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Ball and Drain and the Battlefield of Honor

by Maria Huang

Each year, Professor Erik Antonsson leads a group of ambitious ME seniors to design and build from scratch, a fabricated machine. This year was no exception. Given a "bag of junk", a joystick, and 30 seconds of electricity, 32 graduating seniors challenged themselves to building 2-cubic-foot sized cars that trespass their opponent's territory and deliver a load of ping pong balls into the opponent's field. The 11th annual Caltech ME72 Engineering Design Contest took place in Beckman Auditorium on Thursday November 30th, 1995, and attracted massive audience around the Pasadena community.

At the beginning of the term, the participants were each given a bag full of springs, pulleys, washers, rubber bands, and various parts that were supposedly all they could use on their designs. Having taken ME71, which introduces students to basic machinery techniques and which builds up confidence, the seniors were thrown a timeline that guides the seniors toward finishing their project on time. As expected, the participants this year took 3 weeks putting together their ideas and design on the ball car, another 4 weeks on fabrication and then the rest of the term testing the machine and correcting errors. The class seemed quite mellow at the beginning, but as the term went on, the pressure built up exponentially, "One begins to ask 'When is this gonna be over?'" said one senior, Jeffrey Mach.



Today I am a man.

Astronomers Announce Discovery of Brown Dwarf

by Jay Aller

PASADENA — Astronomers at the California Institute of Technology and the Johns Hopkins University today announce the discovery of what they believe is a brown dwarf, and release the first image and spectrum ever taken of this elusive type of object.

The brown dwarf, called GL 229B, lies in the southern-hemisphere constellation Lepus, near Orion, where it orbits a small, dim star called GL 229. This is the first detection of such a cool object outside the solar system.

The scientists will discuss their results on Wednesday, November 29, at noon EST during a Space Astronomy Update at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The results will also appear in the November 30 issue of the journal Nature and the December 1 issue of the journal Science. The discovery was discussed at a Caltech colloquium and in October at the Florence Cool Stars meeting in Florence, Italy, but this marks the first publication of the results and the first release of the brown dwarf's image and spectrum.

Brown dwarfs are objects that astronomers have long theorized must exist, but for which proof has been indirect and never 100 percent convincing. They are formed from the same gaseous material as stars, but are much less massive. Current stellar models agree that the upper limit to the mass of brown dwarfs is about one-twelfth the mass of the sun. released by the contracting gas generates enough heat to ignite and sustain nuclear fusion. Fusion combines hydrogen atoms to form helium and releases tremendous amounts of energy as light, heat, and other types of radiation. Objects powered by fusion are called stars.

But when objects are less massive than about one-twelfth the mass of the sun, their cores never get hot enough to sustain fusion. These objects are called brown dwarfs. While young brown dwarfs can obtain enough energy from gravitational contraction to be quite bright, this source of energy isn't nearly as long lasting or as powerful as fusion. So brown dwarfs fade rapidly as they radiate away their gravitational energy. Later they radiate by means of their meager internal heat, and are much cooler, dimmer, and harder to see than stars.

While scientists concur that brown dwarfs and stars are made of the same stuff, it is not clear that they're made in the same way. Stars form by direct condensation of interstellar gas, while planets are thought to form by condensation of material within proto-planetary disks that form around stars. Brown dwarfs are intermediate in size between small stars and large planets, and could theoretically form in either manner.

Astronomers want to find brown dwarfs for two reasons. First, they want to determine the smallest-mass object that can form by condensation of interstellar gas clouds, in the manner of stars, and whether enough of

As a general consensus, students found the contest a little "unfair," for each machine has its own strength and weakness, and one never know

32 graduating seniors built 2-cubic-foot sized cars that trespassed the opponent's territory and delivered a load of ping pong balls into the opponent's field.

whom he will be competing with on the stage. "If you get unlucky, you could have the third best design and still get eliminated in the first two round, simply because you were competing with the two guys who have the best and second best designs," replied senior Chris Marsh as he checked the rubber band on

the wheels.

d With the technical and emotional support from the friendly Manager John Ven Deusen and machinist Rodney Rojas, the participants feel more confident and innovative when building their machine. After all, "the shop

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When objects are more massive than this limit, the energy

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ME72: The Battle Continues

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gets quite lonely during second term, since students don't come here as much anymore," claimed Rojas with slight disappointment.

