or she will necessarily have the same values as you do or share a common list of heroes. For myself own list of heroes, Feynman is nowhere to be found, instead you will find people like Dr. Vandana Shiva, an Indian environmentalist who does excellent work on studying the impact of various so-called development projects around the world, Anne Frank, Harriet Tubman, Ghandi, Dr. Marie Curie-a scientist who fought to have her work be used for healing purposes only. These people are a few of those that I admire and look to for example. Mitra’s list is most likely different—it will reflect her beliefs, values and experiences and not ours. Therefore, she says that the solutions that he does out of her own personal experience are nonexistent. (Actually, it is well within the realm of the absurd.) This is not to say that Feynman’s arguments are original. It is the same old trick of trying to silence legitimate issues raised by a person who challenges the status quo, and it is the same old trick of trying to silence legitimate issues raised by a person who challenges the status quo. (The word电阻 missing from my hero list tried this by coining the terms “penis envy” and “thirty day Deportation on it. In spite of the fact that society bears out just the opposite sort of behavior. Karen Horny, a less well known psychoanalyst, had a competing theory she called “womb envy” which could possibly explain men’s continual efforts to control women’s bodies through legal, as called medical, or even violent means throughout history in western societies.) But perhaps I am losing some of you...

Lastly, no matter how brilliant people on campus may believe Feynman was, there is no way knowing that Mitra or anyone else here including staff isn’t just as, or perhaps even more, brilliant. In that case, more students and faculty need to approach everyone with respect and with an open ear (if the fact that we are all “fellow humans” isn’t enough for you), not to just cast off as “irrelevant” and pay no attention to learn from them?

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Super-Sized Phunnies
by Shumway, M.D.

Question 1: Where do you find baby soldiers?
Question 2: Where does a king keep his armies?
Question 3: Why did the cat join the Red Cross?
Question 4: What do you call a bunch of scared trees?
Question 5: If cats have 9 lives, is there anything with more lives?
Question 6: Why are restaurants dangerous?
Question 7: What do people hang up on the fourth of July?
Question 8: What is a comedian's favorite breakfast cereal?
Question 9: What is the correct way to file an axe?
Question 10: How do we know that owls are smarter than chickens?

Across
1. Young ewes
5. Ito, for one
10. Some wills?
14. Eye
15. From port to starboard
16. L.A. expertise
17. Round
18. Fat
20. Superlative suffix
21. Class Aves
22. Place near the 35-across
23. What 21-across does
25. Student house
26. Night wakener
28. Mulgrew of Voyager
29. British bar
32. Pachelbel had one
33. Magnet
35. What Stratford is on
36. Pigs
37. Milo's pal
38. Funny
40. Verboten
41. Higher trains
42. Region
43. Mickey, e.g.
44. Drinks
45. Goddess from Mars
46. Weighted
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Dear S&M:

I really liked the first episode of "Star Trek: Voyager," but the ones which followed were frighteningly reminiscent of most episodes of "The Moeon Generation."

What should I do?

S&M: We can sympathize with your dilemma. Right before "Star Trek: Generations" came out, we prayed to every god we knew (including some that had been recommended to us by an atheist) that the movie hadn't been written by the same people who worked on "Moeon." Clearly our fervent supplications went unheeded. And it appears that an equally unfortunate fate has befallen "Voyager." Your only solace lies in the fact that at least it's better than "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine." Perhaps you can satiate your need for quality science fiction television by watching "Baybbon Fire."

Dear S&M: My cat eats like a tortilla chip and salsa. I'm worried that he might be affected by the recent passage of Proposition 187.

What should I do?

S&M: It's a well-known fact that your cat does not have to be an illegal immigrant from Mexico to enjoy chips and salsa. Marc's cat Perky, in fact, has been known to steal some two on occasion and he's about as blue-collar American as a cat can be! Nevertheless, the fine print of Proposition 187 requires us to inform the L.N.S. that you may be harboring a feline alien.

