Frosh to be Graded in 1996

by Zackary Berger

Froshmen will be graded third term under a change approved by the Faculty Board on Monday. The vote was 20 to 4 for approving a plan recommended last fall by the faculty's Core Curriculum Task Force, and most recently by Dean of Students Rod Kiewiet. The new policy will take effect during the coming academic year.

During second term, froshmen will be told what grades they would have received; however, these "nostalgic ('shadow') grades" will appear only on the midterm and final progress reports (disappearing after three or four weeks' time), and will not be accessible to the Registrar's office or any outside bodies. First term will remain pass-fail.

Also according to the plan, froshmen will be allowed an additional 9 units of pass-fail coursework (over and above the pass-fail units currently allowed upperclassmen) which can be used during the graded third term. Whether these extra units can be applied to freshman classes in the curriculum is still unclear, however.

Most of these in favor of reintroducing graded coursework during third term have cited the current laxity of freshman study habits. Dean Kiewiet outlined a different argument in his proposal to the Board: "The problem is instead that [freshmen] sign up for too many classes. [...] (Taking all their courses on a pass-fail basis) induces many of our freshmen... to take many too courses. [...] They are thus not as well prepared as they should be for their sophomore classwork."
Errata

In a long-standing California Tech tradition, an error was printed in Mitra Hartmann's letter from last week. The line that read..."of cultivated obvious­ness..." should read..."of cultivated oblivious­ness..." Sorry for any con­fusion.

The California Tech would also like to apologize for a typo on page 2 of this list. It should have read...lower left corner of the Let­ters to the Editor section, the title reads "Errata." The correct title should be..."Erratum..."...no...wait...I guess it is correct, so there's only one error...um...oh, maybe we'll sort it out by next week.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Tech Editors:

Regarding your "Crime & Inci­dent Brief" of 4/7/95, the story about someone who was "approached by a Male requesting money to get to the Bay area..." For what it's worth, this is probably the person who makes a career of the same story. A black male, maybe 5’10” to 6’, sturdy build, with glasses. I've crossed his path once or twice a year for well over ten years, and it's always the same. I've run into him on Lake and on Colorado (both in stores and on the street) and once at the Santa Ana Fashion Plaza. His opening line is "Do you drive?" or "Can I ask a fa­vor of you?" If you give him any opening at all, he will follow you for a long time, talking about how he needs money to get to Oakland. He can become very obnoxious: He may accuse you of being a racist or a righ­t-wad, or even vaguely threaten to rob you. I guess there's nothing illegal about this, so I've never tried to turn him in. There don't seem to be any point in debating him or trying to argue, so these days I just say "Sorry, no" and go about my business. I know several other people who have run into him; I'll be if he asks a few locals, you'll find this is a familiar story to many. I think he's just a harmless jerk, but it would be nice if he could be stopped. Somebody must be giving him money since he keeps coming back. Maybe printing a warning would help.

David Rolfe (class of '77)

Dear California Tech:

The dominant and unidirectional emotion of the modern age is envy — more precisely, not merely the desire to expropriate greatness but the de­sire to abolish it. A favorite of the mediocrities—muggers is to un­cover feet of clay whether or not such actually exist. While these expedi­dions need not be answered, they ne­ither are affected by philosophical argu­mentation nor deserve the implicit sanction conferred by in— the sanc­tion of being admitted into the realm of honest disagreement. Failing to grasp these admirably complicated points, Chris Ansal has mistaken my undoubtedly bumbling polemics against Feynman's detractors for an obstinately dialectical. Nevertheless, I congratulate him on a gag the pro­portions of which exceed even my standards of admissibility, in the form of which we can only be understood as a surreptitious addition to the list of Orwellian contradictions. We have "Freedom is Slavery", "Ignorance is Strength", "War is Peace", and now "A Feynman/Hartmann fan."

