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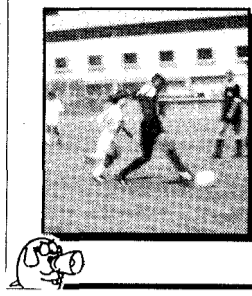
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Test your trivial pursuits at Quiz Bowl

BY RICHARD MASON

Fans of Jeopardy or Trivial Pursuit, or those who played quiz games in high school, may be interested in the upcoming Second Annual Caltech Intramural Quiz Tournament, which will be held in the SAC on Saturday, October 26.

Like Jeopardy, the game uses buzzers but it is played between two teams of four players each. A moderator will read questions on a wide range of topics: science, history, literature, music, art, geography, and entertainment.

"Toss-up" questions are open to both teams. Any of the eight players can buzz in when they think they know the answer (but they cannot discuss the question with their teammates). If you

buzz in and answer correctly, your team gets points, and your team also gets a bonus question. Bonus questions can be discussed by the whole team (and the other team gets no chance to answer).

Players can buzz in and interrupt a question before the moderator has finished reading it. However, if you interrupt a question and give the wrong answer, your team is penalized some points (and, more importantly, the other team gets to listen to the rest of the question and answer it).

Anybody in the Caltech community, undergrad, grad, postdoc, faculty, or staff, is welcome to enter a team in the tournament. All you need is a team of four people.

In the tournament last year there

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Republican Rogan supports free-market approach to environment

BY VALERIE ANDERSON

Greg Mitchell, a representative of Republican congressional candidate Jim Rogan, spoke on environmental issues and government regulation Tuesday.

He addressed Caltech students and faculty at the second of a series of discussions with 27th district US House of Representatives candidates presented by the Caltech Environmental Task Force.

One issue that should be addressed in Congress, according to Mitchell, is a "mature course" toward environmental reform — more money for research and fewer government mandates. Rogan would like to see free-market approaches to environmental problems. He believes that private incentives will be effective and that "pol-

iters should pay."

Mitchell began his discussion of government's role in environmental control by presenting examples of unnecessary government regulations that he believes "are completely unfair." He talked about the fate of a family-owned sawmill that employed 40 people. The members of the family, through government loans and incentives, were able to save \$1 million and invest it in their business. However, spotted owl injunctions closed the mill and left the family in debt. Another case involved a disabled Massachusetts man who opened a dry-cleaning business. The man purchased expensive CFC 113 equipment to comply with existing regulations. Later, a CFC limiting act made CFC 113 hard to find and put him out of

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Caltech loses Professor Ricardo Gomez

BY CHARLES PECK

Professor Ricardo Gomez died unexpectedly early the morning of Monday, October 14.

Gomez came to Caltech as a Research Fellow in 1956 in experimental particle physics and spent the rest of his career here working in this field. He retired from the active faculty in July of this year.

During his research career, Gomez was a valued member of the faculty who, in his early years here, exploited the Caltech 1 GeV electron synchrotron for photoproduction studies at what was then the high energy frontier of particle physics. He then helped to establish the new style of doing particle physics experiments at remote accelerators, contributing to Caltech-led experiments at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, the Brookhaven National Laboratory, and Fermilab. His research included studies of the photodisintegration of the deuteron, the photoproduction of various mesons from nucleons, and the interactions of high energy mesons with nucleons. He also searched for fractionally charged particles, made experimental

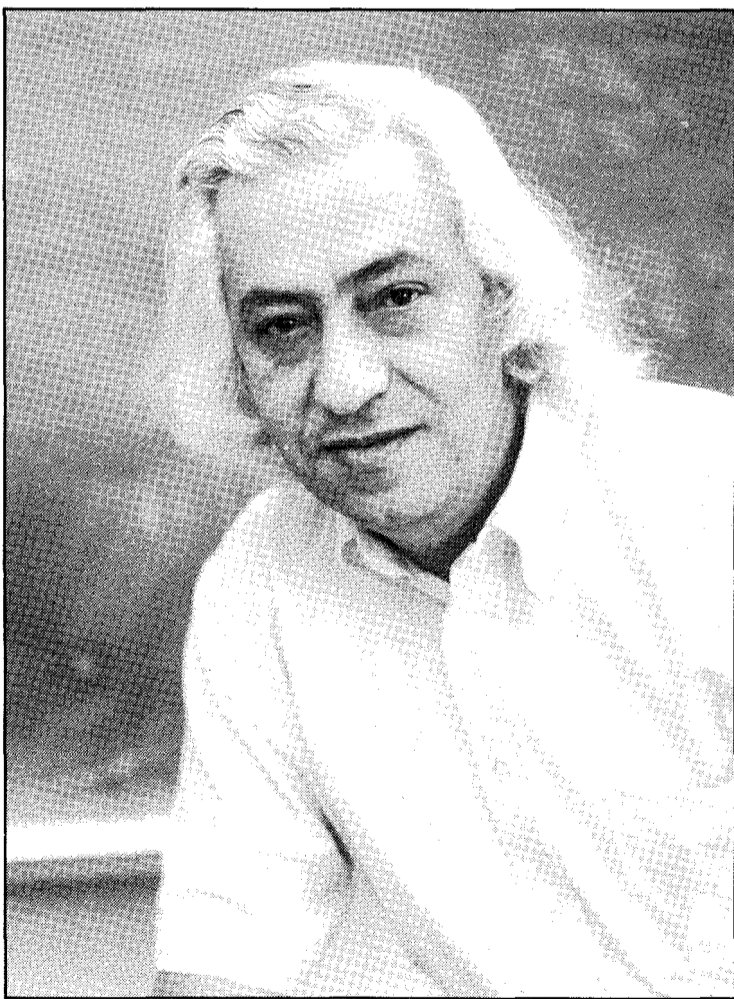


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Professor of Physics Ricardo Gomez

tests of quantum chromodynamics, and investigated certain meson decay modes of special interest.

During his entire career, Gomez was intensely interested in teaching, contributing particularly to the introductory undergraduate lecture courses and laboratories. It was not uncommon to find him absorbed in how to present some

concept or other to his classes and he spent a great deal of time with both graduate and undergraduate students. With his legendary exuberance, he always took a strong interest in the welfare of students, including concern about their personal lives and progress in their studies. Ricardo often went out of his way to help

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Caltech Undergraduate Research Journal seeks submissions for April issue

BY THE CURJ COMMITTEE

Caltech undergraduates are invited to submit research papers for the first issue of the Caltech Undergraduate Research Journal (CURJ). This year's CURJ will contain eleven papers from the summer of 1995, and will be published this April.

Papers submitted to CURJ are reviewed initially by a student committee that recommends acceptance, revision, or rejection. Papers are then returned to the authors for correction. The final recommendation for acceptance will be given by a faculty editorial board. CURJ will be distributed to faculty and students, will be available at the library, and may be sent to other individuals and institutions.

Guidelines for submission are available in the SURF office (137 Beckman Institute). The deadline

for submission is November 11 in the SURF office. Papers will be returned to authors by December 6; they should be resubmitted by January 6 for final review.

CURJ was created last year by the SURF Student Advisory Council together with the SURF office in order to publish the best research papers submitted by Caltech students or students who have done their research at Caltech.

Students need not have done their research under the SURF program to submit. The journal will be published annually and will include submissions in all disciplines.

Since CURJ is a journal for the undergraduate committee, we welcome anyone interested to participate on the editorial committee. Contact Carlos Maldonado, car@ugcs, if you would like to help publish CURJ.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*In response to
Immigration, a
policy which
divides us*

Dear Mr. Hatfield,

I feel compelled to respond to your article in the 11 October issue of the Tech. I, too, am from the Midwest: a quiet suburb of Chicago that makes Simi Valley look integrated. Yet even there, undocumented workers wash dishes, pick crops, and tend children. They simply lack the numbers to become a tempting political target.

I have difficulties with the current anti-immigrant climate for several reasons: First, over half of the illegal immigrants in this country neither speak Spanish, nor owe a small fortune to a coy-

ote for bringing them past the border. Most come to the US on an ordinary visa and simply do not leave. Many of them speak perfectly fine English, take the "good" jobs, and blend seamlessly into our diverse culture. Many are from Europe, although a growing group is from Asia. Less than 5% of the INS budget goes to tracking down such individuals.