Dear S&M: I like pomeles, but my significant other prefers grapefruit. What should I do?

S&M: Sit down with your significant other and, in a non-threatening and non-confrontational manner, inform them that they are completely insane. Anyone with even a small fraction of the normal number of human taste buds can clearly judge pomeles to be an astronomically superior fruit experience. Not that we're fanatics or anything. If your S.O. persists in asserting this incomprehensible preference, nod understandingly as you slowly back away towards the nearest exit. No what they say it's that it's refreshing to get a note from a multiple sclerosis sufferer. Maybe you could write a book. And make sure, above all else, to have a lot of expecives, media savvy lawyers. Except Alan Dershovers. That would be a sure sign of guilt. Good luck.

Dear S&M: Apparently "mabominable" is some sort of horrible explosive in Swedish. What should I do?

S&M: Don't worry, be happy! Inhabited by a pale and humreless people, Sweden offers nothing to the world, except good watches and cool army knives. Any odd aspects of their trilingual language can be ignored. What Swiss what? Oh. Well, this is rather embarrassing. Okay, forget what we said about the watches and knives. Sweden has actually enriched the world, not only with their patented Swedish massage, but also with ... uhhh

... with IKEA. Not that their language is any more significant than Switzerland's.

Dear S&M: Twilight is undoubtedly the fasted-tasting snack food on the face of the Earth. Which should I do?

S&M: Sigh. Not a week goes by that we don't receive another god-awful letter regarding the devil's own junk food, Twinkies. In fact, there's very much to say that space limitations prevent us from addressing the subject this week. In the near future we will devote an entire column to Twingies, provided we don't use our cookies just thinking about them.

Dear S&M: The Academy Award nominations this year seem to be a case of "What Didn't Stick" rather than "What Was Good." What should I do?

S&M: It's sad but true. Not every year brings us a "Robocop or a "Die Hard," or even a "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective." And think of the poor members of the Academy, who don't have the luxury of awarding the Oscar to "None of the Above." Yes, the only excitement this year will be in seeing if the award for Best Support- ing Actress can once again be the most amusing selection of the night. Although we can hardly wait to bask in the musical comedy of "That's a Gift with the Most," Billy Crystal. Somehow he makes it all worthwhile. At least that's never change!

Dear S&M: Another Friday night and I ain't got nobody. What should I do?

S&M: Friday night, eh? Well, you could give into peer pressure "that's a trend some drug, and alco- hol-saturated raucous party, waking up the next morning with some stranger, hopefully of your preferred gender. OR, you could treat yourself to the stylist's sounds of the Caltech Glee Club, who are giving a free concert tonight in Dalney Lounge. And if their melodious harmonies aren't enough to tempt you, they also have free refreshments for concert-goes after the perfor- mance. Remember, they don't call them the "Glee" club for nothing!

Dear S&M: No matter how hard I try, I still inevitably refer to him as "Prince." What should I do?

S&M: As luck would have it, both of us were members of the Committee to Determine a New Designation for the Artist Formerly Known as Prince. Unfortunately, none of our suggestions were adopted by the committee, but you are certainly welcome to use any of them. Our first choice was the (admittedly) lengthy "The Repulsive Runt who Appollonias Wouldn't Have Even Bothered to Spit On if He Hadn't Somehow Turned Her into a Star." Next was the catchy "That Purple-Clad Loony Tune." And finally, the best yet oddly appealing "Shiminee."
Space 101 Makes a Big "Impact"
by Ross Brown

This last Saturday, the Caltech Space Society held an educational conference for Los Angeles area high-schoolers. About 35 students from diverse backgrounds visited Caltech for a day of workshops on space. This year the theme was "Impact"—discussions about the possibility of an extraterrestrial object hitting the Earth.

The students were accompanied by their teachers and, in some cases, parents as they learned about the different aspects of this threat. Many of the questionnaires the students filled out afterwards were very positive and many couldn’t wait until next year’s Space 101 conference.