Eric Dennis

Dear California Tech:

I feel that it is my duty to com­plain about reckless students. As this letter will make clear, I would sooner lose my temper than become one of Ken Walsh's tools. We all need to be aware of each other's existence as intelligent, feeling, human beings, even if some of us are wretched kneeb­iters. He needs to stop out of the dark ages. Can't you figure that out for yourself, Ken? His writings are misleading and deceptive. His diatribes constitute one of the many con­tradictions in our culture period. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we lived in a world without unpre­paredness? There is little doubt that none of what Ken says carries any weight.

To be sure, most of us suspect that he is a truly chauvinistic, but he is so politically incorrect, I could poke. But I digress. He has become immensely disrespectful over since childhood. He is obviously trying to overthrow democratic political sys­tems, and unless we act now, he'll really succeed. I can hardly contain myself from getting into a laughing fit when I see one of these self-satisfied diatribes. There is a problem here. A very large, shabby, inartic­ulate... There could be sensible talk without talk­ing about alarmism.

Chris Foley

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Feynman Lives!

by The Asymmetric Cyclops

Feynman is alive and well and living in Pasadena. It is obvious! There must be some frame of reference in which he is alive! This fact is so trivial that the proof is left up to the reader. As you are reading this newspaper, it's too late to deny it now. I am sure you now probably think I am quite mad. This is not necessarily a bad state of existence, it is simply not the case. I can feel the air of Feynman emanating from all over the place whenever I'm on campus.

Feynman was not reborn, as he never died! Despite what all the letters to the editor may imply, his brain is still humming inside a jar. This jar is, of course, insulated from the real world as all self-respecting jars should be. If one looks closely, one can see that Feynman’s brain is still energizing the jar. I’m not sure, but I think it’s being kept somewhere in Mead Laboratory. Some Chem. 3a students are probably studying it even as you read this just to see how Feynman’s brain ticks. Oh, and for all those who thought that Feynman’s escapades, the inner workings of his brain have not caused the jar to perform such deeds as deactivating waiters. (The brain is being given nutrients daily by people serving as waiters.) In fact, such facts about personal properties and personality are often not available to one's intelligence anyway. Intellectual properties and personality are mutually exclusive, and should never be linear.

Anyway, I think the entire Caltech community is going to have to be careful. I think that Feynman’s brain is planning to rule the world. Every intellectual wants to do that at some point in his/her life. It is part of the evolutionary process of the clockwork mind. Feynman’s time just happens to be now. It will, however, be difficult, as he has no body with which to work. Caltech is not safe, however, because possession of somebody else’s body is not entirely out of the question. There is one thing that is even more worrisome than that. You guessed it. Feynman himself has broken the Honor Code by keeping himself alive! His brain should have died when the rest of his body did. By its preservation, he has obtained an unforeseen advantage over the rest of the Caltech community. He apparently never informed anybody about how to do this. Consequently, we will not be able to obtain such a long life as this preservation promises. If the brain were still producing knowledge useful to others, that would be one thing! However, it is not producing anything useful. It is already deteriorating and is now living as a living creature. It just won’t die; we must therefore kill it and allow it to be remembered for its intellectual prowess and the rest of the body was still alive! Teachers unite!

Sorry that I got carried away there for a while. I really don’t want to be a revolutionary. I simply conform too much to be able to do that. However, this little interlude was meant to be a serious one and raises a few points that have to, in some extent, been raised by others. It’s good that both Feynman’s intellectual products and his memory are still alive. It’s also good that there has been a ministries of sorts about him in the Temple of the Heroes have been, at the very minimum, entertaining. It is true that some of his detractors have eclipsed his exemplar, but that should not be allowed to detract from his genius. The intellect and the personality are, after all, separate entities in time. Moreover, these intellects and personalities have done things that were questionable at best. Many people were probably even amused by these actions. In the future, many other scientists may do regrettable things. Some American inventors and scientists of the early 20th century were motivated by profit, which, though not ignoble, is not exactly commendable either. Many students at Caltech (many of whom will be mine, eh?) are motivated similarly. Scientists (and other intellectuals) are not immune from abject behavior (and motives), but that should have no bearing on their intellectual abilities, or necessarily on their quasi-legendary status, in the case of Feynman. Finally, people (including Feynman) who are occasionally ignoble are often not even bad people. The fact that Feynman wrote about his misadventures in his book does not necessarily make him bad either. He probably wrote it because he felt it and amused his readers, and there is certainly nothing wrong with that. Even geniuses make mistakes; their intellect should not change people’s judgment of such mistakes.

