Cat owners leave Avery House as “no cats” policy stands

**BY SHAY CHINN AND AUTUMN LOOGEN**

Half of Avery House’s cat owners left the house in the Fall roompick as students and the Avery Council continued to quibble over the “no cats” policy. At least one cat owner said that she left because the cat policy had not been changed.

At off campus picks last year, no definite Avery House policies, rules, or guidelines had been set. The students picking into Avery knew that they would be allowed to remain in the house in the Fall roompick as students and the Avery Council continued to determine jointly by the Housing and Residence Life Offices. In keeping with that, the staff from those two offices who are working with Avery have come up with a solution that we hope will allow the students with cats to remain in Avery. These pets will be allowed in the house for the remainder of this year, as long as there owners are residents. These students are being contacted this evening and told this.

“The current off-campus cat policy still applies to Avery and other residents will be asked not to bring new cats in. We hope this rectifies the insufficient way in which we informed them of the policy. We don’t want these student to leave Avery if that is where they would prefer to live. It is not, as many indicate, because we need to fill all the empty spaces there. In fact, there are only 3 current undergraduate spaces open there and a long waiting list for Avery singles. Rather, it is because these students have made a commitment to live and be involved in the house and we’d like their participation.”

**Green Party candidate calls for increased government regulation**

**BY VALERIE ANDERSON**

Green Party congressional candidate Walt Contreras Sheasby spoke at Caltech Tuesday on social and environmental issues. This was the first of a series of discussions with 27th District (that’s where we are now) US House of Representatives candidates presented by the Caltech Environmental Task Force.

Sheasby and the Green Party oppose transfer of environmental regulation from the government to the private sector. They do not want issues that affect everyone decided by big business, executive teams, while “the workers don’t get a vote.” Sheasby began his speech by describing America’s corporate value system. He quoted a longtime environmental scientist who said that big business feels science’s main role is to make breakfast cereal crispier and antibiotics more expensive. “He went on to talk about the main figures in the Savings and Loan bailout and what their responsibility cost taxpayers. Sheasby said that businessmen had purchased 60,000 acres of northern California redwood forests. The Green Party envisions a society in which science is valued and corporations are accountable to the people.

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Immigration, a policy which divides us

BY JOHN HAYFIELD

I recently had the privilege of leaving my home state of Missouri and attending an American University. While on my long, boring plane ride I thought about many things — classes, meeting frosh, etc. But I also thought about the waves of immigration that no longer would immigration be a philosophical issue for me.

In Missouri, it was very easy to choose the moral high ground, and state that things such as the recent Proposition 187 are wrong. As immigration was only theoretical there, one had the luxury of looking at the situation in a very disinterested way, and not having to worry about the consequences of one’s arguments. There, one could point out how it was unfair to the new arrivals, since everyone who came before had forebears who were immigrants (and one can make a strong case that the original white settlers were “illegal immigrants”)

Also, the recent immigrants usually took jobs that citizens disdained. Besides, time and time again, the great waves of immigration that have hit this country have made it stronger.

Here, however, I see every day people whose lives are directly affected by this issue. Jinian who’s jobs are taken by unlawful immigrants. People whose children go to schools stretched to the breaking point by the children of immigrants.

People who depend on social programs whose funding is drained by the waves of illegal immigrants demanding welfare, health care, and schooling. These people work hard in their lives and it is unfair to see their hard-earned dollars be funneled to illegal immigrants as taxes. It is unfair for them to support the lives of those who are not permitted by illegal immigrants.

This is the first great wave of illegal immigration, the first in which the Immigration and Naturalization Service has not had strict control of the numbers and types of immigrants entering. The cost of these illegal's is high: two billion dollars according to the Office of Budget and Management. In California alone, to pay for the health care, schooling, and incarceration of the illegals. The sales tax we all pay at Pavilions or Ralph’s helps to pay the costs of supporting these illegal immigrants.

Legal immigrants, by and large, contribute much more to society than they take. This is not a new illegal wave, however, does not contribute nearly as much. Taking low wage, low skill jobs, they increase the supply of unskilled workers, driving down wages. For all Americans not privileged enough to go into institutions like Caltech. No longer do we receive only the brave, hardened souls who risk it all. Rather, we receive those unable to find jobs in Mexico and who are then recruited to take jobs in America.