Following a keynote address on Shoemaker-Levy 9 by Dr. Goodstein, the students were divided into two groups. Both of these groups rotated through the four workshops that day: Science, Technology, Policy, and World Wide Web exploration. Each workshop consisted of a lecture followed by an activity to demonstrate the concepts learned.

Devon McClain gave the science lecture. The science curriculum was developed at MIT for this conference, and was ready to be used by students here at Tech. After the Science lecture, the attendees got to make their own comet with dry ice, dirt, water, and assorted other house-hold items. After they built their comets, they got to watch them fall off of Millikan Library into a wading pool filled with dirt and toppled off with flour. This demonstrated cratering quite well! Each comet reached a velocity of 70 miles an hour before digging out a crater in the pool.

The Technology section was led by Ross Brown, who gave a short talk on the technology we possess to knock out an intruder. He also talked about the orbital dynamics involved. To demonstrate the Keplerian motion of the planets and asteroids, Ross had them pull marbles and small balls around on a trampoline. The trampoline’s center was deflected downward by a weight, producing “curved space.”

Cherith Bauer led the Policy workshop. The attendees heard about rational choice, game theory and other concepts used to study political dynamics. The focus was on situations where a comet or asteroid was going to hit the Earth, thereby creating a tense political climate. The students then engaged in a debate on the issues raised by the discussion.

An unusual highlight of Space 101 was an internet session. Steve Van Hooser led a one-hour-long journey through the space links of the World Wide Web. Additionally, Steve and Scott Driggs collaborated to create an up-to-date summary of the conference on the CSS homepage. Students were able to see pictures of themselves building comets, listening to a lecture, or browsing on the internet within twenty minutes of its occurrence! Check it out at http://eds.client.arizona.edu/ (select the CSS homepage).

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Fire Alarm Activation
On February 23, at approximately 1:40 am, a fire alarm pull stations were activated. Four activated in the Student Activity Center, one activated in Blacker House and one activated in Ricketts House. Security responded to the alarm activations, Black ash marks were discovered on the front door of room 42 in Blacker House, no other apparent cause for activation.

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Crime and Incident Beat
270 Holliston at 3:55 PM. Security responded, subject was no longer in the area.

Bike Theft
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Automobile Theft
Blue Mazda RX-7 valued at $3000 was taken from the West Wilson Lot. Victim parked vehicle on February 21, at noon. Upon returning on February 23, at noon, discovered the vehicle missing. Pasadena Police department notified.

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Fencing Beavers Tear Through Conference

by Austin B. Collins

Last weekend, Caltech's winningest athletic team finished up its regular season at Long Beach State. At the end of the day, three of Caltech's five different fencing teams had claimed placing in the top 3 in this conference. A Division 1 NCAA conference, by the way, including the likes of UCLA and Long Beach.

The newest nuisance to those that must fund the trophy cabinets in the new gym is Caltech's women's épée team, which took third in the conference, despite being recruited late into the season. Their opposition had more candidates, more time to train, and better equipment. None of this was enough, however, to over- come this particular group of armed Caltech students.

Armed Caltech students are be- coming a more and more common sight in awards ceremonies in this divi- sion, as our women's fief team made their second straight year in appearance at this year's award ceremony, claim- ing third place for the second year in a row. Moreover, in the female foil, Michelle, claimed third place in the individual rankings as well.

Caltech's sabre brought a sense of déjà vu to this year's proceedings, taking first place in the division for the fourth year in a row. Also, tak- ing first place for the fourth year in a row was Kevin Bruce, setting a record by becoming the first individual to win the sabre title four years in a row. The other sabre teams in the land cheered loudly as it was announced that this was Kevin's final year, but were dismayed by the ranking of sophomore sabre fencer Austin Collins — who placed second in the division, right behind Kevin.