Dichotomy of the Caltech Mystic

by Shevran Shabab

“To train the creative type of scientist or engineer urgently needed in our educational framework, and industrial development.” While the educational mission of Caltech hasn’t changed since the time of the original trustees, the image of Caltech is quite disparate to the youth of today’s high schools.

From reasons for wanting to ignore stereotypical ideas about the life at Caltech, conceptions of this noble institution are diverse. As one senior from Beverly Hills High School put it, “Caltech is an institution of science geeks who are obsessed with science.” In reality, however, Caltech is much more than that. It is a member of both the NCAA Division III and the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Caltech also offers more than 70 sororities and clubs including the American Chemical Society, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

A more lucid observation of Caltech was made by a senior from Beverly Hills High School who has been accepted. She stated, “It’s extremely academic, however, there are many extracurricular opportunities available to broaden your horizon.” Indeed, a corporation run by the undergraduate student body known as the Associated Students of Caltech, University of California, Inc., is involved in many areas of student life. It oversees the publication of the weekly student newspaper (which you are reading right now!), a directory, the yearbook, research opportunities handbook, a course review, and a literary magazine. ASCIT also sponsors many of the diverse special-interest clubs and organizations found on campus.

However, notions, like that of a sophomore at Francis Polytechnic Math/Science/Technology Magnet High School, that students at Caltech “don’t have any social life” are completely off the mark. Many students do not have the time to enjoy many other aspects of life; this can be attributed to the difficult courses offered and the rigorous schedules some students attempt.

Perhaps the most interesting of the stereotypes and ideas of Caltech is that of a freshman at El Camino Real High School, who said, “They (students at Caltech) a bunch of pranksters.” The famous charging of the Hollywood Sign to read “Caltech” that was accomplished years ago is still remembered by people around the area. Equally as remembered is the “hacking” into the electronic sign at the Rose Bowl to make it display a score showing Caltech defeating MIT and pictures of beavers, the mascot of both schools. Caltech has definitely bad its share of outrageous shenanigans.

Even the reasons some people apply are due to the stereotypes of Caltech; a junior from Beverly Hills High School stated that he wants to get into Caltech not necessarily to go there but to use his acceptance later in life when applying “for jobs...Let’s say you want to go there for gradu­ate school.” While in essence a good idea, it is perhaps a little pretentious to do such a thing.

There are, however, some improvements of Caltech; a junior from Van Nuys Math/Science/Magnet High School perhaps said it best when he was said, “As far as science and math go, it’s the best school that is available.”
Present: The BOD (Dave and Melissa are late) + Angie, Jane, Nathan, and Mason

Meeting starts at 10:05.

New time for the ASCIT minutes meetings is Wednesdays at 4:00 PM. At least this will be the time next week.

Jane wants funding for CCF ice cream for preprofresh weekend. Last year’s BOD gave them funding with the stipulation that the students did something (whether or not preprofresh wanted to be a part of CCF) would not be put out. This year’s BOD has no troubles with the treat sheet. Motion to give CCF $100 and let them put out the sheet passes 7-0-1. Jane and Nathan leave.

