Amnesty International

by Michael Oder

A group of Caltech and Pasadena area volunteers have revived Amnesty International Local Group 22, covering both Pasadena and the Caltech community after a more than two year recess.

Amnesty International, founded in 1961 by British lawyer Peter Benenson, is dedicated to the struggle to ensure human rights. Over the last three decades, it has expanded to an international organization with more than 1,100,000 branches and members in more than 150 countries and territories.

The organization takes action to free “prisoners of conscience,” who are detained for their beliefs, ethnic origin, sex, color, or language, ensure fair and prompt trials for political prisoners, abolish the death penalty, torture and other cruel treatment of prisoners, and safeguard the judicial execution. Al also opposes the abuses of opposition groups such as hostage taking, torture and killings of political activists. In 1981, A.I. volunteers and staff have adopted or investigated more than 63,500 cases.

The local group has adopted the case of Abd al-Daim al-Wardi, a 27-year-old who A.I. claims is being tortured and detained in Egypt without charge or trial. Since the assassination of Anwar Sadat in 1981, the Egyptian government has begun a program of mass-arrests and detentions of members of banned opposition fundamentalist groups. Al has documented many cases of coerced confessions and torture of detainees.

Through Egyptian courts have recognized in some cases that torture has occurred, little has been done by the Egyptian government to investigate these incidents and prevent their recurrence. In adopting a prisoner, the local organization joins others across the world who write and lobby the Egyptian government to ensure that the prisoner’s rights are respected and end the human rights abuses.

The group also has plans to take up lobbying and monitoring of governments in a specific geographic region. They also plan to organize lectures and seminars on human rights abuses. One of the organizing principles of A.I. is that members and organizations work on projects and for prisoners outside of their home country, helping to protect their members from domestic political repression and ensuring a more unbiased sponsorship.

The group produces a monthly newsletter, “Street News” to keep members updated on the actions of the local organization. So far, the group has held two meetings and plans to meet again on Thursday, April 22 in the Y lounge. Starting at 7:15 P.M. with a short introduction, the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and should be over by 9:00 p.m.

Frosh Camp U.C.C.'s Needed

The Deans are interested in hearing from you if you would like to attend New Student Orientation Camp as a Deans/HHC U.C.C. and have not already been selected by your house. Frosh Camp is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22 to Friday, September 24, 1993. The Deans are accepting nominations for seven Deans/HHC Upperclassmen camp counselors through April 19, 1993.

Due to rising expenses, we have eliminated the position of Deans’ Helper. However, the U.C.C.'s will need to perform some of the tasks previously handled by the Deans’ Helpers, including setting up campfires, administering the freshman survey, and helping out in the kitchen. If you are interested, please submit a brief written description of your unique qualifications for being a U.C.C. to the Deans office, 108 Parent-Carman, by Monday, April 19, 1993. These may include campus activities, talents, experience with audiovisual assisting, photography, etc. We hope to add to the diversity of the Camp experience with your help.

Dervan Wins by Caltech Public Relations

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Dervan, the Bren Professor of Chemistry, is a biorganic chemist who specializes in the chemistry of DNA. Dervan has designed molecules that bind to single, specific sites in human chromosomes. Scientists may someday use the chemical principles from Dervan’s fundamental studies to create research tools for studying human genetic diseases and help them into a new class of human therapeutic drugs.

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Butcher, Rickenbrode Win Noland Awards

by Suzette Cummings

Clo Butcher and Rob Rickenbrode will receive the Robert L. Noland Leadership awards for outstanding leadership and service to the students of the California Institute of Technology at a dinner in the Athenaeum on May 19.

As a student leader, Clo has been particularly supportive of programs that assist her peers and create a caring atmosphere at Caltech. She has participated extensively in Blacker House activities including the athletic team, the social team, and as a House Upperspace Counselor. She was also a house waiter for one and a half years. She served as a counselor at Freshman Orientation “Camp” for two years, and participated as the Y ExComm President.