All in all, Caltech brought home 1 trophy, 3 individual medals, and 15 plaques — and that was just prac- tice. That's right, just practice, be- cause this weekend's meet is the last test of the Caltech fencing team. This weekend is the Western Regional Championships, featuring all the good schools from this division, with the Air Force Academy and Stanford thrown in just to make things inter- esting.

And interesting things will be. With only one member graduating from both Air Force's and Caltech's sabre teams, Air Force will be back and looking for revenge after Caltech humiliated them 6-3 last year.

This year's team has worked all year for this one competition — and it shows in our fencing. So if you see a fencer, shake their hand or give 'em a hearty slap on the back. They've earned it.

Oh yeah, and tell them to kick some specimens defeated this week- end at Western Regionals.

Volleyball Team Dominates at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational

by Rich Chin

Last Saturday, the 25th of Febru- ary, eight teams met at Pomona-Pitzer for the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational Tournament. The teams included repre- sentatives from Cal Poly Pomona, Pacific Christian College, Mount Saint Antioch College, Southern California College, Claremont-McKenna, two ene­ nies from Pomona-Pitzer (Blue and White), and Caltech. Right from the start, the teams realized that it would be as much a test of endurance as one of power and precision. The format: two-four team pools, with matches in pool-play to best-of-three, after which the teams again would have to com­ pete in best-of-three games per match in playoffs. Pool play was set to start at 9 a.m. in the morning, and the champi­ onship match was projected to occur at 7 p.m.

The first match of Caltech's pool was between Pomona-Pitzer Blue and Caltech. These two teams already had a history at Pomona as Caltech had lost to Pomona on January 31st in a 5-set heartbreaker. Pomona started quickly, exploiting miscommunication in the Caltech defense and a sluggish offense. However, momentum was to swing to Caltech halfway through the second game as they soon dominated the net.

The second game started much like the first. This time, however, Caltech was able to take the second game, 14-16. Also, credit must go to Wiberg and Edwards, who mercilessly ran up the score, bringing the net defense almost to an end. Coupled with precision serving by Chin and Edwards, who mercilessly picked up on Mt. SAC's weaker links, Caltech was able to take the first game, 15-10. In the second game, Mt. SAC started with freshmen Varshavsky and Chin, and grunted out a victory, 18-16. However, credit must go to Wiberg and Lowenger in figuring out the CMS offense and backing up the serves with monstrous blocks. Unfortunately, the necessity of the change-up in the rotation was to cost Caltech the first seed position as it narrowly lost the third game, 14-16.

Second seed still meant advance- ment into the championship bracket, though, and Caltech was scheduled to meet the first seed of the other pool. In this case, it meant facing Pomona-Pitzer White. Again, Caltech started slowly, letting Pomona develop a fair lead in the first game. But the passing began to form up, and Lowenger started pounding away balls almost at will. Stuff DeMack and Ken Wiberg shut down the Pomona middle attack, and Caltech took the game, 16-14. The middle also became potent offensive weapons as the match continued, and, compounded with everything else, Caltech rolled in both the second and the semifinal match, 15-4.

On a somewhat surprising con­ dition to the earlier semifinal, Caltech faced Mt. SAC in the finals. It took a little time to figure out exactly how to shut down their offense, but Wiberg, Demack, Lowenger, and Edwards soon dominated the net. Coupled with precision serving by Chin and Edwards, who mercilessly picked up on Mt. SAC's weaker links, Caltech was able to take the first game, 15-10. In the second game, Mt. SAC started with a vengeance, trying its hardest to bash past the block and de- fense with sheer power. Wiberg came up with Caltech's response by roofing Mt. SAC's best hitter 3 times, consecu­ tively. As coach Aaron Kiely later said, "Everything clicked at the right time," and Caltech took the championship, 15-11.

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The meet ended with a satisfactory showing in awards ceremonies in this divi- sion, as our women's fief team made their second straight year in appearance at this year's award ceremony, claim- ing third place for the second year in a row. Moreover, in the female foil, Michelle, claimed third place in the individual rankings as well.