Second, I have believed all my life that working hard and trying to make a better life for one's children are virtues. Mr. Hatfield, why do you disparage people who embody these virtues? I quote, "No longer do we receive only the brave, hardened souls willing to risk it all." Excuse me? Can you even imagine promising a smuggler a payment of two thousand dollars, a sum of money you could only imagine, to bring you past at least one border, to a world of sixteen hours of labor seven

days a week? I would argue that today's illegal immigrants risk far more than you ever will.

My grandmother told me many stories of her (presumably legal) immigrant parents, Germans who arrived in Chicago ten years before World War I. The stories were very similar to those one hears today: hours of back-breaking, menial labor; difficulties learning English; prejudice.

Yet she had no trouble telling me that Hispanic immigrants are driving this country to ruin. If enough of them come here, she says, then the U.S. will become just like Mexico. I can only conclude, Mr. Hatfield, that she, like yourself, is not addressing the difficult question of immigration, but rather coming face to face with her own prejudices. Being of European origin, she feels herself to be superior to those of American Indian descent. She dismisses their struggles as being entirely dif-

ferent from her own.

Illegal immigration is a tempting political target, not because of the cost of illegals to our social network, but because it plays to the prejudices and fears of people who work hard for a living. It pits people of different races against each other. It incites passion. Technically, it's called a "wedge" issue, one that differentiates candidates from each other, and makes one group eye another with suspicion. It indeed divides us.

However, as long as the focus is merely on Hispanic immigrants, I will doubt the motives of the speaker. As long as the talk centers around eliminating the immigrants, as opposed to regulating industries that employ them, I will doubt the motives of the speaker. When the focus comes to the thorny question of being willing to pay more money for food or clothing or child care, then I will begin to

believe that a serious discussion has commenced. I believe that illegals are simply people, whose hopes, dreams, and fears are similar to mine.

PATRICIA WHITE

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The Outside World

by Myfanwy Callahan

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN -

The Taliban forces which took the capital just three weeks ago, have now suffered serious military setbacks. They have been pushed back 25 miles from their farthest advance in the last week alone by the forces of the old leader, Ahmad Shah Massoud.

PARIS, FRANCE -

In an effort to cut the deficit, in preparation for the introduction of the European currency unit (ECU) in 1999, Prime Minister Alain Juppe has angered tens of thousands of his countrymen. The proposed phase-out of tax breaks for certain professions has caused journalists to go on strike, with air controllers, teachers, and public transportation workers soon to follow.

HONG KONG -

With less than nine months of British rule left, the tables have turned on the colonial power. Where once Chinese were barred from high-ranking positions, young Brits are lining up for jobs in trucking companies and construction crews. Unemployment in Britain has caused many to turn to Hong Kong for work.

TOKYO, JAPAN -

Japan prepares for a new election this Sunday that will lead them towards a two party system. The process will be gradual, and some problems still exist, such as the fact that the major parties all take the same positions on the issues.

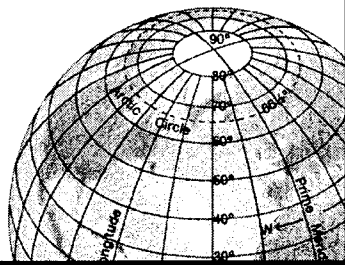
MOSCOW, RUSSIA -

Doctors are advising against

Yeltsin's bypass surgery. He is severely anemic, and some estimate his chances for survival at only 40%. His surgery has been postponed until mid-November or December.

JERICHO, WEST BANK -

King Hussein of Jordan visited the West Bank on Tuesday for the first time since Jordan lost it to Israel in 1967. This was a show of support for Yasir Arafat, indicating that further delays in self-rule agreements for Palestinians could damage relations between Israel and Jordan.



GOMEZ: Colorful physics professor passed away

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students, especially poorly prepared ones. In recent years, he was active in upgrading our existing freshman and sophomore labs and in creating new ones. Many Caltech students over the years have benefited from the creative efforts he lavished on these activities.

Outside of his professional activities at the Institute, he conducted training programs for high school teachers in his native country, Colombia, translated important high school physics texts into Spanish, participated actively in various special programs for minority students in Pasadena, was the moving force in the Drama Club and the official sponsor of the Physics Club in the sixties, and often served as a judge in Science fairs.

Gomez was sociable, gen-

erous, and intensely independent. He had highly developed artistic and musical tastes, and always displayed an extremely strong sense of justice. He will be much missed by his many friends.

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business.

When an audience member pointed out that the air quality of LA has become an economic liability to area businesses and that this should concern a 27th district candidate, Mitchell informed her that Rogan supports fuel-efficient vehicles and funding for continued research.

An example of the kind of environmental control Rogan supports, according to Mitchell, is private sector conservation of rivers and lakes in Scotland and England. There, fishing is very popular and the property rights of fishing spots are coveted. Owners of lakes and rivers charge people to fish; and since the owners have an economic incentive to prevent pollution and overfishing, they do so.

Rogan would like to balance economic and environmental concerns. He would like to see a "common sense, reasonable approach to environmental issues."

Mitchell said that Congress must consider whether it is "worth it" to put people out of business when they've invested "millions of dollars and all their sweat, just to protect one little animal." An audience member later asked whether or not Rogan thinks protecting one species is important.

Mitchell replied that Rogan has not sufficiently studied the issue.

Rogan believes that the government's role in environmental issues should be reduced and mostly involve research and offering private sector incentives. He would like to see funding for research into the extent of the damage to the atmosphere and discontinue costly controls. Also, landowners should be given incentives to conserve, said

Mitchell, and when the government confiscates land for environmental reasons, it should reimburse the owners. Rogan would like to reevaluate America's wetlands policy, considering whether or not wetlands are worth conserving.

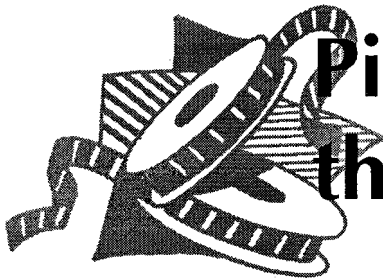
Rogan, according to Mitchell, votes independently according to what would be best for America. Mitchell said that Rogan does not always vote with his party, and in the past has disagreed with them on certain issues.

Mitchell pointed out that, while the League of Conservation voters had given Rogan a score of only 25 percent, the national Republican average was 7 to 8 percent. When the issue of which PAC's contributed to Rogan's campaign was raised, Mitchell answered that Rogan dislikes fundraising.

Mitchell described Rogan's loss of his chief financial advisor after he voted in a way that displeased a contributing PAC. Mitchell also believes that the fact that environmentally conscious PAC's don't contribute to Rogan is due to the low score he received from the League of Conservation Voters.

Mitchell admitted that Rogan has in the past not focused on environmental issues. Instead, he has pushed crime and law enforcement. In the future, Mitchell says, Rogan would like to deal primarily with economic concerns.

Information about Jim Rogan's campaign can be found on the web at <http://www.cwire.com/rogan96/>. Rogan's campaign office can be reached by mail at 3525 N. Verduso Rd, Glendale, CA 91208, or by phone at (818) 249-0529.



Pick of the Flicks

by Tanya Tickel

I bounced out of Urban Outfitters the other day with a foolish grin on my face and a box of penis-shaped pasta tucked neatly under my arm.

Two days after *The First Wives Club* opened, my girlfriends and I met to eat male-part macaroni and gripe about the limp noodles in our own lives before graduating to the big-screen problems of Goldie Hawn, Diane Keaton, and Bette Midler.

Weeks of planning and exultation at the appearance of a **long overdue** chick flick portraying men as losers would have been better spent eating twinkies. Although artful and easy to follow, the movie lost some of its appealing womyn's bite by creating nothing but caricatures to play opposite the three troubled New Yorkers.

The men appear on screen only to assure the audience that they really do deserve the revenge that their ex-wives plan for them. Except for Midler's husband, they are so underdeveloped that their eventual downfalls fall sadly short of the delicious satisfaction that one should feel when the stuff finally hits the fan.

Hawn's alcoholism and Keaton's neurotic petulance, if meant to be funny, do not succeed; although one or two priceless moments occur when Hawn is at her drunkest and Keaton must overcome her fear of heights. Midler, portraying a stereotypical Jewish mother, is the least annoying, most entertaining character among the ladies.

Still, the humor in this movie does not appear with the leads: Keaton's lesbian daughter, Hawn's well-connected friend, and Midler's interior decorator buddy provide not only flesh but fun to *First Wives*, and much of my time in the theater was spent waiting for them to come back on screen.