Clo has been actively involved with the Caltech Y participating with activities programming, the Y hike and various volunteer programs. During this past year she has served as the ExCom President. Her influence has led to keeping socially responsible issues at the forefront of the Y agenda, as well as continually representing student needs and concerns to a variety of constituencies.

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Letters to the Editor

Staff, Honor System Issues

The fact is that, being second-class citizens, we are not trusted to deal with the honor code. They are held under a much more direct threat of torment. In fact, most bear of the honor code only via rumors some time after the start of their term of employment. The fact is that we work with staff because we were never asked to honor it. It's simple.

Many staff members consider Caltech students to be spoiled and arrogant, as we work with "kid gloves" by the administration, being somehow too good for hard and fast rules. What Security told you may have lacked tact, but I have little doubt that it is true, and I can understand what motivated the comment.

Anonymous

Ed. Note: While we normally discourage anonymous letters, this one seemed to be a fair, reasonable, and interesting statement of opinion. We don't try to ap­proach them in a personal way.

Non-Objectivist Responds

I would like to respond to both of last week's letters, since they seem to be closely related. The Honor System is embodied in the statement: "No member shall take unfair advantage of any member of the Caltech community."

But what does this mean? Doesn't handling out limited time and closed book exams give an unfair advantage to cheaters? Meanwhile, unlimited time and open book exams give an unfair advantage to those without conflicting demands on their time. All the same, the Honor System doesn't seem to have anything to do with a yellow parking zone outside of Parking Lot 2.

The main point of the letter by D. Khorovis seemed to be that the staff doesn't respect the honor code. I have never found one per­son outside of Caltech who has given the Honor System any cre­dence whatsoever. I have also talked to many Caltech students whose experiences at Caltech have rebuffed them of whatever faith they once had in the Honor System. The letter by Chris Echols shows exactly the mindset of many people that doves the system. I think the system is "Gimme what I want and everyone else go hell" seems to be the sentiment of the author.

Mike Pejic

Rejection of Altruism

I applaused Chris Echols' letter in last Friday's (4/2/93) Tech, since it reflects my own rejection of Presi­dent Echols' "national service." If we were not otherwise heavily involved with pursuing my own happiness (graduating with a Ph.D., being a T.A., teaching on vs. research for a career, and finding room for physical ac­tivity, relaxation, and a social life), I would have made time to re­spond as Chris did.

For example, I am considering a teaching career, but not out of al­truism or a feeling of obligation to society. Rather, my enthusiasm for the work of the past several years has been in­creasing by my desire to find a field in which I excel, and my plea­sure in conveying concepts and in motivating academic interests.

Except for a few hermits, all in­dividuals exist within societies. Ev­ery society has a social contract that maintains order in return for providing for the needs of the members. The main purpose of the social contract is to prevent every­one from feeling its needs are not being met, it has a right to do so. The social contract was the justification of our Founding Fathers for revolution against England.

What is so uniquely American is not our individuality or our pro­ductive achievement, but that our government has been flexible enough to continue to meet the needs of most Americans in spite of the incredible changes of the last two hundred years. The time Mr. Echohs seems to find most to hit him was when a selfish stance was enacted and then placed in apartheid, a time when an entire sex was treated as chattel, a time when rotten meat and ineffective medicines were often sold, a time when children had to work hours and only the best metal could go to college. The revolution predicted by Marx did not occur because people had the flexibil­ity to try to right these injustices.

A slave only offers servitude be­cause of fear. By the act of serving others because of a desire to make things better, one shows he is a slave when selfish and greedy because he needs these traits to survive oppression. By voluntarily serving others, one shows his freedom and his strength in that freedom.

Steven Anderson

Chang Responds to Pejic

"What is so uniquely American is not our individuality or our pro­ductive achievement..." he says. Simply forget all that this country was founded upon; throw away your heritage. Spit on the graves of many who fought in the wars on our lands for what America great.

"...and we so wonder what "better" means. For the British during co­lonial America, "better" meant paying up those heavy taxes to sup­port the Crown. For Hitler, young German men could help make the world a "better" place by ethnic cleansing. For me, the South, my home, used slavery to bring "bet­ter" things to life.