Being the "only event at Caltech that has a dead-line," the ME72 Contest had a great turn out. This year's trophy goes to Scott DeWinter, whose car focuses both on defense and active attack. Right after his machine blocks the way of the oppo-

nent, it drifts toward the opponent's drain and dumps all the balls into the hole.

Doctor Antonsson was once again impressed with the intelligent approach his students have taken and the amount of effort they willingly put into this project. "Solving open-ended real world problems" has always been an interest to Professor Antonsson, and he would gladly lead his future students exploring ways to make magic out of a "bag of junk."



"Hee, hee, hee"

Tech editor Mason Porter interviewed ME72 contest participant by Nestor Ocampo on Wednesday du night to discuss the contest. po

Challenged Competitor

MAP: What are the best and worst aspects of working on this project? NO: The whole

class is geared towards hands-on learning more than any other class or lab I've ever been in. Since a vague, term-long goal is given, I've had a lot of freedom to play with different design ideas and learn by breaking my ma-

chine. I think this is a lot more in-

teresting and rewarding than trying to learn from a book or a more structured lab. Unfortunately, since the true test is not until the day of competition, it can become easy to put tasks off and fall behind if you're not careful. A few milestones during the term keep us in check to some extent.

MAP: Can you describe the "goal" for this year's entries? How does your machine work?

NO: The goal for this year's contest is to get a number of ping pong balls from inside your machine to a funneled hole on the opposite end of the contest arena. The person who delivers more ping-pong balls win. Some people are doing this by driving their machine to their drain. My machine shoots pingpong balls kind of like a baseball or tennis ball pitching machine would.

Two spinning disks project the

balls and a venetian blind from our bag of junk serves as a track to direct the balls in the right direction. Since some machines can hold 250 or so balls, and the contest is only 30 seconds long, balls have to be shot pretty quickly.

MAP: Is this type of class part of the reason you came to Caltech? NO: I'd heard of something similar to this class at MIT when I was in high school, but I didn't know we had it here until I came. It was a nice benefit of being an E&AS major, so I wanted to take the class soon after I learned we had it.

MAP: What have been goals for these contests in past years? NO: Last year, people had to grab as many golf balls from a trough as they could. The year before that, people worked in groups to build a rolling chair contraption. A few years ago, machines had to Sumo wrestle with each other.





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WRITE FOR THE TECH... OR ELSE

Well, okay; we've actually had a great term as far as submissions go. Thanks to all the writers and contributors! We hope to have an even better one next term; please sign up for PA15! (We can't let one term go by without running a gratuitous 'Write for *the Tech*' advertisement.)

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DISCOVERY: Astronomers Locate Ancient Star

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these hard-to-detect objects exist to comprise a dominant component mass in our galaxy. That is, could brown dwarfs solve a difficult cosmological puzzle by accounting for a significant portion of the missing "dark matter?" Second, astronomers want to study the atmospheres of brown dwarfs and learn how they are related to the atmospheres of planets. Such understanding is important to the search for other planetary systems.

Because of the importance of brown dwarfs both to cosmology and to finding other planets, astronomers have made a considerable effort to find the objects, especially young brown dwarfs because they are still hot, relatively bright, and more easily seen. Young brown dwarfs are most likely to appear in star clusters, the "nurseries" where stars form.

The Caltech/Johns Hopkins team has tried a different approach to finding brown dwarfs over the past few years. Caltech astronomers Shri Kulkarni, Tadashi Nakajima, Keith Matthews, and Ben Oppenheimer have been collaborating in the search with Johns Hopkins scientists Sam Durrance and David Golimowski. Instead of scouring stellar nurseries for young brown dwarfs, they looked for older, cooler brown dwarfs as companions to stars within our local neighborhood, within 45 lightyears, or about 265 trillion miles, of the sun. These are not young stars, but have ages as large as 10 billion years, with an average age of 5 billion years.