Caltech sabre brought a sense of déjà vu to this year's proceedings, taking first place in the division for the fourth year in a row. Also, tak- ing first place for the fourth year in a row was Kevin Bruce, setting a record by becoming the first individual to win the sabre title four years in a row. The other sabre teams in the land cheered loudly as it was announced that this was Kevin's final year, but were dismayed by the ranking of sophomore sabre fencer Austin Collins — who placed second in the division, right behind Kevin.

All in all, Caltech brought home 1 trophy, 3 individual medals, and 15 plaques — and that was just prac- tice. That's right, just practice, be- cause this weekend's meet is the last test of the Caltech fencing team. This weekend is the Western Regional Championships, featuring all the good schools from this division, with the Air Force Academy and Stanford thrown in just to make things inter- esting.

And interesting things will be. With only one member graduating from both Air Force's and Caltech's sabre teams, Air Force will be back and looking for revenge after Caltech humiliated them 6-3 last year.

This year's team has worked all year for this one competition — and it shows in our fencing. So if you see a fencer, shake their hand or give 'em a hearty slap on the back. They've earned it.

Oh yeah, and tell them to kick some specimens defeated this week- end at Western Regionals.

Caltech Track Team Ready for Season

by Dan Kleinman

On a gray day, the Caltech men's and women's track teams had plenty of bright spots as they finished second and eighth, respec­ tively, in an eleven team invita­ tional Saturday. Theirเบรรiness that an individual and team, served notice to the rest of the conference that this year's track teams are planning to do some damage at the confer­ ence meet.

For the women, a squad built by injury still managed to turn in a performance that somewhat exceeded expectations. Sophomore Radhika Reddy carried the Lady Beavers out on the right foot with a win in the women's first event, the 10K. Callin Henderson finished the Caltech sweep of the distance events with wins in the 3000 and 5000, both in personal best times. Amy Oldenburg also finished in the money for Tech, with a sixth place showing in the discus in addition to her fourth place performance in the javelin.

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Joining the women's team at tomorrow's meet is the men's team, which turned in impressive performances of its own last Saturday. Though they, too, could not win the distance events, the guy Beavers started quickly, with freshmen Brad Nakasian and Harmesh Lakhani finishing third and fourth in the 10K. Matt Metz showed his quick­ ness over hurdles through a feath­ er in the 110 hurdles and a second in the 400 hurdles. Jun­ ior Rob Bergron continued a feath­ ered season with a personal best of 52.94 in the 400 in addition to his 23.75 in the 200. Ron Stieger finished less than one-half second out of scoring in the 800 with a strong race, again coming from behind to pull in the leaders on the second lap. Art Greenberg showed his versatility through several events, highlighted by a personal best long jump and fourth place in that event. The meet ended with the 4x100 relay team running their fastest time of the year in order to hold off Concordia Col­ lege, in from Minnesota, by only a few yards, crossing the line in sec­ ond place.

The men's second place finish showed that they are ready for whatever the conference throws at them. The Beavers have several strong All-Conference Candidates on both the men's and women's teams. The battle for conference titles starts tomorrow on the Tech track at 11 a.m.
“Good fences make good neighbors,” or so the saying goes. In bridge, “building a fence” means making life easy on partner, so maybe the saying ought to go, “good fences make good partners.”

Playing a regional Swiss with a strong partner and good teammates we got blitzed early and are on the comeback trail. In the last match, we cannot win the event, but a big win will see us through to second place. We have obtained a helpful draw for the last round.