Anyone who lives in the world, even those who truly love you, has pur­poses for you to benefit themselves. Everyone is selfish, and there can be no denying the fact. Mr. Pejic would have to admit that he de­sired last week's letter—be­fore writing his letter—he expressed his uniquely individual views for the satisfaction of asserting himself, but also those of every person that might share some of his views.

In the same way, I write to ex­press my views, too, even to people over to my view. I'm not being kind and satiny— I feel that this Clinton plan is a threat to what I stand for and my faith in America. How so? Essentially, Clinton is a Communist. "Serve the nation, people, ideas, or maybe just a song or a pin, because that is the mentality that make life worth living, and it is these things that altruism destroys.

Mr. Pejic, just as you philo­sophy as "Gimme what I want and everyone else go hell." To do this, you explicitly communi­cates his personal conviction of these ideas. The truly selfish person does not ask, and certainly does not de­mand, that another person give him anything. I would be betray­ing my own ideals if I demanded that someone else serve me in any way.

Mr. Pejic thinks that this phi­losophy will make people lie and cheat. Lying and cheating depend on others however. The truly self­ish person does not value the un­expected. It is the unex­pected things involve force against others. A selfish person does not need or require force against others except to protect his own life.

Mr. Pejic regards government as a means of providing for people's individuality, and a means for human beings can and should pursue not just their needs but their happiness, and that government.

Echols Responds

The fundamental difference in the views expressed by myself and Mr. Pejic is that Mr. Pejic is philosophically. Mr. Pejic exemplifies one characteristic of his philosophy as moral virtue is achieved through service to others. The ex­istence of other beings establishes a binding moral duty on each indi­vidual. This is what leads to a con­cept of ethics that "inser­tions in return for providing for the needs of the members of the community."

There is an alternative to the idea of altruism, however. Instead of using others for one's standard of moral worth, one could instead use one's own standard of individual—his life and his love of it— as the standard of morality. This alternative is, however, to be confused with lack of values or hedonism. It is rather a commit­ment to values—a totally free, yet perfectly selfish commitment to the things one truly loves. These things include goals, work, specific

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Let's talk about the California Tech.
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Azerbaijan said that Armenia has recently taken the Azeri­
baijani territory of Kelbajar in fighting over the Nagorno­
Karabakh enclave, Nagorno­Karabakh is completely sur­
rounded by Azerbaijan, but is mostly populated by Armenians. Arman­
said that it needed control of Kelbajar to main­
tain control of a corridor to Nagorno­Karabakh.

Bosnia
The U.N. Security Council voted to have a “no-fly” zone over Bosnia, to have the zone enforced by the North At­
tlantic Treaty Organization. The U.S., U.K., France and the Nether­
lands are all likely to con­
tribute planes to enforce the zone. U.N. on a ban on flights last October, but Serbia has violated the ban over 400 times.

Cambodia
Khem Rouge guerrillas killed three Bulgarian U.N. peace­
keepers.

Canada
A.U. official says that 50,000 Vietnamese have fled the coun­
try since attacks on ethnic Viet­
namese by the Khmer Rouge.

El Salvador
The two officers convicted of murdering six Jesuit priests were released as part of a general gov­
ernment amnesty. In response to U.S. pressure, El Salvador now says that the amnesty will not apply to leftist guerrillas who killed U.S. servicemen. Cristiani agreed to eventually remove some of its army chiefs accused of human rights violations.

Georgia
Russia bombed Georgian bases in Abkhazia in retaliation for Georgia’s shipping of a Russian military base in the same region. Georgia threatened to retaliate.

Germany
The German Cabinet voted in favor of sending its military to the U.N. no-fly zone over Bosnia. The Free Demo­
crats, a coalition member of the Cabinet, voted against the pro­
posal, and filed a suit in the Con­
federal Court of Germany against the bill. It is contro­
versial whether or not the German constitution allows the German military to enter combat outside of certain regions protected by NATO.