The revenge taken on the husbands is swift and glossed over, and their fate afterward is to be doomed to the out-of-focus part of the camera lens for the remainder of their screen time. *First Wives* concentrates the finale of the movie on the healing of the three women through

I was disturbed by the fact that First Wives did not trumpet out, "Men are scum."

their unity, and leaves the viewer with a semi-satisfied feeling like eating frozen yogurt at Baskin Robbins when everyone else gets a double scoop of Gold Medal Ribbon.

Perhaps, I thought while pushing the remnants of my soggy popcorn through the trash lid, I missed the whole point. I was disturbed by the fact that *First Wives* did not trumpet out, "Men are scum," so I went to see it again.

The second time I went in search of a feel-good movie that just happened to have the funniest women I know cast in the parts of serious ladies with real problems, kind of like Robin Williams was in

Jack.

This time, Hawn's age spots, Keaton's stupid neckerchief, and Midler's big hair did not detract so much from the strength that I expected to see in them, but rather added to the wounded powerlessness that they felt as middle-aged women suddenly torn from the lives they had been building for the past twenty years. Keaton's whiney trips to her therapist built a damaged character who could, by the end of the film, be healed.

This time, when Keaton reads in a letter, "Maybe ___ isn't the problem, maybe loneliness is," the purpose of the film finally materializes. The women's revenge on their ex-husbands is not nearly as important as the lost high school friendship that is rekindled in their vindictive enterprise.

The men are driven only by lust so that they are unreal, and are so turdly that the real first wives watching the film will dismiss them and focus instead on the real action: the important stuff that happens in the lives and families of the women who decide not to lose themselves in despair the way that the fourth friend of Hawn, Keaton, and Midler does in suicide.

Empowered, but not angry, is the way the movie turns out; as the three middle-aged women go through their own mid-life crisis together, without the Lamborghini or tight-assed hood ornament of their male counterparts. In other words, *The First Wives Club* proclaims haltingly but humorously that life doesn't end when your period does.



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Y NEWS

BY BRADEY HONSINGER

There are no new Caltech Y programs or events this week, but there are a couple of ongoing ones that you should remember:

First, if you're a work-study student, you can make a difference and make money at the same time. You can earn \$12/hr while participating in any of the community service programs the Caltech Y is involved

in (such as tutoring local elementary or high school students, serving food to the homeless, or helping care for AIDS patients)!

If you're not a work-study student, you can still make a difference by volunteering your time to any of these programs. Talk to Chris at the Y (x6163) or e-mail him at sundbergc@starbase1.

The Caltech Y's weekly mountain bike rides are starting up for the year; the first one will be this Thursday, October 24. If you're interested in taking your mountain bike somewhere a little more wild than campus walkways and Pasadena streets, stop by the Y to sign up. Again, you can talk to Chris at x6163 or e-mail him at sundbergc@starbase1.

A.S.C.I.T. Minutes

OCTOBER 13, 1996

Present: Maria, Dave B., Grace, Alexis, Emily, Kohl, Kristie, Kara, Walt and Amy

Meeting starts at 8:18 p.m.

- Walt wants permission to use the kiosk next to the bookstore. BoD decided against it because it's for GSC and ASCIT postings only.
- Amy came to interview for the position of Big-T business manager. Closed meeting 8:20 p.m. Open meeting 8:26 p.m.
- Amy was voted in as the Big-T business manager 8-0.

Officers' Reports

- Kara - Starting the UROH and sending letters out to the professors.
- Alexis - there were meetings this summer about transportation. Head of the insurance company is rewriting the policy and the policy needs to be checked by lawyers and the insurance company. We'll know more after that.
- Kristie - Was on Price is Right. The show airs Dec. 3. Watch your fellow Techer on the boob tube.
- Emily - "I have money!" The ASCIT party went well. Planning the Halloween party.
- Kohl - The preliminary version of the CLUE is out on the ASCIT web page (<http://rm.caltech.edu/clue>). Faculty-Student Conference will be held soon.
- Dave B. - "Rotation is over!!!"
- Maria - BoC talks are starting soon.

The next ASCIT meeting will held Wed. 10/23, at 10 p.m.9.5 Meeting adjourns at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Jan
ASCIT Secretary

Quiz

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was a field of thirteen teams, divided into morning and afternoon divisions, with a final set of matches in the late afternoon. In the hair-raising finals, a team of four grad students narrowly triumphed over a team of four undergrads. Who will be victorious this year?

If you would like to register your team for this year's tournament send the following information to Craig Leff at : 1) team name (creativity in team names is encouraged);

2) captain's name, e-mail address and phone number; and 3) team composition (2 undergrads and 2 grads, etc.).

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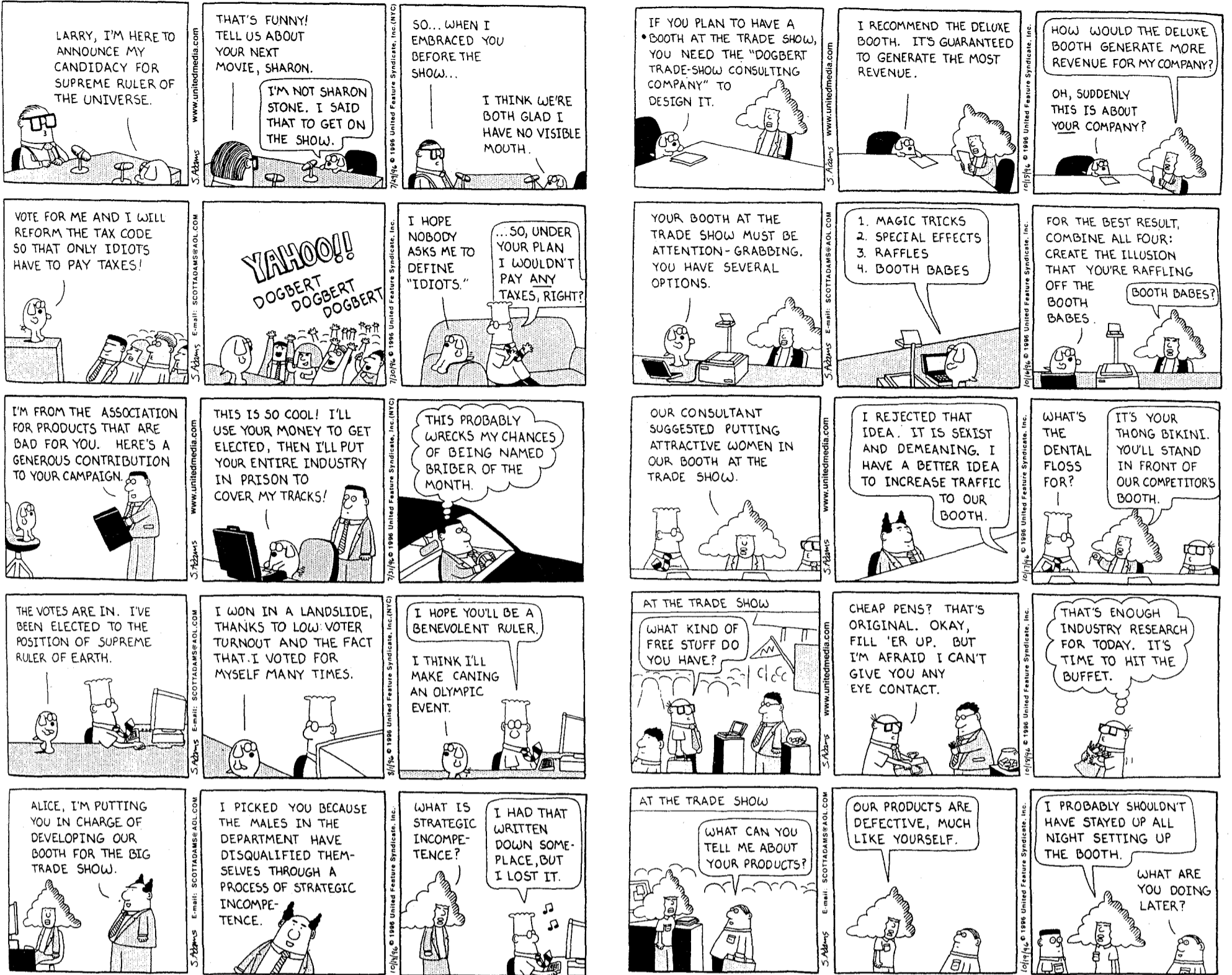
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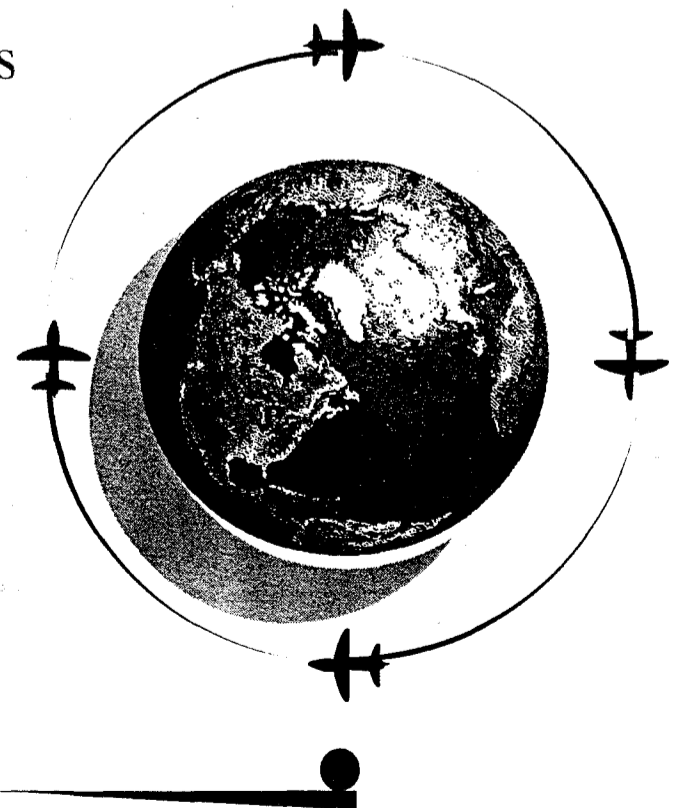
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Baseball MVP Awards Soccer scores a win against La Sierra