There are two advantages to searching for these older, nearer brown dwarfs instead of young ones. First, scientists know the distances to nearby stars with good accuracy, so when they identify a brown dwarf candidate, they can immediately calculate its total luminosity. The lowest luminosity of any normal, hydrogen-fusing star is one tenthousandth that of the sun. But brown dwarfs, especially those more than one billion years old, can have much lower luminosities. Searching for an object with a luminosity less than this limit is a very simple method of unambiguously detecting brown dwarfs.

Second, the minimum temperature of a star is about 1800 K, while old brown dwarfs can have much lower temperatures. This makes old brown dwarfs interesting to planetary scientists, since their cool atmospheres are similar to those of the giant gaseous planets in the solar system. For instance, it is well known that prominent absorption features are seen in the spectrum of Jupiter that are never seen in the spectrum of any star. Takashi Tsuji of the University of Tokyo in Japan has found that below 1000 K, carbon prefers to attach to hydrogen and form methane, CH4, not the more usual carbon monoxide, CO, seen in cool stars. So methane absorption lines in a spectrum is a sure sign of low temperature.

Last year the Caltech/ Hopkins team started the "Byr survey," a survey of stars with ages of near a billion years. As the first step, the astronomers made an image of each of the stars they wanted to study with a "coronagraph," a camera with the ability to see faint objects in the glare of bright stars. The coronagraph blocks light from the star so that dimmer nearby objects become visible, much like a solar coronagraph blocks out the sun to allow astronomers to see the relatively faint flares and explosions on the sun's surface.

This coronagraph, used at optical wavelengths, was made by the Johns Hopkins team and has been used extensively at the 60inch telescope at Caltech's Palomar Observatory. A similar device built by Matthews, but which detects infrared wavelengths, (1 to 2.5 microns), has been commissioned recently at the 200-inch Hale Telescope at Palomar.

The astronomers looked at each star twice, at an interval of one year. All stars move relatively quickly across the sky, so true companion stars will move the same distance and remain together after a year. But unrelated objects that line up by chance and only seem to be companions will have different motions and will drift apart over a year. The

astronomers identified brown dwarf candidates on the 60-inch telescope and examined them more closely with the 200-inch Hale Telescope.

This method paid off when the scientists found a faint companion to the star GL 229, an M1type star at a distance of 17 lightyears, or about 100 trillion miles. They found that the companion had moved the same amount as GL 229 in a year, and concluded that the two must be in orbit around each other. Using the known distance to GL 229, they calculated the luminosity of the companion to be only 7 millionths that of the sun, almost 10 times less than the faintest known star. The presence of water, seen in the absorption lines of the spectrum, shows that the surface temperature is very cool, less than 1000 K, or 800 K lower than the coolest known star. They also detected methane absorption lines in its spectrum, confirming Tsuji's prediction that methane is found only in cold objects.

This discovery, the first of a cool brown dwarf, is an important first step in the search for planetary systems beyond the solar system. The strange colors of the object, extremely red in the optical wavelengths and blue in the near-infrared, and the presence of methane suggest new strategies to search for brown dwarfs and massive Jupiter-like planets. The spectra of faint objects could be screened for these unusual characteristics, allowing astronomers to concentrate on the most likely brown dwarf candidates.

The brown dwarf is 44 astronomical units, or about 4 billion miles, from the main star and has a mass roughly 20 times that of Jupiter. It is unclear whether it was formed like a star, by direct condensation of interstellar gas, or like a planet, by condensation material within of а protoplanetary disk that formed around the star. As brown dwarfs get less massive, it is increasingly difficult to explain how they could form like stars, since that process requires smaller and smaller condensations caused by ever larger pressures.

But explaining the formation of larger, Jupiter-type planets is also difficult. Thus there is a new threshold between small brown dwarfs and large gaseous planets, where one method of formation stops and the other takes over.

The theories of the Caltech/ Johns Hopkins team are rudimentary at this point, but the proximity of the companion to the parent star suggests that it was formed in a planetary disk rather than directly from the interstellar medium. They are continuing to observe this system and have obtained images and spectra of GL 229B using the 200-inch Hale Telescope at the Palomar Observatory, the 10meter telescope at the Keck Observatory atop Mauna Kea, Hawaii, and the Hubble Space Telescope.