Barbara Jones Meller became the third German and ninth for­
teign tourist to be killed in Miami since December. The German government responded by issuing a list of “precautionary measures” for German tourists in Florida.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said “...we don’t want to overreact. It’s not as if we want to say that Florida is ex­pected to N.O. ordered anywhere else. It’s clearly no worse than New York.”

Indonesia
Indonesia was shocked when the U.S. added its support to a U.N. resolution expressing concern over human rights violations in East Timor, which was annexed by In­
donesia in 1976.

Israel
Responding to recent Palestinian attacks, Prime Minister Barak ordered the army to close off the West Bank and Gaza Strip, send in more troops, and shoot any Arab seen with a gun. He says that other security measures are planned. The closing bars 15,000 Palestin­
ians from their jobs.

Italy
Finance Minister Franco Reviglio revealed after being told that he was under investigation for cor­
tption. He is the fifth cabinet member to resign as the result of investigations discovered mass corrup­tion in Italian government.

Prime Minister Giuliano Amato offered to resign, but no successor government could be formed.

Jamaica
The conservative People’s Na­
tional Party received over 60% of the vote in parliamentary elections. Voting was disturbed by fights in the capital between gangs representing­
the two parties. Both the PNP and the opposition Jamaica Labor Party are conservative.

Japan
Ehren Moto was named for­
minister. Japan’s foreign

policy is not likely to change much.

Lebanon
Col. Ishan Mohammed Salem, head of the P.L.O. in Beirut, was assassinated by the Revolutionary Council of Pales­
tine.

North Korea
North Korea refused to allow the International Atomic Energy Agency access to inspect its nuclear reactors.

U.S. analysis concluded that North Korea would rather have nuclear weapons than good relations with the West, and that there is probably little that the West can do to pressure North Korea to stop its program.

Russia
President Boris Yeltsin received pledges of $1.6 billion in aid at the U.S.-Russian summit.

North Syrian officials said that the collision of U.S. and Russian nuclear submarines in the Barents sea three weeks ago was the result of a Russian submarine Crayfish intentionally making a close and dangerous approach. U.S. and Sov­
iet submarines have often played “chicken” in the past, but this practice was supposed to have stopped. Russian navy officials charge that the collision almost caused a nuclear explosion, while the U.S. claims that is impossible.

A fire involving radioactive waste occurred at a weapons plant in Tomsk-7, contaminating 2,500 acres.

Thailand
Thailand closed its largest Camb­
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The Great Depression and recession restted their cases in the Rodney King trial. L.A. Police Chief Williams said that he will de­
ploy up to 6,000 officers when jury deliberations begin.

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"Clinton isn't a member of Parliament, Joey, he's the president."

Suddenly I have the urge to rob a convenience store.

"Dilbert" by Scott Adams

"Once he's a member of Parliament, Joey, he's the president."
Letters of a Biped Savage
by Khurram Dastgir-Khan

Off of Science and Civilization

People in every age have thought themselves more "advanced" than those preceding ages. For the last three centuries, there has been more reason than ever to think this way. Are we not extraordinarily more advanced than the people of just half a century ago: for example, the computer I am using to write these two paragraphs? There is more; ST microprocessors, genetic manipulation, Voyager, quantum electronics, Deep Thought—the list goes on and on. We like to think progress is inevitable. Reason will conquer all. And this is why, science will reign supreme as the ultimate avenue towards the truth.

Wrong. Optimistic, but wrong. The trouble is humankind’s sociological progress, at least to this point in its history, has been a marvel of nature that human reason has found structures and patterns in nature. A thinker runs down my spine every time I think of Crick and Watson’s determination of the double helix or of Einstein’s understanding of relativity. What could be more eternal than to touch the essence of nature?

Human nature, unfortunately, is nowhere near being touched, though advances of sociologists, neurobiologists, AI researchers and computational biologists are trying. It is a lost cause. We can manipulate single atoms, but we cannot understand—or teach a computer—hate, superstition, prejudice, greed, jealousy, racism and ethnic chauvinism, this, as a whole, is going to on and on.