BY MASON A. PORTER

The American League (AL) MVP is being contested by a number of worthy candidates, including shortstop Alex Rodriguez of the Seattle Mariners, outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. of the Mariners, outfielder Albert Belle of the Cleveland Indians, outfielder Kenny Lofton of the Indians, first baseman Mo Vaughn of the Boston Red Sox, outfielder Brady Anderson of the Baltimore Orioles, second baseman Roberto Alomar of the Orioles, and first baseman/designated hitter Frank Thomas of the Chicago White Sox. Thomas and Griffey were injured for about a month each. Rodriguez was the early favorite, but he faded badly down the stretch. Vaughn was last year's winner and accumulated even better homerun and RBI totals than he did last year. Anderson hit 50 homers this year and provided excellent speed and defense. Alomar had yet another excellent season, hitting about .330 and setting a career high with 22 homeruns. Belle was edged by Vaughn last year, due both to Vaughn's leadership and to Belle's poor relationship with the press. Lofton will get a lot of votes, but he may not even be among the top five vote-getters. Albert Belle should win this award.

The National League (NL)

MVP award is not as hotly contested as the AL ones. The principle candidates are catcher Mike Piazza of the Los Angeles Dodgers, third baseman Ken Caminiti of the San Diego Padres, shortstop Barry Larkin of the Cincinnati Reds, third baseman/shortstop Chipper Jones of the Atlanta Braves, outfielder Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants, and outfielders Ellis Burks and Andres Galarraga of the Colorado Rockies. Piazza nearly became the first catcher since Ernie Lombardi to win a batting title, but faded during the last week of the season along with the rest of the Dodgers. Larkin started slowly but ended up having an ever better offensive season than he did in 1995. Barry Bonds joined Jose Canseco as the only members of the 40-40 club. Burks and Galarraga both had their statistics inflated because of their home ballpark, although Burks performed quite well on the road as well. Burks does not deserve the MVP, but he does deserve to finish second in the balloting. Chipper Jones had an excellent season and should finish third or fourth in the voting, but the winner should be Ken Caminiti. He hit over .300 with 40 homers and over 120 RBIs. It is mostly because of him that the Padres won the NL West. Therefore, Caminiti deserves the MVP trophy.



Caltech struggles against CMS

BY RYAN COX

The Caltech soccer team had a chance to prove itself Monday in a game against La Sierra. Caltech had lost to La Sierra during pre-season and had been defeated 12-0 by CMS just two days earlier. However, this did not prevent the team from playing well and defeating La Sierra 6-3. Clay Kishiyama scored two goals and Mat Barnet, Albert Ramirez, Anil Roopnarine, and Pat Higgins each scored one goal. Pat Higgins was the first frosh this year to score a goal. The whole

team played well and shows signs of improving.

The Caltech soccer team has also undergone a number of important changes this year.

First, Head Coach Philip Howells and Assistant Coach Ken Kiessling have been joined by a new assistant coach, Julie Tingle. Assistant Coach Tingle has already proved a great asset to the team with her endless energy and stubborn insistence on performance.

The new frosh class has also reshaped the team. Twelve of the twenty-three players are freshmen. Most of them are not

starters, but there is potential talent among them.

New team captains have been appointed, once again following the shift towards a younger team. The team captains consist of three sophomores, Mat Barnet, Tony Payne and Frankie Dias-Laurence; and one senior, Clay Kishiyama.

Assistant coach Tingle later said that one of the reasons for the victory was that "we played as a team." This win will help to boost the team spirit and provide inspiration for the rest of the season.

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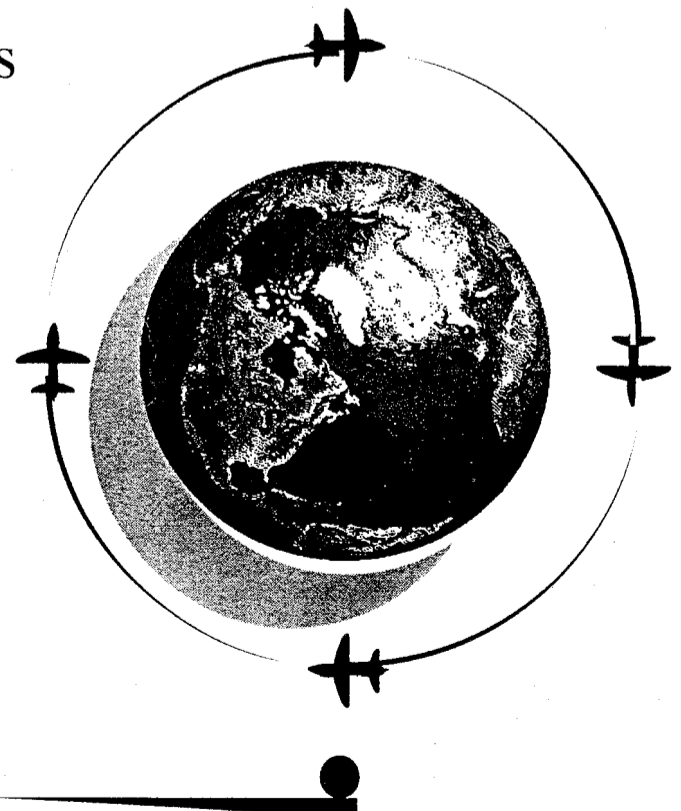
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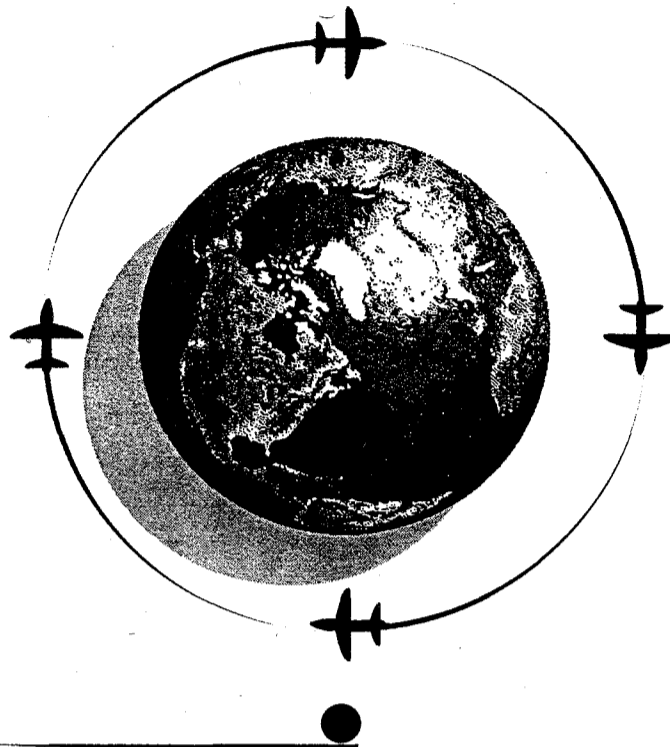
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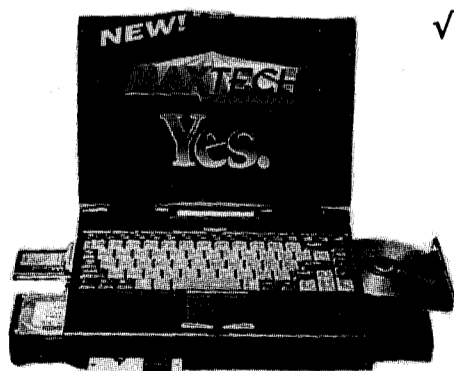
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A dark green hooded Nike sweatshirt, blue terry cloth towel, and one white t-shirt have been left **unclaimed** from **Frosh Camp** and are currently waiting their owners in the Dean's Office, 102 Parsons-Gates.