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FoxTrot

by Bill Amend







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Minutes of the IHC: Tuesday, November 14, 1995

Present: Art (Ri), Mike(Pa), Alison(Bl), Bill(Da), Brian(FI), Nestor(LI), Adil(Ru), me(Chair)

 The first issue addressed was the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth program, and whether we should house them at Caltech in exchange for the significant sums of money being offered to us by Caltech. All the presidents except Nestor said their houses thought the program was a good idea. There was some support for the notion of hosting the program on campus

for the first year, and in Avery every year after that. Dabney could not offer any spaces, since it is being renovated this summer, Fleming is willing to give about 30 spaces, Blacker isn't too sure, but Alison said, "We'll probably give 'em Hell." Ricketts isn't willing to make any commitment at this time, but isn't ruling out the possibility of giving up space. Page is willing to give up the bottom floor of their house. Ruddock is willing to give up taking doubles as singles, but not willing to kick people off campus during the summer. The total commitment is about 120 spaces if Lloyd and Ricketts give none.

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We should be able to give Tom Mannion a fairly definite answer about whether we can easily meet their request for 175 spaces by next week.

 Interhouse: All the houses seem interested in getting the restriction on multiple parties at the same time lifted, but no one seems enthusiastic about the financial or work-time burdens of putting on an Interhouse party in the near future.

 We talk briefly about locks on the arcade in the SAC. Some people have requested locks be put there to prevent damage to the machines. Many member of the IHC think the damage is mostly due Caltech students, but that it doesn't do any harm to give it a try. Brian asks that the key lock on the arcade be removed if a combo lock is put in place.

• Maintenance: The day after the discussion at the President's dinner for student leaders about Physical Plant charging students for excessive maintenance in the student houses without warning the students to give them a chance to fix the damage themselves, PPlant replaced 28 ceiling tiles in Lloyd out of a 6 to 8 that were damaged. They also failed to replace



some tiles that were damaged. The charge of \$1500 was absorbed before it got to Lloyd, but there is a recurring problem illustrated by this incident. The chair will talk to Bill Irwin and ask him to put a policy of giving one week's notice on non-emergency maintenance in the student houses into effect.

• We talk Interhouse sports a little bit. We agree to ask the next IHC to consider the women's 50 yd backstroke as a possible swimming event for next year, although it's too late to do it this year. Brian asks what happened to the Discobolus changes we thought they passed last year — adding about 6 minors, and making a rule that no valid challenge could include more than 1 racket sport. Alison said she'd check with the old minutes.

• Discobolus: Blacker challenges Page this week. Dabney challenges the winner next week.

 Also, the issue of students whose names appear on multiple ath lists is brought up. By consensus, two additions to the rules are made: (1) A student may play for only one house in any term. (2) If a person appears on multiple ath lists in any term, they may determine on which ath list they belong by merely playing for the house for which they wish to play the rest of the term. However, it is strongly discouraged

for a house to place names on its ath list of people who they know will not play for them.

 Brian likes the new furniture in the IHC-AS-CIT office.

• The bike purge has started, so you're probably out of luck if you didn't remove the note from your bike.

• Adil mentions that about PPlant did a fine job of reattaching the Ruddock toilet seats, and mentions that Page should be expecting a bill for that soon. He also asks Mike to have Page clean up after their pranks better.

> Nestor mentions the Star Trek convention. Someone put a sign up saying that there would be a reception with refreshment for all convention goers at Lloyd House after the convention. Nestor tried to convince the Trekkies who showed up that there was no reception and that it was a joke, but Nestor doesn't speak Klingon, so he had a hard time explaining. Luckily, his phaser was set on kill, and he diffused the crisis before any major incident happened.

 Brian mentioned a strange thief who took his coffee grinder and left a hacksaw.

Meeting ended around 9:45 p.m.

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NOVEMBER 20, 1995

James and Ken for 27th and Kanna for 20th.

This meeting (the second) was most likely Jon's last official meeting as AS-CIT President. Jon is graduating and will become the resident "person who graduated who knows how everything works" for a term or two.