Why am I so pessimistic? I am downcast because I look around, and do not like what I see. I had thought that after the monstrous silences of the war years, we, human beings, would have learnt some lessons, and would have become more civilized. I was foolish. My cheerful belief in human progress has been dealt a fatal blow by the nuclear and the ethnic rapes in Bosnia. In its barbaric and sadistic inhumanity, the civil war in Yugoslavia is out of the stone age. What has changed, of course, are the tools at the disposal of savages.

Human kind is not headed for an epoch of peace and brotherhood. The tribal savagery in Africa (diagnosed in nationalistic rhetoric), ethnic hatred in Eastern Europe, India and other impoverished regions of the globe and right-wing hatred everywhere—these are ominous portents of the near future.

Fortunately, science will continue its wondrous progress, and will continue to reward us with dazzling insights into the workings of nature. By its very success, science will broaden the gap between humankind’s sociological and technological progress. Interesting and distressing times are ahead.

Student Investment Fund
by Renny Hathaway

It’s that time of year again, when your friendly neighborhood Student Investment Fund, under the capable leadership of Claus in May, and distributes toys to all the good little Tchers. That’s right, it’s time for the Student Investment Fund. Period. If you’re a senior, you are probably required to take a subscription with you as part of your S.I.F., and even if you’ve never naugthy, you can still get some greenbacks.

You’re probably asking, "Why do they get all of that money to give away?" Well, we’ve been investing all year, and bringing up the value of our fund, and at the end of the year, we get to give away approximately four percent of the average of our net worth over the last four quarters. This means we’ll be giving away something in the neighborhood of $8,000 this year. It may be only half of what the fund is worth, but think about the members money so that we can give it to you, but in fact, it’s in our charter, and we have a lot of fun doing it.

Okay, I lied. You’re really asking, "How can I get my greedy little paws on some cold, hard cash?" First, you need a good reason for money. Bad reasons would be a package of fluorescein bulla to be burned from the roof of Firestone, a subscription to Wombat’s Weekly, or a slice of beef for the Vegetarian Club. You have to meet two requirements: first, you must represent a Caltech club or organization, and second, you must request money for a durable good. As a general rule, we give money to those requests that benefit the largest group of members of the Caltech community, and to those that generally would not be able to purchase an item on their own. Last year, seventeen groups requested a total of $28,350. We gave money to eleven of those groups, a total of $50,000 (an average award of $4,545). The awards went to such items as bedding boxes for the Bridge Club and a flight simulator for the Flying Team.

If there’s something your club has been wanting, wait for it to fall from sky or be synthesized in a lab, but it hasn’t done so yet, perhaps you can help. All you need to do is pick up a disbelief form. Forms will be available in the copy room in the SAC, and on the billboards around campus. If you can’t find a form, or have any questions at all, contact Renny Hathaway (584-0479) or your advisor (e.g., Dave Krider—757-9955, krider@eql). The deadline for requests is April 30. No late requests will be accepted (it’s not a long form; don’t be lazy). Return the form to the S.I.F. mailbox in the mailroom on the second floor. Don’t fill it out, check it twice, and give out over $5,000. Don’t miss out on your piece of it.

Women’s Leadership Conference
by Christy Essa

Last May, I attended the National Conference for College Women Leaders in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the conference is to help women understand their potential for changing the campus and to encourage them as they make the transition from campus to society and to encourage them as they make the transition from campus to society and to community leadership at the community level, state, and national levels. However, I also learned many things at the conference that are relevant to campus issues today.

Hundreds of women from all across the country attended the conference, and most ages and races were represented. In addition to college-age women from universities and community colleges, there were many women who had returned to school after having had a family. To me, hearing the experiences and opinions of such a variety of women was the most important aspect of the conference.

The opening session of the conference, called Finding Your Own Voice, was held during the weekend. A moderator posed a series of questions, and the conference attendees stood up at microphones and shared their opinions. We heard diverse points of view ranging from feminism ("Do you think you’re a feminist?" and abortion) to the rise of racism on college campuses. There was a lot of disagreement on most of the issues, like whether we would see a female president in our lifetime. However, when we were asked, "Have you ever been judged solely on the basis of your gender?" everyone in the audience answered yes.