The illegals who run here learn quick how to make a living. Large corporations such as meat processors and agribusiness like to take advantage of illegal immigrants.

Faced with exposure to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, they are forced to accept low wages and dismal benefits or risk deportation. Often shunned by their communities, there exist a solitary existence, having left their families behind in Mexico.

In sum, this tide of illegal immigration is not an immigration, but a changing infiltration that previous legal waves of immigration were. Rather, it is simply a pipeline of unskilled workers who increase the costs, lowering the skills labor jobs. This wave of illegal immigration no longer helps America or the immigrants. The illegals are trapped in low-paying jobs and many of the sweat shops at the worst; the citizens of America lose tax money and services. No one wins but cer-

Frosh Orientation in need of revision

BY NEIL STEVENS

With everything at Caltech changing from the Core to the Dean, it seems that nothing can escape the scrutiny of modern society. The annual frosh camp is no exception. For this past year, all of the new students here at Caltech are shipped off, across 26 miles of water, to a little place called Camp Fox. This exercise in theory, is unnecessary and problematic. Caltech and Pasadena are a new, foreign environment to most new students. During the first week or so, people need to adjust to their surroundings, take care of paperwork, and prepare to study. Instead of that, we all leave Caltech to learn about Caltech.

Then, it is a very difficult task for us all to focus on the business of alcohol abuse; think about an option; and learn about different cultures, safety, and the honor code. This brings us to a very difficult task. Camp Fox is a simple place, and the reactions of the students to it are simple. One either likes to camp, and loves Fox, or dislikes camping, and hates Fox. Students in both of these situations are then expected to shuffle from one planned activity to another, focusing on the wrong end. However, those who like the camp are distracted by their surroundings, and would rather playing. The others, though, are annoyed by a poor night’s sleep, below-TFM quality food, and, for the men, a lack of walls for the cabins. So, whether the frosh and transfers like camp or not, there are a lot of wrongs.

This is not the mindset to put the frosh in, if the plan is for them to get the most out of the seminars. If the priority for the frosh is for them to get to know one another, the UCC’s, and the faculty in charge of planning the events defeated that purpose, too. Since all of the planned activities, which took up a large portion of the frosh’s time, are accomplished by group, people for the most part only saw the six or so others in their groups.

Oh, and there was the boat commitment part. Half of those who were assigned to work together. OK, ten or more people have to

serves the authurs.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student offers support for Avery Wall

An open letter to Kim Lambard: I support your actions. (You must get a lot of these letters after that wonderful article.) I just finished many reconstructions of my room, adding shelves can- tilevered to the wall, and I pointed to other things (which re- quired drilling into the Ruddock concrete walls). I was, like you, careful not to seriously damage the house, but there are permanent holes in the walls. Because of the damage factor, I felt I needed to speak to Housing first (which I did), but I felt that it wasn’t really needed in your case, because you were careful to mini- mize the damage to the house. Clearly, you must take the wall down for the painting over, but I feel you should be allowed to keep it afterwards.

I believe in construction and personalization of the house. I have put up everything in the middle of my house and participated in many permanent house improvements. One of the great- est things about Caltech is the amount of disinterested work the adminis- tration has (historically?) granted the students to exercise their responsibilities. Caltech students have the ability to behave themselves, and the administration should recognize this, instead of causing Caltech to become “just another” engineering/science school.

I thank you for your service to the Caltech community.

Sean Seichter

Tech editor resigns

I hereby resign from the editorial staff of the Tech due to a full schedule of academic life and time con- cerns.

SAMANTHA GIZERAN

CLINTON/GORE: BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES

BY TERRY GORE

At the 1996 Democratic Na- tional Convention the Clinton/Gore Administration is working to achieve in ev- ery policy decision and every ini- tiative. And as we approach elec- tion day I want to challenge ev- ery college student to join together in partnerships to achieve better schools, stronger communities, and a healthier nation.

Over the last four years, I have been fortunate to travel the country and see how such part- nerships are making life better for all Americans. From Springfield, Missouri, where students and neighborhoods coalitions paint over graffiti to prevent gangs, to Washington, DC where I joined 15,000 people in a March to raise awareness and funds for AIDS treatment. All across this great country, I am constantly inspired by the enthusiasm, energy and commitment of those who join together to take action.