Meetings begin at 10:05 and 10:08. Unless you're really anal, don't ask. Dave is wearing a suit in one meeting.

CAPISU asks for funding for the Here & Now after it had gone and went. The BOD does not retroactively fund events, so we couldn't fund them.

Greg mentioned that quite a few people read the minutes (aren't you special) and liked the idea of an AS-CIT Social Hour. Greg estimates the cost of such an hour to be approximately \$1000/year. Greg would like to put the first ASCIT Social Hour on the third Friday of every month. Dave prosecond Monday of every month, but CHANGES: Dave's election bylaw (inser-

Present: The ENTIRE BOD minus nobody listens. Greg would also like to remind seniors to note the location of companies you apply to work for. If the company is nearby, you don't get to be flown out (unless you're a total stud).

> Tom says the IHC agreed to putting locks on the arcade door and some other doors. Cream cheese and fish on doors, however, was right out.

> The CTY program (seventh graders who did well on the SATs) will be at Caltech over the summer.

> By Robert's Rules of Order, everyone on the BOD is a screw-up, and the meeting ends. Next week. Same time. Same place.

> The HKSA requests money for events, MANY OF WHICH ARE OPEN TO THE WHOLE CAMPUS HINT HINT HINT, that will occur second term. The BOD agrees to give them \$70 for a few parties and some food. Special food. You eat it with soup. We're suckers, aren't we?

THE ASCIT BOD DISCUSSES BY-0 poses ASCIT Tea and Scones on the LAW CHANGES AND RESOLUTION

tion of the word HALF in BIG letters) is passed for election sometime next term 6-0-0.

Jon agrees to rewrite a few bylaws. A few bylaws are struck down and beaten into the ground with blunt objects. Sticks.

I really didn't take decent notes on the merits of these bylaws and why we accepted/rejected them, so here goes:

The BOD agreed to HIGHLY SUG-GEST putting away about 5% of its total funds away every year.

There's a new footer on the minutes. Read it. Heed its words. Join us.

Ion agrees to rewrite a bylaw requiring ASCIT to meet with various members of the Administration once per term. Jon also agrees to rewrite the Bylaw that separates the offices of BOC Chair and Vice President and gives the VP duties akin to an "overseer" over ASCIT funded groups such as the publications, Movies (generally make the day to day running of student government as smooth as possible). Jon finally agrees to rewrite the amendment to prevent one form of strategic voting from occurring on the BOD. If you have any questions about possible Bylaw amendments, don't hesitate to contact Jon McDunn (keep in mind he's trying to graduate), Tom Maccarone (ditto), or any other BOD member (we're mostly bloody throats, but what did you expect?).

We vote against a bylaw reclarifying the President's duties because it seems redundant. We also voted against a bylaw removing the BOC Chair and the IHC Chair from the BOD. We we we we we. We propose that next year's BOD meet at least twice per term instead of at least once per week (we don't need to meet this frequently). We vote against a bylaw which would make the Tech Editors appointed instead of elected AS THIS COULD LEAD to the Tech Editors all being from one house year after year after year after year after year. Not that this ever happens with any ASCIT affiliations. Never. We vote against the Uber Council proposal which would separate the IHC Chair and BOD Chair from the BOD and then create an Uber council consisting of them plus the ASCIT president to deal with issues of jurisdiction.

We vote to move the Bylaw suggesting a dues increase from \$20 to \$25/term to general election. Dues haven't been increased in about 10 years (literally) and the BOD can't continue to fund clubs and Movies and houses if dues stay at their present rate. What's \$15/year out of \$24000/ year? Seriously.

Meeting ends at 12:28 AM. We leave.

Try to laugh at yourself once in while. Everybody else does.

Dave Relyea

ASCIT Secretary

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The swim team had a m match against the Whittier Po week. The men and womer enjoyed early leads thanks standing diving performance Callaghan, Phil Rodriguez, Mike Fisher, and James Honaker. The men extended their lead with wins from captain Mike Green in the backstroke events and a quick 22.44 in the 50m freestyle. Adding to the speed was Jim Pierce in the distance events and Wes Tanaka in the butterfly.

