Carole Snow Discusses
Class of '97 Composition

Chris Echols

Although no official statistics have been compiled, Dr. Carole Snow, Director of Admissions, enthusiastically revealed the following information about the newly admitted class of '97:

1904 applications were received, an increase from last year's 1772. 442 students were admitted, 71 fewer than last year. The Admissions Office is hoping to exceed last year's phenomenal matriculation rate.

Of the 442 admitted students, 129 are women. There were 130 admitted women last year, but the percentage of admitted women is significantly larger this year.

The number of admitted minority students jumped from last year's 33 to 45 for this year. In addition, the average SAT score of this year's minority student is higher than the average SAT score of Harvard's entire freshman class.

For the entire class of '97, Dr. Snow expects the average SAT score to exceed 1450.

On Wednesday, Dr. Snow expressed the opinion that the class of '97 is an improvement.

Pinkham to Guest Conduct

Monica Hubbard

One of America's foremost choral composers, Dr. Daniel Pinkham, has been on campus the last three days preparing for a concert of his music tonight at 8:00 pm in Dabney Lounge.

Dr. Pinkham, presently on the faculty of the New England Conservatory of Music, is also director of the King's Chapel in Boston. The recipient of Fulbright and Ford Foundation Fellowships, Dr. Pinkham is a prolific and versatile composer. Named "composer of the Year for 1990" by the American Guild of Organists, he has written four symphonies, several cantatas and oratorios, concerto for organ, piano, piccolo, trombone and violin; theatre works and chamber opera; electronic music; and twenty documenta- tion television film scores.

At 4:00 pm he will be in Dabney Lounge to present a lecture on the challenges of choosing and setting text to music. Everyone is welcome at this free lecture. Trader Joe's is providing free refreshments for the reception following the lecture.

Then, at 8:00 pm, Dr. Pinkham will lead the singers of the Caltech Women's Glee Club in a program of his own music which he selected for this concert. One of the songs is a premiere of three interleaved which he composed especially for the Women's Glee Club and sent to Monica Hubbard, Glee Club Director, as a gift. It has been rehearsing with the women since Wednesday. "Fine tuning" the performance—providing a rare opportunity for the singers to know exactly what the composer intended.

Judith Montgomery, who has worked with Dr. Pinkham frequently on his West Coast appearances, will be the featured soprano soloist. Kathry Krabbe will accompany.

It's not often we get to hear a living composer discuss the creation of his own music and then direct its performance! Don't miss this opportunity. Lecture admission is free. Concert admission is $5 for students ($7 for general admission) and tickets are available at the door. A catered reception will also follow the concert. All are welcome.

John Haba

On Wednesday, John Haba conducted a short interview with Dean Kiewiet. John's questions (in italics) and Kiewiet's responses are below:

John Haba: When you first accepted the position, what was your understanding of the role of the Dean of Students here at Caltech, and has that understanding changed at all after your first few months at that position?

Dean Kiewiet: Well, when you first step into the Dean's office, in a sense you're as clueless as every freshman that has ever set foot on campus. I mean you know what you're going to have to do, but you don't really have a sense of whether it's going to be easy or hard, or of how often you'll be doing some things. For example, one of the things that I worried about coming in, one of the things I knew the Dean did, was to intervene when students were having a lot of problems with the way the instructor was doing things. And I figured that that would be kind of nasty and confi- dential, but I just haven't found that to be the case. Students, when they come in, have been extremely constructive. They come in because they're anxious to make some positive changes. It's always been a positive set of suggestions that they've had; it's always been oriented toward "Help us get through the material," and not "Can you figure out a way to make it slack off a little." And from the professors' side too, I've been very happy that for the most part they've been very forthcoming, and try to accommodate concerns that the students have. Usually they just don't know about the students have these concerns. There's so much of an informational vacuum that exists in classrooms, where the professor can be going along thinking that everything's just great, and it's not. Or they can do things inadvertently...
Patty Renstrom

To the Editors,

A very big Thank You goes out to everyone who contributed to making the fund raiser such a great success. Over $1,100 was raised in just two hours. The money will be deposited into the Living Trust Fund for Patty with our earnest hopes, warmest wishes, and deepest belief that she will get strength from our strength, take hope from our prayers and love, and be back on her feet soon. This was the first time I'd organized a bake sale (or any kind of fund raising event per se), and particularly wanted to thank Grace, Angela, Sue for all their guidance, Peggy for all her baker organizing, my fellow members of OpenLine for their help running the tables, and especially all the people/department who gave prizes for the raffle or services for our event. Caltech has got some really great people here, and I know that if it's humbly possible, Patty will be coming back.