Angie makes an argument that there would be no need to contain mockery of any members of Caltech as this may constitute a violation of the honor code. James stresses the point that he is the BOC chair and such a statement should be presented to him because it is viewed as a formal violation of the honor code. Angie thinks the BOD should “set an example” for the Caltech students, but this is not how she thought there would be no harm and that he gave thought to the minutes that he was prepa ring to campus. Angie wishes no ill will, and leaves.

Melissa says Jeff will come next week.

Of the three candidates for Tech Business Manager, only James is at the meeting, so the interviews are put off. Gavin and Mason agree that the Tech could hire people on a part time basis until the appointments are held.

All the students walk in, and the BOD harasses him.

Mason swears an insult to the editors of the Tech for not showing up. Once again, Mason makes the case for funding for the Inside World as a publication separate from last under the control of the Tech. Mason says the absence of advertising in the IW causes the Tech to lose money. Even though the IW causes more students to read the Tech, the IW still exists in the space without contributing advertising revenue and worse, from the BOD’s point of view, the Tech is now more expensive.

Mike Zeineh enters. He talks for the damaged speakers in the Jam room, gives us a budget request, and says that he can’t be at Saturday’s meeting. Mike gives the BOD some budget requests and briefly discusses the budget. The point is made that many houses and ASCIT members have used Jam Room equipment over the past year, and people at other institutions are envious of Caltech’s Jam Room.

Mike leaves.

Tom is backing up a lung.

The BOD discusses the budget. Funding will be done in the traditional order of clubs first, ASCIT events second.

Ken says the ARC sat down and gave us a paper on the applications and chose the two at-large members of the ARC (Jessica Chang & Jennifer Miller). The ARC will meet soon to discuss jury proposals and to possibly put together a survey. James and Ken leave.

Jon tabulated the survey results and got the same numbers Dave Derkens did when he tabulated them. Jon also says that at the Faculty Board meeting, it was decided that freshmen will be put on third term grad students and second term grad students effective next year. The motion to abolish the D grade was tabled.

Respectfully submitted.

David Reyeza
ASCIT secretary

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Cubism for Fun

Selected by Wei-Hwa Huang

This week, we celebrate the cube, which has intrigued us since the days of Delius. Have fun!

1. Terry Moran asks you to create a cube from six equilateral triangles.

2. The diagram shows a way to cut a cube into eight congruent parts. (Ignore the letters for now). If allowed to glue parts together after cutting, can you cut the cube into 17 congruent parts?

3. The previous way to cut a cube into 8 parts requires 4 cuts. (A, B, C, and D cuts). To cut into 27 little cubes requires 6 cuts. Finally, for 64 little cubes we need 9 cuts. Or do we? What if we’re allowed to stack the pieces before cutting? Can you do it in less than 9 cuts? Can you prove the number is minimal?

4. Draw line segments AB and BC of the cube. What measure of angle ABC (on 3-space)?

5. Can you place 16 knights on a chessboard to that each knight attacks four others?

6. What does question 5 have to do with cubes?

7. Find all the five-digit numbers which have the property that when you add the first two digits to the last two digits, you get a cube. For instance, 141 squared is 19,881, and if we add 19 and 81 we get 100, which is a cube. Well, you get the idea.

8. 407 + 64 + 433 + 43 + 0 + 7. What other numbers have this property?

9. We just bought a set of twelve cubes, each of integer side lengths ranging from 1 to 12. All of them have the same volume, but a different color is painted on each of them. For instance, one of the cubes is grey.

Games & Puzzles

Playing with a balance scale, we noticed that:

- Orange and Black balances Yellow and Green.
- White, Orange, and Red balance Black, Pink, and Green.
- White, Brown, and Green balance Orange, Red, and Brown balance Violet and Green.
- White balances Red, Blue, and Ten.

Sort the colors of the blocks by weight.

Send your answers to get@tech by e-mail only. The person with the most correct answers will win $10. The deadline is Tuesday, April 18 by 8:00 pm. Don’t be late!!