The women had some great efforts from first year swimmers Mina Leung, Heather Dean, and Samantha Howarth. The Lady Techers were pleased as the returners gave some mid-season performances very early in the season, as Christie Armentrout had a personal best leading off the 200 yard freestyle relay (28.13), Jennifer Holland broke three minutes in the 200 freestyle (2:56:10), and Keri Ryan swam to a 2:51.4 in the 200 I.M. The final score for the men: Caltech 149, Whittier 44; and for the women: Caltech 70, Whittier 135.



On Saturday, the men's diving

trio of Phil Rodriguez, Ben Taskar,

and Mike Fisher traveled to

Claremont to compete in the CMS

Winter Diving Invite. All the divers

had their moments as Ben nailed his

first four dives and Mike hit his last

four dives in the eleven dive format.

However, it was Phil's steady perfor-

mance and clean entires that placed

him second out of seven men divers.

Final placement was Rodriguez with

265 points, Fisher with 209 for

fourth, and Taskar with 197 points

for fifth place.

Overall: 1-2 **SCIAC**: 0-0

On November 16th, the Caltech Men's Basketball team had an exhibition game with the Australian Junior National Team. It was a very exciting game filled with fun and camaraderie. The Aussies were big and strong, but the Beavers gave them some exciting competition. It was a good experience for the CIT plaers, despite an unofficial loss to them.

The Beavers opened their official season on November 18th against L.I.F.E. Bible College at home. It was a close game for the entire 40 minutes, with the lead going back and forth. Josh Moats had a high score of 17 points with Ben Turk close behind with twelve points as well as 10 rebounds. Behind Turk in scoring was Arun Duraraj with 9 points. Caltech worked hard with

quite a few players coming off the bench to play tough and help out the starters. Matt Hetterman came in off the bench scoring 9 points. Coach Victor stated, "We have a ways to go, but we feel we will continue to improve."

Over the Thanksgiving vacation, CIT hosted the Sixth Annual Hi-Tech Tournament. Competing in the tournament were: Caltech, LaSierra, California Christian, and California Maritime. The Beavers took on the Keelhaulers of Cal. Maritime in their first game on Friday, Nov. 24th. The Beavers jumped out on top and kept the lead throughout the entire game, winning 64-48. All 15 players that suited up for the game saw some playing time. Leading the scoring for CIT was senior Matt Goff with 23 points. Other high scorers in the first game were Moats with 13 and Steve Tsai with 12. This first win allowed them to play LaSierra in the finals on Saturday. The Beavers battled hard but lost a close to them by a score of 66-69. It was tight right up to the wire with the CIT players showing character and mental toughness. Tsai had a scoring high of 24 points and Turk had 16 points and 12 rebounds. The Beavers travel to St. Louis, MO this weekend to compete in the Lopata Tournament hosted by Washington University.



Overall: 0-1

On November 20th, the Lady Beavers went up against the Pacific

Christian Knights. Although the Techers got off to a slow start, they scored 13 points in the first half. After adjusting their defense and taking a rest at half, the Lady Beavers slowed down the opponents, containing them to 17 points in the second half, while scoring 17 of their own points. Caltech made a strong showing in their first game despite the 30-57 loss. Senior Angie Bealko, team captain, scored an amazing high of 18 points. Ellis Meng, team co-captain and center, made 5 points, while Michaeleen Callahan totaled 4 points. Playing tough at guard, Irene Wong brought in 2 points and Frances Siu scored 1. Swiftfooted Lori Hsu brought the ball down the court most of the night, never acceeding to the Knight's press. Unfortunately, guard Nasim Afsarmanesh was taken down by the Pacific Christian defense, injuring her knee.



The fencing team traveled to the University of California at Santa Barbara on November 18th to compete against UCLA, USC, and UCSB. The lady foilists had a banner day! Emma Goldberg and Mihoko Kato won 11 and lost only 1 each. Adrienne Bourque, who is nursing an injury, won 7 and lost 5. As she becomes healthier, her record should improve drastically for she has plenty of talent. The sole CIT lady epeeist, Emily Jennings, also won 11 with only 1 loss.