I am proud to be a Democrat because our party has always sought to create a civil society not only in the polities we promote, but in the academic world, too. Politics is practice. It takes much more than elected officials to make a difference. We ALL need to be better partners in finding solutions to the challenges we face.

SEE CLINTON ON PAGE 11
The Outside World
by Myfanwy Callahan

Karul, Afghanistan – Afghanistan’s new militant Muslim leader, Mullah Amir Khan Mutaqi, protested against the warning of reduced United Nations aid. "permanence," he said, and American companies who use NAFTA to escape the U.S. may be fired or schools closed if performance does not improve.

Valleyma, Afghanistan – Mullah Amir Mutaqi, a leading Muslim leader, has expressed opposition against the warning of reduced United Nations aid. "permanence," he said, and American companies who use NAFTA to escape the U.S.

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Knightsbridge Theatre presents “Les Liaisons Dangereuses”

Situated in the basement of the Bradley building in Old Pasadena on Raymond Avenue between Colorado Blvd. and Green St. is the quaint and wonderful Knightsbridge Theatre. This theater was started by Joseph Stachura, who wanted to offer the public a place to enjoy the theater for the price of a movie. The stage itself is humble, yet cozy at the same time; the actors and actresses are very talented without being pompous.

The stage itself is humble, yet cozy at the same time; the actors and actresses are very talented without being pompous. Last week, their play “Les Liaisons Dangereuses”, by Christopher Hampton, closed to great success. The play is set in pre-revolution France, when deca­dence and boredom led to ex­citing intrigue among the nobles. “Les Liaisons Dangereuses” is about such plots. J.S. Himmir direct a cast including Joseph Stachura as the Vicomte de Valmont and Carolyn Hennessy as Le Mar­quise de Merteuil. Their per­formance was superb. The of­ten confusing plot was made much simpler by the actors’ dedication to their character.

Because you missed the last show of “Les Liaisons Dangereuses”, the next best thing to do is to see the re­cent movie (Dangerous Liaisons), but be sure to catch any of the Knightsbridge’s other great plays including “Picture of Dorian Gray,” by Oscar Wilde. Plays are usu­ally on Saturdays and Sunday at 2, 5, and 8 p.m., but check the newspaper listings and call first.

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A wonderful work of art too many details, since half of the story begins with a funeral.

MALCOLM

An Agatha Christie mystery, this novel has an English country house murder, a definite set of suspects and more plot twists than you can shake a stick at. The story begins with a funeral of a rich, obnoxious paleontologist who organizes the expedition; a behavioral biologist who serves as the love interest for the heir; an assistant; and two junior high kids who were classmates. Also, there is a mystery. The book still manages to be moderately deep, however. While not my very favorite of her books (I'm partial to Miss Marple), *After the Funeral* was entertaining and I was unable to guess the murderer, despite my long acquaintance with her style.

The Lost World by Michael Crichton

This sequel to *Jurassic Park* opens with one of the worst examples of a writer selling out the fun is in figuring out the plot. There's a lot of action and no thinking required on the part of the reader. The plot, while unoriginal, is gripping, and Crichton's writing style doesn't make one cringe. I would like to pan it, since Crichton seems intent on destroying the biotech industry, but the truth is that I read it in a day.

Dave Barry in Cyberspace by Dave Barry

Dave Barry is one of the very few writers whose books I will buy in hardcover. I have all his books and I can quote them verbatim. So it kind of goes without saying that I read this book ready to be pleased. I was not disappointed. It is extremely funny. Barry writes about computers, the people who use them, and the kind of problems they create. The author has an opinion of Gates that is low, he knows pitifully little about modern science, a fact which he gives away pretty blatantly in one scene where one of the characters finds a graduated glass pipette and identifies it as "the kind used in laboratories everywhere in the world." Which would be fine if the book were set about thirty years ago.

The rest of the cast consists of a rich, obnoxious paleontologist who organizes the expedition; a behavioral biologist who serves as the love interest for the heir; his assistant; and Barry himself.