Gratitude,
Glena Wyne

Electtion Petition

To the Editors:

I would like to thank everyone who signed the petition written by Rob Rickenbinder, Karen Shih, and myself. I would also like to explain to all of those who supported our attempts, as well as those who disagreed, why I have decided not to take the petition to the ASCOT BOD for further action.

I see what happened with ASCOT elections this year in two ways. On a personal level, I feel that I was a victim of a system which was not well-prepared to handle the situation that arose. I will always feel that what happened to me was wrong— not the fact that I lost an election, but that the election process itself was faulty, and that I had to pay for that fault in the end. On a broader level, I see that the many problems encountered by the Election Committee and the Executive Committee with this year's elections will force a reform of the election process. According to last week's Tech article by Catherine Hafer, as well as several BOD members, steps are being taken to rewrite the election bylaws. In light of everything that has happened, I am sure the changes will prevent the same problems of this year's elections from happening again, and will prevent future candidates from having the same experience I have had. For this reason, I see no need to continue fighting the current system.

I hope that any feelings of animosity towards me or the other authors of the petition are quelled. I realize that had we said nothing and protested not at all, we would have avoided any negative perception by others that has stemmed from our making a statement. I do not, however, regret being the instigator of this change. I believe that the many problems encountered by the Election Committee and the Executive Committee with this year's elections will force a reform of the election process. I believe that those who cannot alone provide government can make vaccines available to children, but alone it cannot administer shots to them all. It can put more police on the streets, but it alone cannot stop crime. It can improve the quality of our public schools, but cannot alone inspire children to live up to their potential.

I hope that you have enjoyed reading this past four terms. However, without much other people, our efforts would not have been possible. We would like to take this space in our final issue to thank everyone.

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In order to increase the matriculation rate, this year the admissions staff began notifying admitted students by phone. They hope that this more personal approach will make Caltech more attractive to admitted students who by phone. They hope that this more personal approach will make Caltech more attractive to admitted students who normally

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Egypt

26 people died when Egyptian authorities attack Islamic fundamentalists suspected of terrorism.

Germany

Far-right-wing Nationalist German parties scored large victories in State elections in Hessen garnering 9% of the vote. The Greens increased their share to about 11%. The elections spelled a large setback for the Social Democrats and the Christian Democrats, the major parties in the country now indicating a radicalization of German politics.

Italy

Operation Clean Hands, the year-long investigation of corruption in Italy continues. Former Prime Minister Bettino Craxi is accused of receiving bribes and illegal party contributions and other corruption charges. The president of the state energy conglomerate ENI was arrested on corruption charges. 2 dozen other public officials and business leaders were arrested last week. Most scandals involved building contractors making payoffs to political parties to get government contracts. One-fourth of the Italian Parliament is under investigation. Operation Clean Hands has already caused the resignation of 3 cabinet members and the leader of a small liberal party. The four largest cities (Rome, Naples, Turin and Milan) no longer have functioning municipal governments. The Italian parliament proposed a vote of no confidence in the current Prime Minister after he attempted to pardon many top officials accused of corruption.

Japan

Former Japanese Prime Minister Shin Kanemaru was arrested Saturday for tax evasion when it was discovered that he had $50 million dollars in cash and bonds in his house. His son was later arrested after confessing to hiding another $34 million dollars. Kanemaru re-signed last year after it was discovered that he had taken $4 million in illegal donations from sources affiliated with the Japanese mob. This is one part of a series of scandals which have damaged the reputation of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. This scandal is different in that the illegal contributions were not used by various parties, but kept by individuals.

Mexico

Two weeks ago Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari of the long-ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) held a private dinner with about 30 leaders of Mexican business. The Mexican press reported that the business leaders were asked to contribute up to $250 million each to the PRI. After public anger and attacks from opposition parties, the head of the PRI announced a $333,000 limit on contributions to the party. For years, opposition parties have been lobbying for a 1% limit on using government to finance itself and rig elections.