The men's saber team was once again undefeated, but Austin Collins' perfect record was besmirched by one loss in the match against UCSB, and another unfortunate loss against a USC fencer. Despite these losses, Austin should still win the individual title barring an unexpected catastrophe. Xavier Fan, in his very first college tournament, won his first three matches against USC. The Sabermen are solidly in first place in the conference and should be able to stay there with continued hard work.

The epee men had a good showing. Wes Salzillo won 7 and lost 2. John Langford won 5 and lost 4. Freshman Aaron Higgins, with only a limited amount of practices, had one win against 8 losses. He should continue to improve and will do much better before long.

Men's foil had the toughest time because of very stiff competition. Dan Hennessy and Devon McClain are both improving, and with more practice and experience will do better. The good news about men's foil is the two new freshmen. They look very promising, and if all work together, the team may do well in the second half of the season.

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omen Hoopsters to Take Court Tonig

by Angie Bealko

It's a Friday night. You're hanging out with your friends wondering what the heck you're going to do tonight. So you ask yourself: "What's free? Where will all my other friends be? Can I win cool prizes? Do I get to scream and yell? Where can I get all of this for just one low price of nothing???" Fear not my friends, your worries are over...Come to the Women's basketball game at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Friday) at Braun gymnasium!!!

The Ladies have yet to capture a win after their first two showings, but they're hungry for one. Both of their first games were against Pacific Christian College. The first match up drew a huge crowd of nearly a hundred spectators. Despite lacking a set offense (due to limited practice time prior to the first game), the lady hoopsters made a decent showing for their first time out on the court.

Five techers lit up the scoreboard with Angie Bealko leading both teams with 18 points. Ellis

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Meng threw in a few and managed to play an aggressive game, tallying up four fouls. Excellent hustling was seen at the guard positions by Lori Hsu, Irene Wong and Michaeleen Callahan. Rachel Steinberger did a great job playing intense defense, while Joanna Dodd found a few offensive boards, putting some strong pressure on the other team's defense. Katie

Stofer, Kara Swedlow, Melissa Hampton, and Frances Siu all saw some minutes and filled in at forward, giving some more depth and much needed fresh bodies. Nasim Afsarmanesh did an outstanding job hustling at guard, but unfortunately suffered a knee injury that will plague her throughout out the rest of the season.

The team had better offenses

set for the second match up but still fell to Pacific Christian. Hsu and Wong kept the game alive for Tech by controlling the floor and running at a phenomenally fast pace for the entire game. All of the players saw a lot of playing time as the lady hoopsters had only nine players on the roster.

They've lost their first two games but that doesn't mean

they're out of the running yet. Tonight the ladies meet College of Notre Dame. This fierce match-up against a Division Two team will be quite a challenge for the team, but it'll still be an exciting game none the less. So come out to Braun gym at 7:30 p.m. and cheer on the women as they battle for rebounds, knock some unsuspecting opponents over, and score a few threes!!!

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)The Julliard String Quartet will be holding a Coleman Chamber Concert on Sunday, December 3rd at 3:30pm in the Beckman Auditorium. The program will include a performance of Beethoven's Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 18, No. 6; Hindemith's Ouartet No. 5; and Dvorak's Quartet in A-flat Major, Op. 105. Admission starts at \$12 with a \$4 student discount.

The Affirmative Action League of Pasadena City College invites all students to join their rally in support of Affirmative Action on December 7th at 12 noon at the PCC quad, followed by a debate on Affirmative Action at 7pm, December 7th, in the Lounge of the Cross Cultural Center at PCC. For further information, please call 791-1978.

The Waverly Consort will perform Medieval, Renaissance, and baroque storysongs of the Nativity with pageantry and ancient music in their Christmas Story on Friday, December 8th at 8pm in the Beckman Auditorium. Admission begins at \$25 with a \$2 student discount and rush \$8 tickets going on sale to students one half hour before the performance.

The Caltech Glee Clubs Annual Holiday Concert will be held Today and tomorrow, December 1st and 2nd, at 8 pm in the Dabney Lounge. Included on the program is a performance of Britten's Ceremony of Carols and Rutter's Dancing Day, as well as many other traditional carols. Admission is free.