Most of the weekend was spent attending three workshops, the subjects which we could choose from about 30 topics encompassing leadership skills, women’s health issues, and multiculturalism, just to name a few. These sessions gave me the opportunity to talk to women in smaller groups, and hear more personal stories. For instance, a physicist from the University of Maryland (one of few women in scientific physics) told us that she had no problems with men not taking her seriously in her leadership positions or her field of study, which I found interesting.

I was very impressed by one of the keynote speakers, Dr. Bern­ nell Stain, founder and chairwoman of the N.I.H., who told us about N.I.H.’s attempt to expand their research on women’s health. The most impressive women of the weekend, however, were the seven who received the Women of Distinction Awards. The recipients included Donna Brazile, Chieft of Staff for Eleanor Norton of the House of Representatives, and Doris Leader Charge, instructor in Lakota Studies at Sinte Gleska University, South Dakota, and technical advisor for “Dances with Wolves.” I was in awe through the entire ceremony. Her interview was surely it is that I encountered such accomplished women who are so comfortable sharing their achievements. The subject of mentors had come up a few times during the conference, and I realized how few female role models I have. I was terrified to see these women who had so much. Their acceptance speech was very inspiring.

Attending this conference and hearing about the experiences of women at other colleges helped me realize some of the ways Caltech comes up short. The primary problem is the lack of unity of the Caltech undergraduate women. At the Women’s Center discussions, it was amazing to hear fifteen other women, most of whom I didn’t even know, voicing the same thoughts I had. It was clear that if we only worked together we could make a difference on this campus. Hopefully the Women’s Center will be a useful tool for joining Caltech women, and especially the under­graduates.

The Dean’s Office and the Caltech YWCA is planning to host the National Conference for College Women Students Leaders in Washing­ton D.C., and they plan to sponsor any Caltech students who would like to attend. We received a very brief written statement of interest to the Deans’ office by Friday, April 30.

Carlton “On Vacation,” Hill Temporary “Relief”
by Mike Benedetti

Housing manager Nancy Carlton is currently “home on vacation,” according to staff members Mike Hill and Robert Wilkerson. It is not yet known how long Ms. Carlton will be away, but McNickle, Caltech’s Deputy Director of Business Services, reports that she has “quite a bit of vacation time saved up from past years.”

While Ms. Carlton is relaxing, Hill will serve as her “vacation relief.” Hill previously was involved in installing the Deacon’s point of sale accounting and inventory system, but little else is known about his work with Caltech or elsewhere. When Tech staff attempted to interview Hill on his background and previous experiences, he cancelled the appointment and refused to have his picture taken. If you want to see what he looks like, just drop by the housing office. He seems to be a very nice (if somewhat mysterious) man.

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ASCIT BOD Meeting Minutes, April 6, 1993

by Karen Shah

Present: BOD members plus Mike Pinky, Andrew Markell, Dave Detkins, Kim West, Chris Schel, Mike Radford, Rich Zitola, Mike Nasir, Mike Benedetti, Eric Hackman (ASCIT Movies), Mike Clemens (5 mins. cameo on behalf of Tromets).

Interviews took place for Tech Business Manager and Little E Editors (Candidates for littlest Business Manager didn't show—they'll get another chance next week). Kim—C House is for real. Gary Lorden is in charge of bringing the student body more up-to-date on what's happening; look for a Tech article soon [if you find one, contact us at editor@tech-ed.]

As well as possible open forums in the student houses on what kind of role C House should play in undergraduate life and what we'd like to see in C House. The drawings that get the $10 million donation for C House were passed around. Impressive! Moon commented on the one aspect of C House that sets it apart from the traditional dormitory: it will be an arena to encourage social interaction between faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students. It will provide opportunities for more personal and non-academic friendship to develop across departmental boundaries.