The **Fellowships Advising & Resources Office** is desperately seeking **student workers** for a wide variety of projects. Find out about fellowships and work and study abroad while you earn money. If you are interested, please contact Karen in the Fellowships Office, Room 25 of the SAC, or x2150.

Caltech Guitar classes this fall quarter will be held weekly on Tuesday starting on October 8th in Room 1 of the Student Activities Center. Beginning classes will

be held from 4:30pm to 5:30pm, intermediate from 3:00pm to 4:00pm, and advanced classes from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Classical and flamenco repertoires are explored but techniques transfer to other styles of guitar. Classes are free to Caltech students and other members of the Caltech community, space permitting. Undergraduates can receive three units of credit if they choose. For further information, please contact Darryl Denning as 465-0881 or ddenning@cco.

Events

Join the debate on **Proposition 209**, the controversial "California Civil Rights Initiative" (CCRI) with moderator Warren Olney on Wednesday, October 23rd, at 7:30pm in the Pasadena Convention Center Little Theatre. The Pro side will be represented by Al Latham, former U.S. Director of Civil Rights under President Reagan, and Manuel Klausner, Attorney, Chair of Libertarian Law Council, the con side by Connie Rice of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational fund, and

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Joe Hicks, former director of Christian Leadership Conference of Southern California. Sponsored by the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and various local groups.

Dr. **Lawrence Buell**, John P. Marquand Professor of English and professor of American Literature and Language at Harvard University, will be giving a Science, Ethics, and Public Policy Seminar entitled "The Discourse of Toxicity: Art, Politics, and Environmental Justice in the Fin-de-Siecle United States" on Thursday, October 24th, at 4pm in the Judy Library, Baxter Building. Refreshments will follow the talk.

Caltech is sponsoring a two day **blood drive** which will be held in the Winnett Student Lounge on Wednesday, November 13th, between 10:15am and 3:30pm, and on Thursday, November 14th, between 12:15pm and 5:30pm. Please contact Vilia Zmuidzinas via e-mail hrbzvz@hr.caltech.edu or at x6001 for an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

The **Caltech Environmental Task Force** is proud to present a series of lunch time discussions on the environment by District 27 candidates for the **US House of Representatives**. Each candidate will discuss how the next congress should deal with environmental issues. This will be followed by a question and answer session from the audience. The Democratic candidate, Doug Kahn, will talk today, October 18th, in Moore 70.

From the Counseling Center

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Fellowships and Scholarships

From the **Fellowships Advising and Resources Office**, extension 2150, e-mail lauren_stolper@starbase1.caltech.edu:

On Friday, October 25th, at 11am in Winnett Club Room 1, **Dr. Susan Duby**, who is the program director for **NSF Graduate Fellowships**, will hold a special information session for students applying for the NSF. This is a great opportunity to have questions answered and hear the inside scoop on the NSF. The fellowships advising office is also inviting juniors as Dr. Duby will not be able to visit CIT the next academic year.

Applications are available in the Fellowships Advising Office or through the Web for the **National Science Foundation**. The URL is: <http://fnew.nsf.gov/10/A10Menu.htm> Lauren Stolper, the Fellowships Advising Office, is available to help review student's NSF essays. Please call extension 2150 or e-mail lauren_stolper@starbase1.caltech.edu for more information.

The **Churchill Fellowship** gives students a chance to spend an academic year at Churchill College, Cambridge University. Fellows must be U.S. citizens between the ages of 19 and 26 and hold a bachelor's degree by the time the fellowship commences. Applicants must do graduate study in the sciences or engineering which leads to a certificate, diploma or M.Phil degree. Two applicants will be nominated by Caltech. Eighty applications are available in the fellowship office.

The **Gem Fellowship** provides fellowships for minority students who wish to pursue an M.S. degree in engineering or Ph.D. degree in science or engineering. Applications are available in the Fellowships Advising Office. The deadline is December 1st. The Gem Web page can be found at <http://www.nd.edu/gem/>

Hertz Applications are available in the Fellowships Advising Office. Applicants must have a 3.75 GPA during the last two years of undergraduate work. The deadline is **October 18th**. Graduating seniors and grad students at any phase in their studies except for the final year may apply.

Graduating seniors who are female or minority student are eligible to apply for the **National Physical Science Consortium**. The Fellowships Advising Office has a sample application; e-mail mpsc@nmsu.edu or request info through the NPS home page at <http://www.nmsu.edu/~npsc>

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From the **Financial Aid Office**, 515 S. Wilson, second floor:

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The **Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity** announces the 1997 Essay Contest for the Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics. The essay contest is open to full-time juniors and seniors. First prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$2,500 and third prize is \$1,500. Essays must be accompanied by a completed entry form. To obtain an entry form, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, 36th Floor, New York, NY 10036. Essay entries must be postmarked by **January 17th, 1997**. For more information about the contest, come to the Financial Aid Office.

Women who are full-time juniors in 1996-97 are invited to participate in **GLAMOUR Magazine's 1997 Top Ten College Women Competition**. This competition recognizes exceptional achievements; the visual determination and academic excellence of female college juniors from across the country. Winners will receive \$1,000, the opportunity to meet with top professionals in their fields, and national recognition in GLAMOUR's October 1997 issue. Applications are due **January 31st, 1997**.

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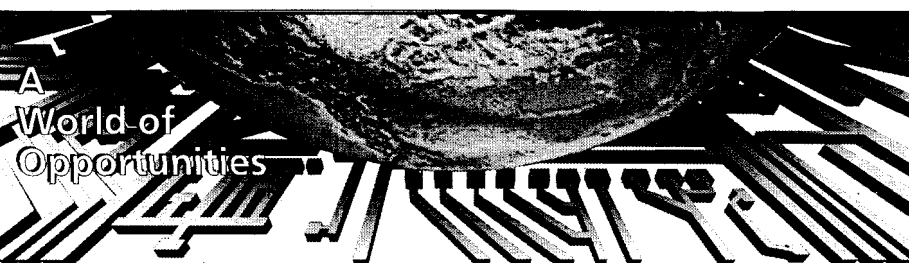
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Flems ally against Darbunism

Mach shakes on union

by Geoff Smith

In what Ricketts President Phil Sutton has hailed as a "watershed event", Ricketts House and Sean Mauch announced an "eternal and holy alliance to purify the world of Dabney" on Wednesday night. An ebullient Mauch attended Ricketts dinner, clearly overjoyed at the chance to once again be united with his true spiritual brethren. After the handshaking was over, a teary Mauch led the house in a stirring rendition of "We Shall Overcome" that brought tears to the eyes of even the most jaded of Scurves.

The full effects of this confluence of powers have not yet been determined. In the Vatican, Pope John Paul II, who had been acting as a mediator between Ricketts and Dabney, was rumored to have stayed up all night trying to find a way to meet this new development in the swiftly-escalating situation. The Pontiff, twitchy from "more cappuccino than you can possibly imagine, with a little Herbal Ecstasy thrown in for the hell of it", remarked "When you consider that Ricketts already boasts the power of Patrick Spradlin and Aaron Matz, the possible outcomes of a full or limited ex-

change of badass take on a positively chilling character, possibly threatening the fabric of space-time itself."

United States President Billy "fuller 'n a tick" Clinton was visibly shaken at a hastily-called press conference. When asked by a Tech reporter what effect Sean Mauch may have on the deterrent effect of the United States nuclear arsenal, he responded "Well, you don't have to be smarter than a barn full of hoot owls to know that it's not like he couldn't take any country out behind the woodshed and open up a whole can of whup-ass." Later in the conference, he seemed to be trying to back out of his gloomy outlook: "Just 'cause his dick's longer than a rake handle doesn't mean we can't come to some agreement here. It's not like we're not talking." Upon further questioning, it became apparent that the President had been told he could e-mail Mauch "any time he wanted", but since nobody in the federal government has any idea how a computer works, this action has yet to be performed.