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An Evening at the Ice House

by Krishna Gidwani

As I was opening my mailbox the other day, I expected to find the usual inside—nothing. However, I was shocked and amazed to find a yellow piece of paper in my box saying that I had won up to fifteen free tickets to see a show at The Ice House. Since the card said "free," I figured that I had nothing to lose. So, last Sunday night a few friends and I went to The Ice House for dinner and a show.

The Ice House is celebrating its thirty-fifth anniversary this year, which makes it the oldest continuously operating comedy club in the entire country. Throughout the years Jay Leno, David Letterman, Sinbad, Jerry Seinfeld, and yes, even Kenney Rogers have performed there. Currently, The Ice House is helping to launch the careers of some of the best up and coming young comedians around.

Aside from being just a comedy club, The Ice House also has a restaurant and bar. So, heaven forbid, if you ever get tired of that great TFM stuff, you can always grab a bite to eat there. Entrees run from $8.00 to $18.00, with a $7.50 per person minimum order. The portions are large, although not particularly tasty. Whatever you do, do not order orange juice—it sucks.

There is also a two drink minimum per person while the show is going on. Two cakes will run you about eight bucks. Rent assured, the exorbitant prices help support young, struggling comedians. And if you believe that, each show lasts about two hours and in that time you'll have the chance to be the guinea pig for the material of five comedians. Of course, between routines, you'll have to listen to the moronic host. Let's just say that his comedic skills are lacking. His real job is to assure the audience that the comics that they're about to see are somewhat famous. You might not recognize his face, but I swear his voice is on Animaniacs.

Just to give you some idea of what to expect from a show at The Ice House, I'll run up each comedic routine that I saw. The first comic was an overaged, large Italian woman. Enough said. She was followed by an Iraqi guy from New York. It was at this point that I said to myself, "Hmmm, I'm beginning to see a pattern." Fortunately, the pattern was broken by the next guy who was a dead ringer for Bud Bundy. Instead of another short guy, the next comedian was a sociopath from Boston who wanted to kill everybody. The headliner was some guy from Fox who made fun of everybody in the audience.

So, if you have twenty or thirty bucks just burning a hole in your pocket and you don't mind laughing at yourself, you have two options. You could send me the money and look in the mirror or go to The Ice House. It's located in an alley on the wrong way of a one way street, better known as 24 North Mentor Avenue.

Show times are: Tuesday through Thursday at 8:30 pm; Friday and Saturday at 8:30 and 10:30 pm; Saturday at 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 pm; and Sunday at 8:00 pm.

Incestuous Prunes: A Social Commentary

by J. Random Herb/Fresh III and Lauren

Today's Target: Graded

Ok, here's the deal. We wholeheartedly support the elimination of the "D." The Shaft has made an excellent proposal. However, he and the authors of last week's fabulous article, "Save the D" have overlooked an important point. The A, the B, the C, and the D, and yes, even the F are all real. They are from the same litter. Accordingly, they can not be separated. It would be cruel. The D would be all alone in the world, a forgotten relic of the Cold War era. It would likely collapse into a state of despair and hatred. It would lash out at The Man. The Establishment would crumble under the financial burden created by supporting the military body necessary to protect it. Within days, the free world would be thrown into chaos.

Meanwhile, the A, the B, the C, and yes, even the F would enter a deep depression. They would mourn the loss of their brother the D. The depression would result in lower grades, student discontent and civil unrest. The "students" at Stanford, accustomed to being handed the A, would suddenly find they were handed the C-. Without any doubt, most of the "students" on the Stanford campus would commit hara-kiri, likely jumping off of Millikan. Oh the humanity!