Security increase for expected civil unrest—Kim assumes the student body that concrete plans have been set up to keep it all informed. Basically, the RA's will have the most up-to-date information on what's happening, and in an event that off-campus resident should evacuate, the off-campus housing, the Housing Office as well as the Office of MOSH/DAR will be prepared to deal with it. What if pre-frosh festivities are in progress? Well, if it's not too dangerous for the people involved, it's up to them to do something about it. If it's too dangerous, they'll have to come up with a plan for handling him/her off his feet! Do it while the term is still young and you actually have time for a little romance. Better yet, Seniors, how about a night solo to remember with a friend you've gone through hell with for these four glorious years? Hurry, the sign-ups will down on April 20th, Mike Nasir—three things:

- The admissions office is preparing a pamphlet that will represent Caltech at college fairs and conferences across the nation for the next year. A picture of the ENTIRE student body will accompany that pamphlet that will show up at Noon outside of Parsons-Gates next Tuesday for this historical photo (Pinky promises to promenade in his personal Harvard class uniform, please, no house affiliated wardrobe.)

- Richard Hawking is here only for another week. He will be going to Hollywood for an episode of "60 Minutes" in which he will attempt to blow his way through a game of poker with Einstein, Newton, and Data. Keep your ears sharp for the premieres of the episode sometime around June [If you want to write an article on this up-and-coming star of the small screen, contact us.—the present eds.]

- Interviews for Director of the Women's Studies is in the final stages. If you have burning questions to ask the candidates, go see Mike, or talk to any of the other undergraduate/graduate students who will be interviewed for the position. We should have a director by the end of April. ASCIT Movies—Some random charges are showing up in the ASCIT Movies account...Anand? You'll reimburse me as long as you can show me some proof. Rich—Safety Office would like to have select students do some training to get in touch with whenever necessary. Asf will talk to IHC.


ASCIT Formal Update

by Anandi Raman

So, here I am, your friendly neighborhood ASCIT Social Director, calling you to order for the next BIG EVENT, the ASCIT Formal. It's at the Atb, on Friday, May 7, from 5:30 pm - 12 midnight (when all the cartiages turn into pumpkins, etc.).

The sumptuous menu will include chicken in mushroom and brandy sauce, and for dessert, the famous "Berries Ahh". At the reception, from 5:30-7:00 pm, there will be hore d'oeuvers, a bar, and, for your own Personal Entertainment, a variety of fortune tellers! There include a graphologist, an astrologer, a tarot card reader, a numerologist, and a palm reader. The price of the couple is $30 this year, which is a savings of $10 from last year! (now you can go and buy a C.D. from Penny Lane with all that saved money!) Guys, if you're stressed about having to fork over the big bucks to rent a tux, don't tear your hair out but read this: IT'S OK TO WEAR A SUIT AND TIE! So, sign up, and it'll be cooler of fun! The sign-up sheets are all in the halls (usually in the lounge), at 1170 Del Mar, and 1305 Chem. They will be taken down on April 30, just because I am the Director for Social Affairs and I said so (hee hee, the perks of the job). But if you have any further questions about the GRAND EVENT, feel free to contact me at 449-0181 or anar@eco.

So, sign up, y'all, and prepare to have IHC FUN!

IHC Minutes, April 5

by Karen Ross

Present: Ben (III), Dave (RII), CZR (Da), Eric (P), Dyrek (Pa), Eric S. (LI), Stan (Ru), Kim (DLB), Matt Johnson, Anil, and me.

The meeting of Monday April 5, 1993 began at 10 pm.

Asf asked Kim about air conditions during the next few days. Apparently, up to this point, the quad has been air conditioned and the residents have not been charged for electricity. Housing is now giving residents the option of paying for electricity and keeping the air conditioning or keeping it off. Additionally, the air conditioners will now be given routine maintenance, but this was not true in the past. The IHC agreed that paying for electricity to keep the air conditioner on is not the way to go. Asf said she will look into that.

Eric L. listed a few changes for Interhouse tennis which he will discuss next week.