Nicaragua

Anti-Sandinistas attacked the Nicaraguan embassy in San Jose, Costa Rica. They currently hold about 20 hostages, including the Nicaraguan ambassador.

Russia

Yeltsin and the conservative Russian Parliament continue to battle for power. Wednesday the Congress of People's Deputies drafted a law which would severely curtail Yeltsin's powers. Clinton and French President Mitterrand met in Washington, as Mitterrand prepared to visit Yeltsin in Moscow, and agreed that the industrialized world should increase economic aid to Russia.

United Kingdom

Two seventeen-year-olds were sentenced for torture and killing an old woman. This comes less than a month after two ten-year-olds were accused of kidnapping and murdering a young child.

United States

Mohammed A. Salmeh was arrested and charged with the bombing of the World Trade Center. It is suspected that the attack was associated with actions by a fundamentalist mosque in New Jersey headed by Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman. Rodney King testified on Wednesday in the federal trial of four police officers accused of violating his civil rights.

The California Tech Has Paid Positions Available!

Business Manager

In charge of the business affairs of the Tech, the Business Manager's primary concern is the paper's advertising. This position is appointed by the ASCIT Board of Directors. Sign up on the ASCIT Appointed Offices Sign-Up Sheet, posted on the east side of Winnett (north end). Interviewing will take place approximately third term. Time commitment: lots. Call x6154 for more details.

Circulation Staff

One or two students are needed to make sure people everywhere have a Tech to read on Friday. The on-campus circulation staff also picks up the newspaper from the printer, so a car (or access to same) is needed. Time commitment: about 3 hours each Friday. Call x6154 or write us at 40-58.

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Minutes of the ASCIT BOD

March 9, 1993
Present: BOD minus Asif (10 min. late), Dave Derkits (Elections Committee), Mike Nassir, Eric Hackman (ASCIT Movies), Alison Stemp and Guillermo Castillo (Social Committee), Doug Rowland (Lloyd Social Team), Rob Rickenbrode

Meeting began at 10:33 PM
First order of business: Moeen inspires the new BOD with a speech; the gist of it was: make ASCIT a more visible body of student government on campus. Let's get out there and show our constituency that we're in office not just to do our job, but to start some waves, change a few things, and "make possible the forward progress of thought and action as undergraduate students."

Ewald suggests going to the Houses for dinner as a collective group once each week. The Board seems receptive to the idea. Since there are only a few more weeked dinners left, the BOD decides to wait until next term.

Doug Rowland, Lloyd Social Team: Casino Night last weekend was a blast, but we lost all the Lloyd Foundation money—can we have $100 to start over? We promise that this will be the last hand. Anandi has $110 and $260 of her budget set aside each term for non-alcoholic and interhouse social events for each house, respectively; Lloyd collects on this.

ASCIT checks: If you have an outstanding check signed by the members of the past, ex., obsolete BOD, chances are, it's not worth anything at the bank. Bring it back to us and we'll write you a good one.

Eric Hackman, ASCIT Movies: Midterm reports for 1st and 2nd terms are here. Give us our money. Ewald doesn't know who to write the check to and for how much...

Mike Nassir (on behalf of the editors) wants the BOD to OK a bonus for John Grade, the Tech Distributor. The bonus will come out of the Tech Budget. The BOD approves.

Social Committee: Anandi has planned a party for Pre-Frosh weekend to take place on Friday, the 16th of April on the lawn outside Winnett. She proposes to spend $750 on food and $450 for a DJ from KROQ (who plays music on KROQ but is not really a KROQ personality). The $750 will come out of her budget, $450 from the BOD. The BOD gets antsy about spending $450 for an outside DJ when Zeus is willing to do it for less. Since the Zeus plan was not discussed in the Social Committee meeting, Anandi will take that back to the Social Committee and come back later.

Gavin officially requests for approval of salaries for Tech Editors and Business Manager for the last few terms. The BOD officially recognizes his request and approves (of the salaries).