So here's our plan: Get rid of the D. Also get rid of the A, the B, and yes, even the F. We can already hear the students of the world screaming, "but how could we be evaluated if we have no grade?" We certainly can't just have Pass/Fail for every class (although it might seem nice for a while). So our researchers at Social Commentary Inc. have come up with the latest scientifically designed system of student evaluation. We like to call it the "plus, check, minus" system. In this system an average student would get a "check," a poor student would get a "minus," and a good student would get a "plus." For students on the borderline there would be a "check plus" (good, but not good enough for a "plus") and a "check minus" (poor, but not quite poor enough for a "minus"). And for exceptionally good or exceptionally poor students there would be a "double plus" and a "double minus." ("Double plus" meaning exceptionally good and "double minus" meaning exceptionally poor.) We believe that this will eliminate all existing or possible problems inherent in the current grading system. More than ever, it will prevent the apocalyptic scenarios depicted above, and frankly, if Toyota didn't exist, who could ask for anything more? But we aren't the only opinion important in this debate, so we have decided to interview The Artist Formerly Known As "The Poker," hereafter referred to as TAFKATP, for his professional insight into this matter.

SC: Why were you called "The Poker"?

TAFKATP: Well, a lot of people think it is because I played poker, but actually, I pooled a lot of people—if you catch my drift.

SC: Is that to say you were an "inn"-truder?

TAFKATP: Is this off the record?

SC: It will be our little secret...

TAFKATP: Yes. I intruded almost constantly. What's more, I think socks is a bitch.

SC: So, are you saying you don't poke anymore?

TAFKATP: I'm currently on the fifth step of my twelve step program. I am what one might call, 'a recovering poker.'

SC: This twelve step program, does it require that you wipe between pokes?

TAFKATP: Yes, must twelve step programs do.

SC: Do you enjoy the wiping?

TAFKATP: Almast as much as I used to enjoy poking.

SC: My, you must love wiping! But if that is so, why are you called The Artist Formerly Known As The Poker, and not "The Wiper?"

TAFKATP: I keep my wiping private, and don't want it to become a matter of public knowledge.

SC: Are you ashamed of your wipin'?

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Ah, mid-April! "The flowers are in bloom, love is in the air, and with one misstep, exception, it is right with the world. What is that exception, you ask? What is the one event that can ruin so much happiness? That event which can turn an otherwise exuberant citizen into a blabbering mess! We think you already know the answer. That's right, Passover! That dreaded annual holiday in which Jews worldwide are forced to retrace over 40 years of slavery, but crackers and fish balls for over a week! Oh, the horror of it all. If only there were something that could be done about this terrible ritual! But when some guy thousands of years ago says "No bread!", who are we to say "Hello, Pizza Hut!"

So many baffling, unanswerable questions surround this ancient and mysterious "holiday." Why is this night different from all other nights? What do you do if Elijah really does show up, and then doesn't eat your matzah? "Ewans! My, look how late it is! Gee Elijah, shouldn't you be visiting all the other Jewish households worldwide?" "Burg! Soon. How about another glass of that awesome grape Manischewitz?" And, the greatest question of all, why coconut in the macaroons? Why?" Also, an investigation by the S&M labs proved to be fruitless. Thus, deprived of any noteworthy new insights, we have decided to devote this week's column to taxes.

Most people look at tax time as a necessary ordeal. The government takes care of you and in return you give them a really big chunk of your hard-earned money. But we here at the offices of S&M have adopted a different view. We consider tax time not as a confusing, depressing, frustrating exercise in asset shrinkage but rather as a challenge of the most competitive and imaginative nature. Why think of the government as your own personal cash drain, when you can instead look upon that vast collection of rules and legislation as a giant pile of income deductions just waiting to be exploited? At the offices of S&M, our motto is "If you still owe money, you just aren't trying hard enough!" As a service to you, our devoted readership, we're going to share just some of the many tax deductions we claimed this year. We hope to demonstrate that taxes are more than just a source of poverty and hopelessness. They can be fun too!