No one vulnerable, I pick up in third position

$+1042$

$J9753$

$OQJI05$

$+10$

Partner leads the $03$ and I see $\text{+J9653}_v$ $\text{vKQ42}_o$ $\text{oKQ86}_v$ $\text{+10}$ $\text{+J9753}_o$ $\text{+QJ105}_o$ $\text{+10}$

Declarer nonchalantly discards a small heart from dummy and I am thinking, luckily. The normal play here is the $010$, but I think that is wrong. We play Smith Echo, which means that I can high-low in the first suit declarer plays to show that I like the opening lead suit. With this partner, I have the express agreement that a Smith Echo shows the next higher honor. If I play the ten and Smith, partner will still not know where the $OQ$ is and will not be sure to continue the suit. No, it must be better to play the concealing the Ten temporarily. I’ll then Smith to show the Queen, and when partner underleads his other honor to me, I can play the Ten, making all clear.

I play the $J$ to trick one and declarer wins the trick with the King. He cashes the $+AK$, averring possession of the $OQ$. Declarer continues with a small club and partner smartly hops up with the Ace and plays a small diamond. My Ten and Queen hold, of course, and we run the diamond suit. Partner also cashes the $+Q$ for down two.

This is an 11-IMP pickup, since our teammates find $5+$ on this hand, making an overtrick. Declarer has bid badly; he held $+AKJ764K86$, which was not enough. Luckily, we were able to make him pay for it.

The 11 IMPs help produce a full blitz; we end up second in the event.
ASCIT MINUTES

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should be at the Athenaeum, and Jon says it's "really cool to have it somewhere else." If we hold it off campus, most faculty might attend because they're always at the Ath. Students would also prefer off-campus. However, off-campus costs a lot more than the Ath. Greg will talk with some people before finalizing a date (to remove the possibility of conflict) and he'll look around for places off campus and their schedules. May 29th is extremely tentative. Also, the point comes up that if we could get the dorms could come, they might want to, but we'd have to limit their numbers (or they might outnumber the number of Caltech undergrads there).

Gaing also submits a revised proposal for his idea of replacing multihouse funding with $200/week-end. He admits that the house social directors wouldn't want their money so restricted. Kim gave Tom a hazy answer on a replacement for multihouse funding. Tom brought up the idea at the IHC, and the only comments he received were opposed to the idea. However, last term, Page, Lloyd, Ruddock, and Blacker didn't use their multihouse funds. Most people (James, Tom, and Ken) think this will lead to big parties every weekend and that this is very undesirable for some people.

Many questions arise, most dealing with the nature of how ASCIT should fund social activities and what it should be funding. Eventually, we come to the obvious consensus that we should "fund programs to benefit the student body," and opinions on the weekend idea are mostly negative.

James and Tom are throwing around a paper airplane that clearly wouldn't fly if it were tied to a bird.

Ken will definitely have an ARC (Academics and Research Committee) by next term (we need to appoint the reps at large). Ken also is not in charge of the Clar this year, as our new by-laws make the Director for Academic Affairs responsible for the Clar in the school year after they take office. Thus, Flora Ho should be doing the Clar this year (everyone is happy about this, even though Ken will do a good job next year).

People push the table around a lot. It ends up right where it started.

Kanna brings up the food issue again. She too wants food for meetings. Serious discussion about how we might acquire food.

James: Maria Satterwhite and John Joseph Caruso are the new ROC reps at large. He also asks about the Chem 1 grading policy. The general consensus is that first term was awful, but the policy second term is good.

Josi briefly mentions the SAIG again (when they're meeting, what will they do?)

CLOSED-DOOR SESSION (not an actual closed-door session, or else I'd be in big trouble for printing it)

- Lloyd, Page, Ruddock, Blacker, and Fleming all get their $200 for multihouse funding for second term.
- Discussion on extra funding for OPE. PSSSSST... post... pssSSSS... hush... HUSH. post.
- Everybody agrees that ASCIT shouldn't give extra money to any one particular house, regardless of circumstances. Thus, the vote not to give Ruddock extra money for OPE passes 5-0-3.
- Everybody leaves. Dave complains that we need to close the meeting and is ignored, so meeting closes by default.
- Submitted respectfully,
  David Reiley, ASCIT Secretary

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The Caltech Y is planning a biking trip on Moab Mountain between March 27th and April 1st. If you are interested in joining in, please contact Chris at the Y, extension 6163.