Republican candidate for president Bob Dole seemed unsurprised at the news. "Bob Dole sees this as a di-



With a hand's shake, Dabney's doom is sealed

rect result of President Clinton's soft foreign policy. Did Bob Dole mention that Bob Dole got a purple heart? Bob Dole's hand doesn't do dick any more since Bob Dole took a mortar blast for his country, and, as president, Bob Dole will show a similar stoicism towards getting bludgeoned by Sean Mauch's meaty fists or sliced to ribbons with Sean Mauch's razor-sharp katana. Bob Dole will take no shit."

Caltex authorities seemed less concerned. Kim West, when pressed, commented "Does this Sean Mauch thing have anything to do with fire, swinging on a

rope, or swinging on a rope over a fire? 'Cause if it does, I'm going to come down hard on you bastards. Other than that, I don't give a rat's ass."

Tom Mannion's only response was a crestfallen "Is there any way we can get him on board because of this? There's room in Avery..."



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☞The Vice President for Student Affairs Office is hiring a part-time **work-study student** office assistant to answer phones, file, word process, and run campus errands for 6 afternoon hours a week. The student must be able to work 3 to 5pm some Friday afternoons. The perks: a good pay rate and free soda; for more information, please see Jerri in 108 Parsons-Gates.

A dark green hooded Nike sweatshirt, blue terry cloth towel, and one white t-shirt have been left **unclaimed** from **Frosh Camp** and are currently waiting their owners in the Dean's Office, 102 Parsons-Gates.

The **Fellowships Advising & Resources Office** is desperately seeking **student workers** for a wide variety of projects. Find out about fellowships and work and study abroad while you earn money. If you are interested, please contact Karen in the Fellowships Office, Room 25 of the SAC, or x2150.

Caltech Guitar classes this fall quarter will be held weekly on Tuesday starting on October 8th in Room 1 of the Student Activities Center. Beginning classes will

be held from 4:30pm to 5:30pm, intermediate from 3:00pm to 4:00pm, and advanced classes from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Classical and flamenco repertoires are explored but techniques transfer to other styles of guitar. Classes are free to Caltech students and other members of the Caltech community, space permitting. Undergraduates can receive three units of credit if they choose. For further information, please contact Darryl Denning as 465-0881 or ddenning@cco.

Events

☞Join the debate on **Proposition 209**, the controversial "California Civil Rights Initiative" (CCRI) with moderator Warren Olney on Wednesday, October 23rd, at 7:30pm in the Pasadena Convention Center Little Theatre. The Pro side will be represented by Al Latham, former U.S. Director of Civil Rights under President Reagan, and Manuel Klausner, Attorney, Chair of Libertarian Law Council, the con side by Connie Rice of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational fund, and

☞ denotes a new announcement.

Joe Hicks, former director of Christian Leadership Conference of Southern California. Sponsored by the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and various local groups.

☞Dr. **Lawrence Buell**, John P. Marquand Professor of English and professor of American Literature and Language at Harvard University, will be giving a Science, Ethics, and Public Policy Seminar entitled "The Discourse of Toxicity: Art, Politics, and Environmental Justice in the Fin-de-Siecle United States" on Thursday, October 24th, at 4pm in the Judy Library, Baxter Building. Refreshments will follow the talk.

Caltech is sponsoring a two day **blood drive** which will be held in the Winnett Student Lounge on Wednesday, November 13th, between 10:15am and 3:30pm, and on Thursday, November 14th, between 12:15pm and 5:30pm. Please contact Vilia Zmuidzinias via e-mail hvdvez@hr.caltech.edu or at x6001 for an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

The **Caltech Environmental Task Force** is proud to present a series of lunch time discussions on the environment by District 27 candidates for the **US House of Representatives**. Each candidate will discuss how the next congress should deal with environmental issues. This will be followed by a question and answer session from the audience. The Democratic candidate, Doug Kahn, will talk today, October 18th, in Moore 70.

From the Counseling Center

Looking for a safe and supportive place to discuss issues such as coming out, being out, dealing with family, coping with a homophobic culture, and being GLB at Caltech? Want somewhere just to make new friends? You are invited to the **Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Support Group**, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:30pm till 10:00pm in the Health Center lounge. This is a confidential meeting and attending does not imply anything about a person's sexual orientation—only that he or she is willing to be supportive in this setting. The group usually discusses a particular relevant topic and then moves on to the general discussion. Refreshments are served. If you would like more information, please call x8331.

Fellowships and Scholarships

From the Fellowships Advising and Resources Office, extension 2150, e-mail lauren_stolper@starbase1.caltech.edu:

☞On Friday, October 25th, at 11am in Winnett Club Room 1, **Dr. Susan Doby**, who is the program director for **NSF Graduate Fellowships**, will hold a special information session for students applying for the NSF. This is a great opportunity to have questions answered and hear the inside scoop on the NSF. The fellowships advising office is also inviting juniors as Dr. Doby will not be able to visit CIT the next academic year.

Applications are available in the Fellowships Advising Office or through the Web for the **National Science Foundation**. The URL is: <http://fellowships.gov/ai/ai10Menu.htm> Lauren Stolper, the Fellowships Advisor, is available to help review student's NSF essays. Please call extension 2150 or e-mail lauren_stolper@starbase1.caltech.edu for more information.

The **Churchill Fellowship** gives students a chance to spend an academic year at Churchill College, Cambridge University. Fellows must be U.S. citizens between the ages of 19 and 26 and hold a bachelor's degree by the time the fellowship commences. Applicants must do graduate study in the sciences or engineering which leads to a certificate, diploma or M.Phil degree. Two applicants will be nominated by Caltech. Eighty applications are available in the fellowship office.

The **Gem Fellowship** provides fellowships for minority students who wish to pursue an M.S. degree in engineering or Ph.D. degree in science or engineering. Applications are available in the Fellowships Advising Office. The deadline is December 1st. The Gem Web page can be found at <http://www.nd.edu/~gem/>

Hertz Applications are available in the Fellowships Advising Office. Applicants must have a 3.75 GPA during the last two years of undergraduate work. The deadline is **October 18th**. Graduating seniors and grad students at any phase in their studies except for the final year may apply.

Graduating seniors who are female or minority student are eligible to apply for the **National Physical Science Consortium**. The Fellowships Advising Office has a sample application; e-mail mpsc@nmsu.edu or request info through the NPSC home page at <http://www.nmsu.edu/~npsc>

The **Zonta/Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards for Women** is looking for applicants that have a B.A. or B.S. degree in an area of science or engineering closely related to aerospace related science or engineering. Women graduate students of any nationality are eligible to apply. Applications are available in the Fellowships Advising Office.

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Students who have completed less than one year of graduate study toward a degree in the biological sciences or undergraduate seniors are qualified for **Howard Hughes Predoctoral Fellowships in the Biological Sciences**. To obtain an application via the internet <http://fellowships.nus.edu> or e-mail infofell@nus.edu.

From the Deans' Office, 102 Parsons-Gates:

The **Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation**, established by Congress in 1975, is the official federal memorial to honor our thirty-third President. The Foundation awards \$30,000 merit-based scholarships to junior-level college students who wish to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public service. In 1997, up to 85 students will be awarded Truman Scholarships. They will receive leadership training, graduate school counseling, preferential admission and merit-based aid to some premier graduate institutions, and internship opportunities with federal agencies. They will establish friendships with persons sharing similar values and interests. Scholars are eligible to receive \$3,000 for the senior year of undergraduate education and \$27,000 for graduate studies. The Foundation defines public service as employment in: government at any level, uniformed services public interest organizations, nongovernmental research and/or educational organizations, and public service oriented nonprofit organizations such as those whose primary purposes are to help needy or disadvantaged persons or to protect resources. The eligibility requirements are: a full-time junior-level student at a four-year institution, committed to a career in public service as defined above, and in the upper quarter of his or her class, and a U.S. citizen. If you are interested in applying for the Truman Scholarship, please contact the Director of Students Office, 102 Parsons-Gates. The deadline is **late December, 1996**.