Standard Travel Deduction: This is a fairly straightforward situation. Margaret goes to Mardi Gras, comes back and writes a column about her experiences. Sharon goes on a driving tour of Arizona, Nevada and Utah, comes back and writes a column about her experiences. Every cent of those trips can go towards reducing your gross income, or your net income, or some kind of pre-paid kind of income. Those were some darn good columns, too. Such a shame that technical difficulties prevented them from ever getting printed. Just like the column on London. And Japan. And Mars (now there was a deduction!).

Nonstandard Travel Deduction: There are so many advantages to being at Caltech. Last year we had a great time convincing an I.R.S. agent that we had cobbled together a giant drill and journeyed to the center of the Earth. This year, we will be exploring alternate dimensions, thanks to a new and unpublished scientific breakthrough at Caltech's "Department of Dimensionally-Challenged Theoretical Physicists." Do you have any idea how much it costs to travel to different dimensions? Especially with the rising cost of rail fares! Thanks to the TV show "Sliders" for introducing us to the vital home cherry tomato market. Next year: basil.

Amends and Penalties: Incensed Credit: 1994 was a good year for the "S&M" column, as evidenced by the fact that we had to purchase a second trophy case. Among some of the better-known distinctions we received last year: "The Howitzer Prize" for uncompromising and distinguished critical writing. "Mr. Cunlombe Universe 1994" which Marc smilingly accepted before blasting the judges for only caring about his writing while ignoring his body. Nepal's "Medal of Exceptional Composition" (also known as "The Nobel of Nepal"). The Los Angeles Suroptimist Award" which we graciously accepted despite the fact that we still don't know what the heck a suroptimist is, and finally the "New York Food Critics Trophy" for our multi-parr investigative series into the union corruption behind the recent drastic decline in quality of New York City's pizzerias.

Dining Expenses Deduction: This was one of our most detailed and complicated deductions, totaling many thousands of dollars and with accompanying receipts from almost every day of the year. By the way, thanks go to "Joe's House of Receipts" for inspiring us.

You decide.

Sharon and Marc
**March 29**

**Bicycle Theft**

Rene pink Schwinn Cress 8c, 21 Speed Bike, with a double basket on rear, was taken from the bike rack in front of the Sterling building. Victim security bike with a cable lock at 9:00 a.m. Upon returning at 12:00 noon, discovered bike missing.

**Mail Theft**

On March 29 at 8:50 p.m., a camera was observed to a fire alarm in the Fleming 1001 house. An investigation of the alarm revealed the cause to be burned food in the kitchen area, which activated the smoke detector.

**March 30**

**Bicycle Theft**

White, B.T. mountain bike valued at $100, was taken from the bike rack east of the Saye Lab. Victim security bike with a chain lock. The key was possibly left inside the lock. Last seen on March 30 at 9:00 a.m., the bike was discovered missing at 5:52 p.m.

**March 31**

**Theft**

Black, Sony, In-Dash Radio and Equalizer, 7-band, valued at $674, was taken from a vehicle parked on the west side of Wilson Street, in front of Polytechnic Tennis Court. Person reported vehicle with smashed window. Security responded, and notified owner of the condition of his vehicle. The Pasadena Police Department was notified.

**Suspicious Person**

Male, black, 60, 5'8", 196 lbs, black hair, white eyes, wearing a black jacket and blue pants, was reported standing under the Kellogg Lab. Security responded. Subject was informed that he was on private property and escorted off campus.

**April 3**

**Suspicious Person**

Male, white, 20-30, dark hair, medium complexion, wearing a black and blue long sleeve shirt, light colored pants, with no shoes was reported to be sneaking as he was lying on the sidewalk on Arden road. Security responded. Subject was seen on private patrol and began to run off the area. Pasadena Police notified, subject left the area prior to their arrival.

**April 4**

**Chemical Spill**

Security received a report of a liquid substance on the footpath located near the liquid nitrogen tanks in C.E.S. A leak was discovered in the pressure line to the Pump System. Safety notified, sand was used to absorb the liquid.