Budget Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for today, April 25th at noon. Angie is assigned the task of making up the forms for ASCIT-sponsored clubs to fill out if they want money. Representatives from the clubs are to attend the budget meeting to ask for the money and to report on whether they did what they said they would do with the money last year. Angie will also work on getting a meeting room for this.

Gisela, Upper-class Director: People are bombarding her alleymates and her white board with phone calls and indecipherable messages each day; a personal line would be nice. So the truth is out, she became Van Woman for the phone! Should we go with a personal line, or a campus extension, which would take weeks to get? Since we do want to perpetuate the line to future office holders, time is a small price to pay for the sense of continuity. She will look into getting an extension before the BOD decides on anything further.

It's official, that David Man has strawberry donuts: Liz will give two dozen for Friday morning.

Election procedure make-over:
General consensus is to do away with 3-person runoffs and the cross-over system. Consideration centered around minimizing the amount of strategic voting.

Moeen talked to Dean Käswitz about different voting schemes for the initial election. Approval voting: a voter has up to 9 votes for an election in which the number of candidates M+N, and he can give at most one vote to each candidate. Cumulative voting: a voter has the same number of votes as in approval voting, but can give weight to them by giving one candidate more than one vote.

Mike Nassir suggests a method used at Rice University: A voter is asked to rank the candidates one through N when N-number of candidates. During tabulation of the votes, N piles are made, each made up of the ballots which gave each candidate the highest rank. If there is no clear majority (defined else-where), the smallest pile is distributed among the remaining piles according to the next highest rank on the ballots. If again there is no clear majority, the next smallest pile is distributed, until there is a clear majority. In effect, the voter is voting in subsequent runoff elec­ tions by ranking the candidates in one single election. No further elections are required. When vot­ ing, the voter is asked to consider who hate his first choice is, and if that first choice receives the least number of votes and is knocked off the ballot, he would be next... etc.

Another suggestion makes use of the current system but requires the final runoff to have at most two candidates and gives each voter one single vote in all elections. Three elections, at most, are needed in this system. Strategic voting is at a minimum.

Discrepancies in voter registration: there is an outstanding pro­

ASCIT Sign-Ups

Sign-ups for the following ASCIT appointed offices are now open:

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The California Tech
Kiewiet Interview

that impact negatively on the stu
dents. In fact, one of the problems of the quarter system, and I don’t know if “problem” is the right word to use because the system features such short terms it is difficult to make a mid-course correc
tion; rather, waiting until something’s not happening in a course you’re about to do. Hopefully, once you leave Caltech, you can get things fixed before the next term starts.

Of course, you can make some concessions, but that is one of the problems of having short terms. So that is something I would fear would be a lot nastier part of the job.

Certainly one of the things I un
derestimated was [the workload]. I knew I’d be busy, but I underesti­
mated the workload fairly dramati
cally. I feel it’s helping me identify with Caltech students, though. Most days I feel like I’m as busy as they are.

JH: What do you find are the most pressing issues regarding student government? DK: To me, the most pressing is quality of instruction. If I had to pick the last thing I’d do, I’d really like to work on it, it’s really to try to improve that. And that’s hard to do. I think the fact that the Aca­demics Policies committee is doing a review of the core curriculum right now is very, very nice. And we’ve got that get that review done and in place before we can get things going.

The only other thing in that list that I’d just try to do is to try and improve the overall quality of instruction. That’s my issue and I think that’s what I’ll do most of the time as much as I’d like it on because there’s a hundred other things that go on.

Among some set of students, the most pressing issue might be like Interhouse, and what’s going on with the hazing policy. Again these are things that I feel like I have to deal with, but I don’t really have my agenda.

That’s not what I’m here to do.

I really want to do what I can for the Caltech students, to make their ex-
perience here in the classroom a lot better.

HE: Have you found any issues to be extremely problematic?

DK: Well, obviously whenever as an administrator you have to say “no”, there’s a problem because people hate to hear “no”. And Tech students have a lot of access to a lot of other body else on these things. Unfor­
tunately, there’s no way around it. When I had that, I would come up with when students want things like Interhouse or other things where you see it’s going to be a “no”. And that’s a tough thing, because students here aren’t used to seeing people say “no” to things and that it’s going to be “no”. The two have to exist.