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Malcolm, who was very definitely and thoroughly killed in the first book, is resurrected. The reason is obvious enough: he wasn't killed in the movie, and there is going to be a sequel. The ironic thing is that none of the other characters from the first book so much as make an appearance, despite being more interesting and likable. Malcolm's purpose in this book, as in the first, is to deliver long monologues of pseudoscientific bubble-babble, all sufficiently out of the depth of the average reader to make him feel that this must all be true and deep. In reality, Crichton knows pitifully little about modern science, a fact which he gives away pretty blatantly in one scene where one of the characters finds a graduated glass pipette and identifies it as "the kind used in laboratories everywhere in the world." Which would be fine if the book were set about thirty years ago.

The rest of the cast consists of a rich, obnoxious paleontologist who organizes the expedition; a behavioral biologist who serves as the love interest for the heir; his assistant; and Barry himself. It's overrun with dinosaurs and naturally the characters get stuck there. The plot runs along the same lines as the first one, the differences being that there are fewer people to kill and the action doesn't start until later in the book. Apart from being good for playing Count The Plot Holes, this is actually an entertaining book. There's a lot of action and no thinking required on the part of the reader. The plot, while unoriginal, is gripping, and Crichton's writing style doesn't make one cringe. I would like to pan it, since Crichton seems intent on destroying the biotech industry, but the truth is that I read it in a day.

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Logic Training:
A Puzzle

BY WEI-HWA HUANG

No crossword this week, but here's a Logic puzzle:
While waiting for the subway, I ran into my friend AI, who happens to be a logician.

"Hi, AI! What's new?" I asked him.

"Well, I'm playing a game with three of my fellow logicians; we're on the subway: Bill, Carl, and Dick."

"Really? What's it like?"

"While we're on the subway, two of us can make only true statements on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and only false statements on Tuesday and Thursday. The other two of us have to do the exact opposite: tell the truth on Tuesday and Thursday, and lies on the other three working days."

"And the weekends?"

"Well, the game doesn't apply then, so we can say anything. We don't ride the subway on weekends, though."

"Wait. How do I know you're not lying to me now?"

"One, you can meet them when you get on with me; two, the game doesn't count when we're not on the subway car; and three, I made this statement yesterday."

"And, of course, I would be making a valid lie by saying that you could conclude something false, since you didn't." 

which meant that AI hadn't lied to me. "Okay, I'm convinced. But you might still start lying when you get on the train, since I can't tell now which two are liars and which two are truth-tellers today."

AI smiled at me and was about to say something, but then the train arrived. Upon entering, I spied three people (I'll call them persons X, Y, and Z), apparently having an argument. From their speech it was obvious that these were AI's three fellow logicians:

Person Z said to person Y, "Either you're a liar, or you're a Dick!" Person Y pointed to person Z and said to person X, "Ha! If he's a Dick, then I'm a liar! At least you're not Bill!" Person Z said to person Y, "Hey, yesterday you said he was Bill!"

X said, "The game didn't count yesterday. The game won't count tomorrow, either. Tomorrow's Friday."

Person Z pointed to person X and said to person Y, "Well, you called him Bill yesterday and the day before, or my name isn't Carl!"

Person Y said, "Hmph! If that was true, today wouldn't be Wednesday."

At this point, the argument subsided and I got lost in thought trying to figure out the situation.

But then AI whispered to me, "You don't have enough information to figure out who's lying and who's telling the truth! Forget about it."

What day of the week is it, what are the names of person X, Y, and Z, and which two people are lying today?
Insecurity Bulletin

This is fiction, folks.

by Ronald Dolette

Jabberwock, Southland

With a style that transcends the usual alternative spectrum, Pasadena-based Jabberwock cannot be properly classified with other bands of the “buzz” era. Their 1994 release, “Southland,” mixes a sound reminiscent of a bass-heavy Counting Crows with the warped wickedness of U2’s “Zooropa.” The song, “This Ain’t No Weapon. It’s a Golf Club,” includes various sound effects involving two Snapple bottles, among other things. However, as a whole, the album is a good blend of great music and intelligent lyrics.

“Southland” is full of songs such as “Oblivious,” “Freezing,” and the title track that provide harsh commentary about the state of the greater Los Angeles area. (“There are places that even God will go ‘cause you can’t get police assistance.”) Their disillusionment with the LA area might even be extrapolated to the country as a whole.

Jabberwock presents a world that is as somber as it is bitter in a very ear-catching manner. Don’t miss them playing outside Winnett Student Center at noon today.