**Incident**

Person reported what appeared to be smoke coming from the top level of the Hollinick parking structure. Security responded, after investigating, it was discovered that the substance was actually coming from the Satellite plant.

**April 5**

**Suspicious Person**

Three males were reported looking into the vehicles parked in the south side of the Athenaeum's parking lot. Witness observed subject enter into the front entrance of the Athenaeum and exit from the rear patio entrance. Subjects then entered into a Burgundy Oldenhorn Cutlass and exited campus east on San Pasqual Street. Security units made an extensive search of the area, the subjects were no longer in the area.

**April 6**

**Vandalism**

Victim parked his vehicle in the Blacker parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Upon returning at 6:00 p.m., discovered the right front tire slashed on the inside portion of the tire. No further damage was reported.
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also sick, or want to get sick, in which case there's easier ways of doing it than going side orders at Bonno Chicken.

Reviewed Entertainment Credit: As internationally-renowned columnist, it is often asked whether our keen reviews of new entries into many different fields of the entertainment industry. You may be surprised to learn that we can deduct $1800 for every hour of "VRS" that we force ourselves to watch, so that we can better produce our upcoming review. "VRS." What the heck is this crap?" Of course, the subject matter often dictates the exact amount that can be deducted, but we've netted some very tidy sum from past columns like "Billy Ray Cyrus: Ouraching, broken brain" and "Bruce Forsden: We had to look up the word 'funny' in the dictionary after we saw this movie because we were no longer sure it means what we thought it meant.

Legal Expense Deduction: Writing a no-holds barred column like "S&M" is not without its risks. We don't actually expect to be sued, when we write columns like "Is Newt Gingrich really that stupid and greedy, or is he just the anti-christ?" but often the subject of our innocent musings will abuse the American legal system by naming us in the web of frivolous lawsuits. The year 1994 was no different, we found ourselves in court against everyone from ACMQ Touters to the Swedish Defense League. Fortunately, our great country protects the freedom of the press, provided said press can afford to pay exorbitant legal fees to defend itself. In fact, the only case we lost for our regrettable column "The only good lawyer is a dead lawyer, especially if his death is prolonged and painful", a column, by the way, that was in no way intended to promote the actual torture and killing of lawyers. Despite the fact that these scourges of Satan are destroying our American way of life. But in a good way.

WIPING

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TAFKATP: Occasionally. Is this going anywhere?
SC: Excuse me, but who's asking the questions here?
TAFKATP: Well...
SC: As a matter of fact, no. I'm just trying to fill some space and waste some time before dinner is served.
TAFKATP: Oh.
SC: Oh.
TAFKATP: Well, why don't you simply write, "S&M Sucks" a few hundred times?
SC: First, let me reiterate, I'm the one asking the questions here. Second, it's been done. We no longer trouble ourselves with S&M in these pages anymore. Are they, in how you say, like civilians during a war. They are official non-targets. It was established in the Genoa Conventions.
TAFKATP: SC: You don't say much do you?
TAFKATP: No.
SC: Then why the hell am I interviewing you and wanting my time?
TAFKATP: No comment.
SC: Might tomatoes have been gel-lant? Munch's can break? I dim bowed. Your transsexual male happy computer scientist is about to singe. We evolve. Any mountain drunks? Satan was morning. There fore swarms are no telescopes. Should Dan Eckstein be The Dragon? Who'd you be sleeping?
TAFKATP: Yes, yes I will.

PS: the blue Prune barracks at dawn

CLASSIFIED ADS

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS and party invites.
The California Tech Ballroom Dance Club is sponsoring our Spring Dance Party on Friday, April 28 at 7:45 p.m. at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Tickets are $10 at the door, $8 in advance. The band will be There's a Place for Us. Refreshments will be served. For advance reservations, contact Jeni Joy, Division of Student Affairs, ext. 3605.

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