I understand why students are upset when the committee makes guidelines which say “do this” or “don’t do that” clearly doesn’t feel like the Honor Code at all. But it’s just another unavoidable fact of life.

And so in very actuality because I don’t want students to get into trouble. The Dabney guys have had a tough time of it, and there isn’t much more than once has happened. So it has been a success, especially after the Dabney bonfire incident, to impress on people the fact that they really have to do to acknowledge the existence of all of these things, and that the existence of the Honor Code won’t allow you to ignore these things. Sorry, but that’s the way it is.

JH: Some students have publi

cally raised concerns over your views on the Honor System, going even far as to surmise you’re trying to dismantle it. What are your views on the Honor Code?

DK: One thing these students might be think to Mike [Brundage] or Dan [Midward], who are the chairman and secretary of the Board of Control Course Committee that I could straighten them out on that. You know, one of the defining char­acteristics of the Honor Code is it makes life here a lot more civilized than it would other­wise be. It’s true that there are some things that it would be like to have proc­
tered exams and all the other garbage that I had when I was back at a state university. I lived in a place that did not have an Honor Code, where you could basically do anything that you like. You know that’s the experience of large numbers of people who have been out of the academic system.

So that’s painful when I hear that there are suspicions that I don’t believe in the Honor Code, and all I can say is to worry about something else. I’m trying to do what I can and I can’s got this idea. From what I can surmise, I had discussions in the past the subject of the Honor Code comes up in the context of DAPAC, hazing statutes, fire codes... and what I’ve tried to im­
press students to realize that the Honor Code is nothing that’s getting to go off the hook with outside authorities if you get in trouble with them. Like when the Dabney guys are in trouble with the fire department, they can talk about the Honor Code all they want, but it wouldn’t cut it with the firemen. Nor will the federal government be too happy if we don’t have the drug and alcohol policy here.

These statutes, and federal guidelines and regulations make no pro­

tion for the existence of an honor code, and we can’t say “Oh, we don’t have to pay attention to these things because there’s an honor code.” The two have to exist.

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JH: Some students feel that the administration has become overly rejection-sensitive, and seems to be over-regulate student activities. Do you feel this opinion has any justifi-

DK: Well, I don’t want to regulate student activities, that’s the last thing I want to do. When I’ve said some things like “I want to be a party president”, which some students in glee in throwing things in a last minute, I think that’s wrong.

However, I will say that I will be a volunteer trip to Decompression, but we’ll keep this volunteer trip to Decompression.

The entertainment at this term’s Decompression is a comedian on a Saturday night (I forget exactly who) and back by popular demand is a Groucho Marx impersonator. These were the weekend of the 27-28th of March there will be a volunteer trip to Tijuana. If you are interested contact the Y for more information.

The Caltech Y is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, and is located on the second floor of the Wilnent Student Center. Look for our green flag across from the Red Door Cafe. x6163.

News

Katy Quinn

Nothing much to report in the Y News this week, except for the BIGGEST, FUNNIEST, FACE-STUFFINGEST WEEKEND of THE YEAR! Yes that’s right boys and girls, if you didn’t already know that the Caltech Y want you to forget your finals week trouble and woe and come on out to Decompression, starting at 7:30pm Saturday and Sunday (Wednesday and Friday are for planning, of course). The entertainment at this term’s Decompression is a comedian on a Saturday night (I forget exactly who) and back by popular demand is a Groucho Marx impersonator. These were the weekend of the 27-28th of March there will be a volunteer trip to Tijuana. If you are interested contact the Y for more information.

For those people who volunteered to help at Decompression, please check your mail box for your final assignment which may not be the same as the one you signed up for. Not everyone can do fruit on Saturday night! Yours will truly be stationed at the barbecue (meat grill!) and I’m offering two hamburgers at once to one person. If you’re going to the Groupcenter, this is the month to get some help from. The Groupcenter will be open the whole time.

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Kiewiet Interview

posited that states one of the condi-
tions for validating an election; if the difference between the num-
ber of ballots cast and the number of voters registered is less than 1% of the total number of correct cast votes, then the election cannot be declared invalid on the basis of the discrepancy between the last runoff election, the discrepancy was 1% (someone in Page decided to keep their ballots, and 40% over 40% votes were cast, therefore, the election would still be considered valid even though the discrepancy was more than 1% of the number of correct cast votes, would have been declared invalid.