The ASCIT Social Committee events for pre-frosh weekend were approved: Dabney: Tie-dye party Saturday at 8:30 p.m. (I'm thinking an early morning hike around campus and reception in the lounge Saturday afternoon.)

Oliver: The IHC will be going to a baseball game on Sunday. Students will take pre-frosh to dinner at Fuddrucker's on Saturday night.

Interviews for IHC Secretary will be held next Monday starting at 6:15 p.m. (I'm thinking we could go out to dinner afterwards.)

Kim discussed housing for next year. We're not losing any housing so there's no reason to redhullish affiliated apartments unless we want to. We gained part of a new apartment building on the west side of Coast and Catalina. Eventually, we will have 40 spaces. Right now, we have only 30 because random community people are still living there. One apartment will be occupied by a manager as required by law and another will be rented as an RA, which is especially recommended because of possible problems with relations of the non-Caltech residents of the building. After May 1, we'll know how many frosh are coming and they will have to be appointed among the Houses. Transfers will be housed on-campus this year. Hopefully, the housing crunch will be less bad this year both because of the new apartments and the fact that 75 fewer frosh were admitted this year.

This summer, Blacker will be closed for renovations. Blacker may have a few rooms available for non-Caltech eye on renovations, but no one is allowed to live in the house. Students for the Business Management, Entrepreneurship, and LES programs will be housed in the North Houses. Off-campus apartments can be open as long as they are half full.

Plans for the phone system in the undergraduate houses are going well. We will be getting the new phones less than expected but it can be installed while other changes, such as the prepaid change, are being made.

Kim is looking for people to be on the housing committee, which...
Kim asked how the IHC felt about U.C.C. training. Some possible training approaches were covered in the training: interpersonal relations, information on academic policies like UASH policies, first week stress management, and depression. The RA's would go through a much more rigorous training program this year. The presidents thought it was a good idea.

No decisions have been made about what to do with this Rob Cobb's old position in the SAC. A temporary person will be there doing such things as getting the finances in order until the middle of the summer. Kim wants to meet with students to decide how to structure the position.

Many other things are going on. An assistant dean of minority affairs is being sought to fill Eddie Grado's old position. Searches are also going on for a director for the Women's Center and for a director for the Van Noord, as Assistant VP for Student Affairs.

A memo is going out to the community describing possible "civil unrest" following the second Rodney King verdict. If anything happens, Kim has set up a chain of communication with the RA's. Therefore, the RA's are the best source of information. Kim had a long meeting with Gary Loden about the situation. An article will appear in the Tech on Friday [Not bloody likely—eds.] describing general characteristics of the City of L.A. where it will be held. Forums for students to discuss the new house will be set up although Kim does not know the exact format right now. The IHC discussed the impact of the C-House on the house system for a while.

During the ASCIT BOD meeting, Moeen suggested using the ASCIT van as a shuttle to Old Pas on the weekends. The IHC discussed having a shuttle that went to other stores, museums etc. in Pasadena and maybe to the beach. The IHC felt it would be a good way to get students to utilize the resources available in Pasadena. Kim suggested maybe Caltech could arrange to get dis
count prices that were served by the shuttle.

The meeting ended at 12:30 A.M.

For the next to last time, Karen Ross

IHC Secretary
News

Thursday, May 13, 1993, on the campus of Caltech, the 1993 Iowa Block Party was held from 9-11 p.m. The theme of the Iowa Block Party was "Celebrate the Classics." The event featured a variety of activities including folk dancing, square dancing, and a curated selection of traditional American music.

Events and Services

European Student Association Cross-Cultural Exchange Program: The European Student Association Cross-Cultural Exchange Program will be held on May 12-14, 1993. The program is open to all Caltech students and staff, and will include a variety of cultural activities such as traditional dances, music performances, and food tasting.

SHARING SCHOLARSHIPS

For the 1993-1994 academic year, the Caltech Velo-The Caltech Bicycle Club will be awarding a total of $3,000 in scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded to outstanding students who have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership in extracurricular activities.

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