Features

“Your Tommy or your life, Frosh!”

Physical Plant policy change inspired by Ditch Day to improve security.

Noticing how effective the “Seniors Only” signs and white sheets are against unauthorized entry by the rest of the undergraduate community, Physical Plant has announced that it will install motion detectors with standard issue white sheets labeled “Seniors Only.” When asked about Seniors possibly bypassing the sheets, as they are not banned from entering, the Phys Plant personnel responded that beyond each “Seniors Only” sheet was a “Frosh Only” sheet purchased from various first year students for a cost that was half of the $5000 the seniors liked to have used just the “Frosh Only” signs because of cost, but were charging.

In the world that is as somber as it is bitter in a very ear-catching manner, Security officers mugged out the three Security Officers who had just come off duty at the Holllston parking structure we lost $0.02, $6.27, and a Coca-cola Product with the purchase of one of equal or greater value coupon respectively. The mugger declined to take the officers credit cards mumbling something about that he already had 40,000 from Netcom and AOL. He then proceeded to relieve the officers of three sudo Maglite flashlights and a full master keyring, commenting “we would have liked to have used just the ‘Frosh Only’ signs because of cost, but most of the unauthorized entry we do see is by first year students. In fact thinking about it, those were the same ones who suggested the sheets.” Security world of course exempt themselves from the “Seniors Only” and “Frosh Only” barriers, while still respecting the “Grad Turkey Only” signs so rarely seen these days.

Security officers mugged outside Holllston parking structure.

Three Security Officers who had just come off duty at the Holllston parking structure we robbed of $0.02, $6.27, and a Ralph’s in store $5.50 off any Coca-cola Product with the purchase of one of equal or greater value coupon respectively. The mugger declined to take the officers credit cards mumbling something about that he already had 40,000 from Netcom and AOL. He then proceeded to relieve the officers of three sudo Maglite flashlights and a full master keyring, commenting that he could use extras of both. Security has refused to comment on this incident. The duty office was 5 feet away from the victim at the time, pouring himself a cup of coffee.

Suspicious character role Frosh of Tommy I’s.

Numerous Frosh have reported being robbed of their Sacre Tommy I’s late at night along the Olive Walk. The armed individual (pictured below), brandishing a pistol and a bad attitude has stripped 17 Frosh of their beloved Calculus. Volun I, reportedly using the phrase “Give me your Tommy 1, or perish with your life.”

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Major League Baseball playoff update

BY MASON A. PORTER

All four Division Series ended last Saturday, with the Braves sweeping the Dodgers and the Cardinals defeating the Padres. The Yankees defeated the Rangers and the Orioles defeated the Indians by winning three of four games. The National League (NL) and American League (AL) Championship Series both started earlier this week. The Cardinals and Braves began their seven game battle on Wednesday afternoon. The Braves are the best team in baseball, and the Cardinals are better suited to a five game series than a seven game series, as there is a large gap between the quality of their third and fourth starters. Their top three starters are Andy Benes, Donovan Osborne, and Todd Stottlemyer, while their fourth is Andy's younger brother Alan, a rookie who had an earned run average (ERA) near 5.00 despite a good win-loss record. The Braves, on the other hand, have four dominant starters in Greg Maddux, John Smoltz, Tom Glavine, and Denny Neagle. Offensively, the Braves are a far superior team, especially if it turns out that Ray Lankford is incapable of starting early in the series. The Braves are also a superior defensive team. Expect them to win in five games.

The Orioles surprised many people by sweeping the Indians and are full of confidence.

The Orioles began their series last Tuesday. They have been battling each other since they tried to outbid each other for the same free agents last winter. They have since been rivals in the American League East, the Yankees having finished first and the Orioles having finished just behind them. The Orioles surprised many people by sweeping the Indians and are full of confidence coming into their series with New York. Their starting pitching is a bit worse than New York's, but they have a huge offensive edge. New York has had trouble scoring runs all year, but the Orioles set a Major League record with 257 home runs this year. Defensively, the two teams are about equal. However, the Yankees have a much better bullpen, and that should clinch the series for New York. Unlike the Orioles relief corps, that of the Yankees (including Mariano Rivera and John Wetteland) is nearly impenetrable to opposition rallies. Expect the Yankees to beat the Orioles in seven games.

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