Gavin proposes moving up elec-
tions or somehow shortening the transition-lag between the new and the old Bond would not be taking over during finals week, after al-
most 8 or 9 weeks of elections. The BOD thinks it’s reasonable.

David Kretins suggests having an Election Procedure Committee set up for Future Election Committees once all procedures have passed. There would be a reference to a Manual somewhere in the resolu-
tions to validate it.

The final election resolution: two proposals will be drawn over Spring Break to be presented at the next BOD meeting. One proposal would be incorporating pref-

ectional voting (such as the one used at Rice University) into our system, and another, using one voter-one vote, two-person runoff as its basis. Asil and Moeen will work on these. Meeting adjourned 1:30 AM

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Hopeful

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Playing with an inexperienced partner who fancies himself an expert, I watched in some amusement as he found himself with a difficult decision playing IMP pairs.

- AJ10973
- ♦ KQ72
- ♦ J9
- ♦ 7
- ♦ Q
- ♦ A10
- ♦ KQ8543
- ♦ 10987

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1♣ Pass Pass 2♥ 2NT

2NT suggested a possible save in either minor, but due to the great disparity in the suits and the possibly that the final contract might be 4♣, a 3♦ bid is a lot better. Regardless, partner gets high marks for enterprise. Many other players would be cowed by the opponents' strong auction. 2NT at least has the benefit that if the worst happens, we have two possible suits in which to play, but if I were to bid 3♣ and get viciously doubled, would he be willing to stay there? Should he? Fortunately, that decision did not come to pass.

Jim's Journal

by Jim's Journal

Partner found the lead of the 6♣, sensible because if we are to beat this, I shall need to have a quick entry or two and he has the trump Ace. Declarer won the first trick in hand and immediately led a small trump, which our hero correctly grabbed with the Ace. What now?

In a strong partnership, at least one of my cards to the first two tricks would be suit preference and would suggest to partner the location of my entry. At matchpoints, holding declarer to ten tricks might well be a good score. Wise—in this hand, partner was not watching my cards, but fortunately, we were playing IMPs so he had a strong clue to the correct play.

Declarer, when he gets in, will have six spades tricks, three heart tricks, and at least one ruff for ten tricks. Any tricks that we shall get must be got right away. If my card is the ♦A, then we shall take two aces and a ruff, but we shall not beat the contract. If, however, I have the ♦A with not more than three of them, we have four tricks and beat the contract. So, it must be right to try to get a plus score and continue diamonds. In real life, I held ♦A10x and four small clubs, so a diamond shift creates down one. Nice lead, partner!

The story has an unhappy ending, though. Partner was afraid to underlead his diamond honors, though I was truly worried at the table that he had underled his ♦A! Unlucky, partner, to find singleton King in the dummy.

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The next song, "Life," is not very interesting, musically, and has horrible lyrics. In contrast, "War," the following song, combines a driving string section with scattered ocean sounds to form E.N.'s best song of the desert since their cover of Nancy Sinatra's "Sad." Lyrically, it is one of their best.

The last song "Headcleaner" is a 15-second piece consisting of two sections. While "Headcleaner" is not as good as a lot of E.N.'s work, it remains a wonderfully ambitious and creative attempt at greatness. It is proof positive that E.N. is still committed to being challenging and experimental.

"Headcleaner" starts off with everything going for it. There is a great percussion, screaming guitar feedback, and some sort of sabre rattle. Berglund's vocals scream messages of fascism and mind control. A distorted voice whispers images of fear and oppression. Berglund belts out a superb version of the Beatles' "All You Need Is Love" (no fooling), followed by the aforementioned staccato sec­ond line. Berglund laps back into his rant.

Tabula Rasa is half good, half bad. If you aren't a fan of E.N., this is not the album to make you come out. If you however, you are a fan of those wacky Germans, I can recommend Tabula Rasa with reservations.

About a week after this review was written, I listened to Wire's 'Kilimanjaro,' and was astonished to find that Tabula Rasa and Wire were cut from the same cloth. I have a hard time imagining these two albums as the work of the same band.
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