The Alumni Association is sponsoring small lunches for alumni, students, and faculty. Any student or small groups of students interested in meeting alumni and having lunch with them are welcome to call Karen at extension 6595 or e-mail her at karen_carson @starbase.caltech.edu. The Alumni Association also has funding available for student organizations that encourage interaction between students and alumni. Please contact Karen for more information or to get an application form. The application deadline is March 15th, with funding to be approved by the Student/Faculty/Alumni Relations Committee of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

The Totem is now accepting submissions! All undergraduates, graduates, and faculty are welcome to submit poems, short stories, essays, photos, art, music, or any original compositions. The Totem is also looking for a creative cover design for this year’s volume. Designs should be drawn in ink and be 8 ½ “ x 11 “. Please limit designs to two colors. The winner will receive $25 and a free, autographed copy of The Totem! The deadline for both talent searches is April 14th. Send all submissions either by e-mail (totem@tech.caltech.edu), mail (MSC 990), or by foot (Page, room 132).

Sharyn Slavin, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, and Stan Bonodinsky, Student Affairs Administrator, invite you to stop by the Coffeehouse on Friday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. to talk with them. All students are welcome, and free drinks will be available. Please drop by and get to know Sharyn and Stan. They will be happy to answer questions or provide assistance.

The AIDS Service Center presents “Just Say Know,” a free educational support group that will explore different topics related to HIV and AIDS. “Just Say Know” will meet every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. through March 21st at the AIDS Service Center, 126 West Del Mar Boulevard, Pasadena. To participate, call Tom Drake at (818) 398-4553.

The Caltech Muslim Student Association will hold Muslim Friday Prayers weekly in the Y-lounge at 12:15 p.m.

“Take a Break and Spend Some Time with Friends.” The office of the International Student Programs would like to invite you to our Open House for coffee, tea and conversation. Every Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the office of International Student Programs, Olive Walk. Open to the entire Caltech community.

NEW: The California Tech would like you to help! We are especially looking for photographers now, but anything will do. Come to the meeting on 12:15 today in the Coffeehouse, or talk to a current editor.
the Tools must show Sunday.

Talks, Lectures, and Seminars

Wed. Last spring, actor full staff scientist at the JPL guardian of the JPL the Thunderdome and the Lemelson Center mortar as "The Universe and Climate: Golfing from the Golf Course to the Lemelson Center drone is needed to enter the competition. The competition will give computers, poetry, prose, fiction, and non-fiction

The American Association of University Women-Diversion Money Bank will be holding its annual Essay Contest for undergraduate and graduate students with a detention- related interest in Scandinavia. Applicants must have strong academic qualifications and more than financial need. The total number of applications will be limited to 40.

The American Society of University Women is awarding scholarships to graduate and undergraduate students to study the world of women (current freshmen, sophomores, 18 or over; male students, and women (current freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors in the study of travel, African literature, and the humanities). The competition will be held in the summer of 1996.

New York City Public Schools are holding auditions for the production of "A Choral Concert, sung by the Children’s Chorus of New York City, at the United Nations, New York City. The competition will be held in the summer of 1996.

The John Gyles Education Fund is again this year offering financial assistance to students in the United States and Canada in the language of English. The competition will be held in the summer of 1996.

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FINDVSP is offering eight scholarships totaling $5,000. Under the "Dine with the Dean" Scholarship Program, eligible applicants may apply for two $5,000 awards with 300 FINDVSP members and a service and a paid summer internship for its fall of 1995 must be in an undergraduate or graduate degree program in business, library science, computer technology, information studies, market research, and business economics. No legal residence is a legal residence of the U.S. Complied application materials must be postmarked no later than April 28, 1995.

The University of California, Los Angeles is offering four $1,000 scholarships to undergraduates and graduate students with a detention-related interest in Scandinavia. Applicants must be undergraduate or graduate students. The competition will be held in the summer of 1996.

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