From the Financial Aid Office, 515 S. Wilson, second floor:

The **John Gyles Education Fund** is offering financial assistance to students in Canada and the United States Canadian or American citizenship and a minimum 1.0 GPA is required. Selected students will receive up to \$2,500. The deadline is **November 15th** (postmark date). To receive an application, send a stamped (US \$32), self-addressed No. 10 envelope to: The John Gyles Education Fund, Attention: R. James Cough Administrator, P.O. Box 4808, 712 Riverside Dr. Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada E3B 5G4.

Applications are now being accepted for the **1997 National Academy for Nuclear Training scholarships**. Scholarships are \$2,500 each and will be awarded to eligible students majoring in nuclear engineering, power generation health physics, or chemical, electrical, or mechanical engineering with nuclear power options. Applicants must be U.S. Citizens, have minimum 3.0 GPAs, and be full-time sophomores, juniors, or seniors in 1997-98. Preference will be given to students demonstrating specific preparation for employment in the U.S. nuclear power industry. Application must be postmarked no later than **February 1st, 1997**.

The **Jewish Family and Children's Services** is pleased to announce the continued availability of financial support for Jewish individuals and their families. JFC provides hundreds of students loans, grants, and scholarships to Jewish students. Individuals may apply up to \$5,000. Special scholarships are available for study in Israel. To be eligible, students must have financial need, have at least a 3.0 GPA, and be residents of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin or Sonoma counties, or the Bay Area. There are no deadlines—applications are accepted throughout the year and are available in the Financial Aid Office.

The **Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity** announces the 1997 Essay Contest for the Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics. The essay contest is open to full-time juniors and seniors. First prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$2,500 and third prize is \$1,500. Essays must be accompanied by a completed entry form. To obtain an entry form, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, 36th Floor, New York, NY 10036. Essays must be postmarked by **January 17th, 1997**. For more information about the contest, come to the Financial Aid Office.

Women who are full-time juniors in 1996-97 are invited to participate in **GLAMOUR Magazine's 1997 Top Ten College Women Competition**. This competition recognizes exceptional achievements; the visual determination and academic excellence of female college juniors from across the country. Winners will receive \$1,000, the opportunity to meet with top professionals in their fields, and national recognition in **GLAMOUR's** October 1997 issue. Applications due **January 31st, 1997**.

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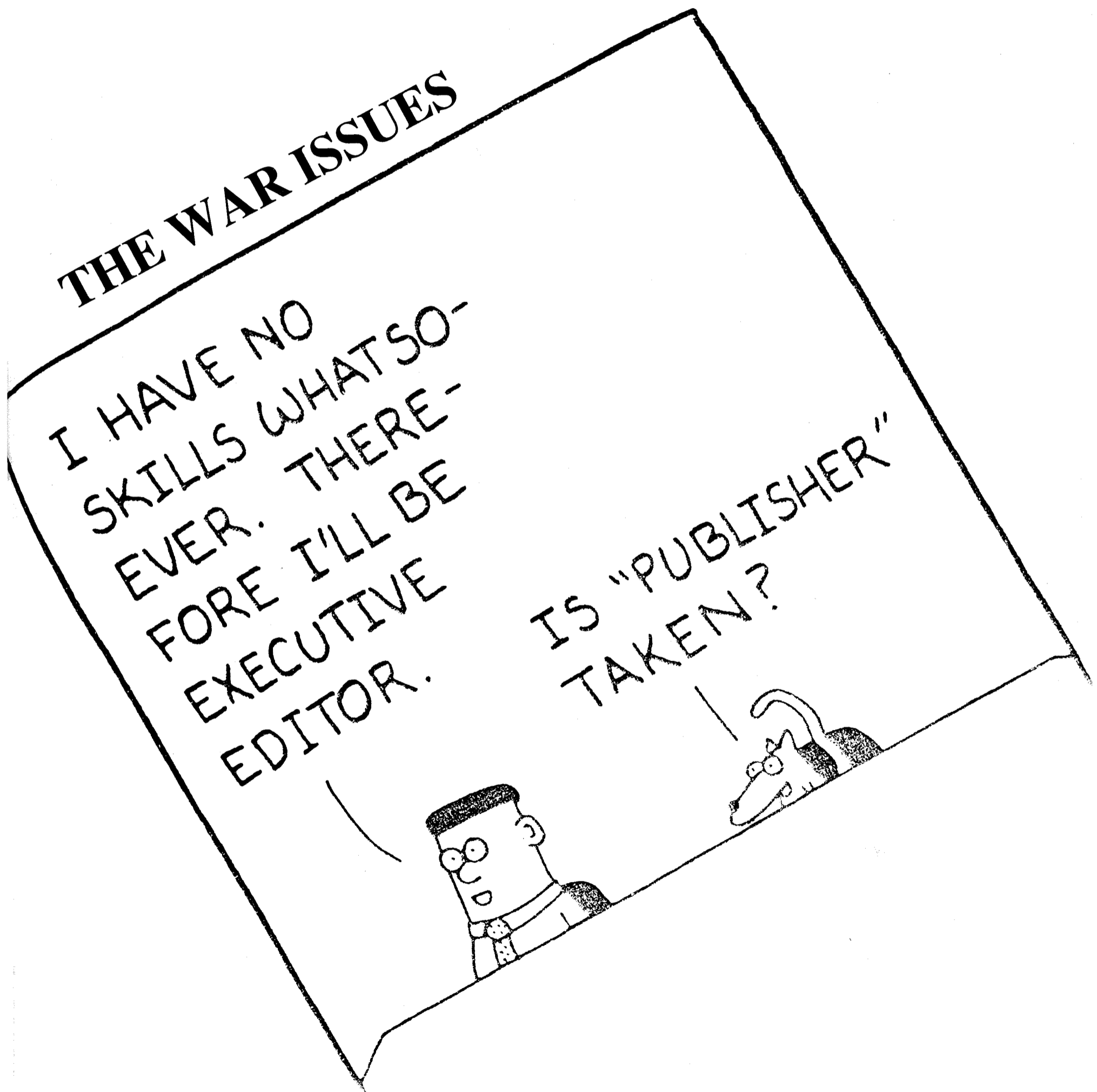
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Blacker calls for peace between Ricketts and Dabney

BLACKER 1

In response to recent tensions between its neighbors, Ricketts and Dabney, Blacker House recently issued an official statement concerning its neutrality: "We have always been a peaceful house; these skirmishes sadden and disturb us greatly," said President William Penn.

Blacker is calling for an end to hostilities, and encourages high-level diplomatic talks between the two parties. "Talking is good; just think how much better film became when they started talking!" exclaimed Penn.

Blacker also condemned the rumored alliance of certain other houses with the warring parties. "Ruddock's possible support for Dabney is a cause of great concern to us. We are meeting with Ruddock's diplomatic corps this afternoon to encourage them to remain neutral," said Penn. Sources close to the presidency said that the Blacker-Ruddock meeting ended with Ruddock President Lon Christiansen leaving "wet behind the ears and disgruntled."

Blacker invited Ricketts and Dabney to a peace summit, to be held in Blacker in the near future, and indicated its willingness to send aid. "If neces-

sary, we will send in the Black Army of Peace, a division of the Blacker Armored Cavalry," said Ravi Ramamoorthi.

Some members of Blacker disagree with the peaceful stance. "War will reduce the Caltech male population, thereby helping the ratio," pointed out Alex Ihler. There is a substantial militant population which favors joining the

"Both houses should be burned to the ground, and I know how."

-KURT KLEIN

conflict. "Both houses should be burned to the ground, and I know how," said Kurt Klein. Some are also willing to supply arms to either side. Blacker is said to have vast acetone reservoirs and is currently developing new technology to stay ahead in the developing inter-house arms race.

Blacker stated that it would defend itself against any encroachment on its sovereign territory. "We will aggressively defend ourselves if attacked, and we will not allow any armed parties to pass through our serene and hallowed halls. We will do anything necessary to preserve Blacker as the House of Gracious Living," stated Penn.

Another member of Blacker stated his position forcefully and succinctly: "All bare-footed heathens entering Blacker will be shot and strung up in the olive tree."

A couple words from Fleming House

FLEMING 1

Alright! This is the kind of action I've been waiting years to see- a real honest to goodness war. No more of the foolishness we've all gotten used to over the last ten or fifteen years — since 'Nam, people have been afraid of calling anything a war. Bosnia is an "armed conflict" The Nicaraguan rebels were "freedom fighters." Nobody can call Reagan's invasion of Grenada a war, and the shit that went down in Ethiopia was a media circus before it was anything resembling warfare. With the threat of nuclear weapons, war isn't war anymore.

I was watching the religious propaganda channel the other day, and Oral Roberts told me that for the last 30 years the military has been using advanced training methods to get American soldiers to shoot at people instead of just sitting around smoking Pall Malls and flirting with the nurses in the French Resistance. He also says that the same techniques applied to soldiers are being integrated into modern virtual reality video games. Imagine that — just by playing Doom you get all the psychological training you need to kill someone by reflex — all you need is a gun, and someone at which to point it. (I suggest Monroe).

Thank my lord and savior Jesus that the Scurves finally did something about this illness that's been festering inside all of us. No,

I don't mean that nasty rash you get from shaving too close to the bikini line. I mean the inbred nature of relationships at Tech. When was the last time you had a date with anyone who didn't live in your house? When was the last time you had a date? Umm, yeah. Never mind.

What I'm trying to get across here is that warfare is humanity's way of blending the gene pool. Short of fucking grad students,

ing "Bill and Chelsea, sitting in a tree, I-N-C-E-S-T-T." Don't deny it, just yesterday you were thinking, "Hey, maybe I'll run out into traffic and expose myself, masturbate briefly, and then scamper back into the bushes. And then maybe I'll have some ice cream."

A good war is a simple, productive way to work through all kinds of personality differences — and you get to kill people who don't think the way you do.

All I'm suggesting is that we collectively take our Segway-enhanced warfaring skills and apply them to life at Tech. My advice for anyone foolish enough to stand before the juggernaut unleashed — that is, the Ricketts/Fleming war machine — instead of worrying about whether or not your flies have mated yet, worry about whether or not Dabney courtyard is mined. Don't be disgusted by the food service — be happy your toilet paper isn't rationed, and that you can deal with your intestinal distress at your lesiure. Don't worry about the Ruskies or the Mexicans invading (or even the Canadians). Worry about me dropping out of the sky dressed in full Spanish mission style camouflage and armed with toasters and portable industrial underarm deodorant and shovels and rakes and VQ minibuses and various other secret weapons of mass destruction that make lots of noise and smoke and.. and.. umm, you get the idea. For all the folks here back on the ranch, thank you for your support.

Ever wonder why all the Lloydies are starting to look like each other?

there isn't much we can do in our normal faux peaceful interactions with other houses — Avery is off limits, because we don't want the faculty to get any ideas. We don't go into any houses that aren't our own. Ever wonder why all the Lloydies are starting to look like each other? Raping and pillaging are natural animal drives, and they have to be acted upon. Declaring war is just another way of satisfying all those dirty primal urges we all have.

At least, I assume we all have them. I know I do. You know what I'm talking about — jumping out of planes, doing that Tarzan-beat-your-chest thing, eating Micky D's french fries, running nekkid thru the streets with a big Bob Dole mask shout-

Bear attacked by marauding Scurves

DABNEY 2

Just yesterday, Scurves infiltrated Dabney House and attempted to kill its bear, Rudolph, while he was cleaning the public aquarium of the blood from the harbor seal slaughter a few weeks ago.

His life was spared due to the heroic efforts of fellow Darb Kai-



Rudolph narrowly escapes with his life.

Hsu Tai.

Rudolph's story is a sad tale of persecution. Orphaned and left at Goodwill, a few kindly students brought him to Caltech, hoping that Ricketts would provide a loving home for him.

He found a home there, but a squalid one. Scurves attempted to burn him in the Pot. When they were prevented from doing so, they tried to hang him.

Luckily, he was saved by a

few well-meaning Scurves who knew that Dabney would take him in. Rudolph was accepted with open arms, and he has now become a beloved member of the Dabney Family.

Rudolph is neither the first nor last Ricketts member to seek membership from Dabney to escape from the recent brutality.

Darbs have stated that, if no change occurs soon, they will use any means to protect their own.

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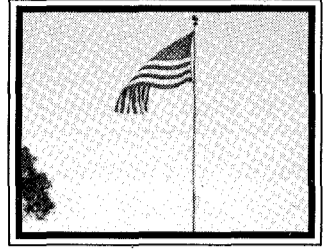
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WAR!

Darb acts precipitate Ricketts' declaration of war

by Ricketts Hovse War Council

Kartalov to darbs: "We will crush you!"

Ricketts Hovse: In response to the heinous and unforgivable atrocities committed against Humanity and Ricketts house, the Scurves, after much careful deliberation and reasoned caution, have decided "enough is enough." Reacting to the already infamous Pot Dye Incident, all loyal members of Ricketts voted unanimously at last Thursday's house meeting to declare Total and Complete War on dabney house. One outraged scurve stated simply, "We didn't start it, but we sure will finish it." Another scurve summarized even more succinctly, "dabney eats farts."

Several Scurves emphasized the importance of this decision. "We can no longer stand idly by and watch dabney subverting our citizenry. The time has come for action, and we must take it. Containment is no longer an option. The only rational policy is Annihilation." Hitaine Patel, apparently outraged, screamed for hours about the "moral degradation and turpitude" of dabney house. (Hitaine was subdued only after being injected by large doses of sedatives).

When questioned about Ricketts tack, President Phil "Phil Sutton" Sutton replied, "We have always been at Peace with Blacker. We have always been at War with dabney." President "Sutton" Sutton was then asked about his mental state and replied, "I'm baked out of my gourd." When asked to elaborate, he said, "dabney gives me a three-alarm case of the Red-Ass." The



PHOTO BY SHAY CHINN

Events of Tuesday, October 8th 1996

Gods-Emperors of Ricketts House gnashed their teeth and were not available for comment. Admiral Emil Kartalov merely exclaimed, "Goddamn!"

Some foresaw the current breakdown in interhouse relations. On Monday evening, Dabney expelled ambassadors and severed all formal relations,

only one short day after the meeting of the Population Internment Conference.

Kartalov to darbs: "We will crush you!"

As one envoy for peace claimed, "dabney's behavior to date has been ludicrous!"

Ironically enough, the seat of all of dabney's peacetime government, their "hot tub," may have been the cause of current

breakdowns. Said a loyal Scurve ambassador, "Not all darbs are this bent on self-destruction. I myself witnessed one lone voice of reason among the darbs, a famed negotiator known simply as 'Shaft.' He truly was a cat that would not cop out." As soon as Shaft made his opinion known, however, he was suddenly drawn into the murky depths of the "hot tub" and was never heard from again. Avoided by all loyal members of Ricketts House due to reasons of Health, Morality, and Unwanted Pregnancies, the condemnation and suggested destruction of the "hot tub" has been a "sticky" point of House relations for some time.

Darbs make malicious attack on pot

by Ricketts Ministry of Truth

RICKETTS HOVSE: In a malicious act paralleled few times in human history, depraved darbs initiated an attack on the Pot in Ricketts courtyard. At approximately 12:00 am Wednesday morning, the assailant, easily identifiable as a member of dabney house by his bare feet and tie-dyed clothing, stumbled into Ricketts courtyard in some sort of "smack"-induced stupor. Shortly thereafter, although details are sketchy, he apparently attempted to "smoke" the Ricketts Pot. Eyewitnesses report that the darb fashioned a make-shift pipe out of the Pot and took several deep "tokes." The assailant then, in a most heinous and inexcusable act, attempted to tie-dye the Pot. Using a large sheet and copious amounts of dyes he stained the sheet and managed to drape it over the Pot in hopes the color would seem through. (These dyes are now prohibited in Ricketts house—they are available only for official purposes by loyal Scurvey subjects). Assailed by a chorus of shrieks and gasps, the darb scurried off leaving his wake of destruction behind. According to some observers, strewn

about courtyard were clumps of "suspicious greenery" and various other darbly paraphenalia.

As one shocked observer gasped, "This can only be interpreted as an Act of War."

Many have begun to refer to the events of this portentous evening as the Pot-Dye Incident.

The original Ricketts Pot, a beautiful marble structure, was donated by Robert Millikan himself. Since then, the Pot has been rebuilt several times, with the most recent reconstruction ending this past summer. Not since the Petrified Feces Incident of '63 has such utter disrespect been shown by dabney house. Never again can the Darbs be allowed to run amok.

Some speculated that the assailant was confused, and initiated the attack upon hearing of some other sort of "pot" in Ricketts courtyard. Most, however, assumed that this was a callously calculated act by the most belligerent of houses, dabney. By now, the atrocities originating in dabney are widely known and even more widely despised. Many suspect the Pot-Dye Incident is the culmination of a carefully or-



"The Horror, the horror!"

chestrated plan to draw Ricketts into conflict. If this is the case, one wise Scurve said, "If its war that they want, its a fat kick in the face they'll get."

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