The Friends of Caltech Libraries (FOCAL) Annual Dinner on Thursday, December 7th, will feature Jack Miles, author of the recentlypublished book, God: A Biography. The event will be held at the Caltech Athenaeum start ing at 6:00 pm with a no- host social hour and book autographing, dinner at 7:00 pm,





Announcements

means you should read it. DGraduating seniors with a program con-

centrated in biomedical engineering and

graduate students who have completed one

year of grad study in biomedical engineer-

ing may apply now for the Whitaker Foun-

dation Graduate Fellowships in Biomedical

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to plan a concentration in biomedical engi-

neering, but must be involved in a program

that will lead to the development of exper-

tise in the biomedical engineering field. The

application deadline date is December 11th.

Applications are available in the Fellowships

Attention seniors and first year graduate stu-

dents. Applications for the National Defense

Science and Engineering Graduate Study

Program (NDSEG) are available in the Fel-

lowships Advising and Resources Office. Ap

plications are also available via the web at

http//www.battelle.org.ndseg/ndseg.htmlAt this

point the application is not live-it can only

be printed from the web. A live application

is still under development. Although, it was

hoped that it would be available this year,

this will probably not be the case. The

NDSEG supports work in almost all fields of

science and engineering. If your field of

study does not appear on the list (e.g. as-

tronomy), then list the field closest to it as

your main field of study and your actual field

under subdiscipline. (In the case of as-

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discipline.) If you have any other questions,

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an area related to integrated systems of

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plicants must be US Citizens. The applica-

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further information, please access http://

The Department of Energy Computational

Science Graduate Fellowship supports full-

time Ph.D. level study in areas where the

computer is used as a tool to solve problems

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followed by Dr. Miles' talk "Writing the Life of God." Admission is \$58 (\$48 for FOCAL members); reservations and payment are due by Monday, December 4th. Contact Barbara Huff-Duff at x4048 or by email at huffduff@cco.caltech.edu.

From the **Counseling** Center

Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Support Group meets the first and third Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Health Center Lounge. This confidential meeting is open to all Caltech community members looking for a supportive context in which to address questions and concerns about sexual orientation - including coming out, being out, self-discovery, coping with families...We begin with a focus topic but move to whatever is feeling most relevant to the group that night. Refreshments are served. For information, please call x8331.

Fellowships and Scholarships

From the Office of International Programs, MSC 0-54. extension 6330:

One-year cultural exchange programs in technical fields are now available to students through the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program for Young Professionals and Agriculturists. This program offers American participants the chance to learn about Germany first-hand through a combination of intensive language study, professional or technical schooling, and practical work experience. Applications can be requested directly from the CDS International by phone or mail at DCS International, Inc., 330 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY, 10001-5010, (212) 760-1400. The application deadline for the 1996-97 program is December 15, 1995.

From the Fellowships Advising and Resources Ofextension 2150, fice, e-mail lauren_stolper@starbase1.caltech.edu.

DAttention seniors interested in pursuing a Masters of Science degree in aeronautical, astronautical, or aerospace engineering: Student members of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics who are planning to attend graduate school next fall can apply for a one time Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Fellowship. The award will provide six students with full tuition up to \$20,000 plus an \$18,000 stipend for one year. The Fellowships Advising Office has applications; the deadline for this application is February 1st, 1996.

The Computational Science Graduate Fellowship Program supports full time doctoral study in an applied science or engineering discipline with applications in high performance computing. Applicants must be in their first year of graduate study and be either U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The postmark deadline for completed applications is Wednesday, January 24th. Applications are available in the Fellowships Advising Office.



semiconductor design, or the study of fluid flow through geologic structures. etc. Therefore, students from a wide range of fields may find themselves eligible to apply for this

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fellowship. The application deadline is January 24th. A small number of applications are available in the Fellowships Advising and Resources Office.

DThe Rotary Scholarship meeting for Juniors, Seniors and Graduate students will be held Today, December 1st at 12 noon in Winnett Lounge. The Rotary has several programs: a 1 year fellowship for study in any Rotary country, a multi-year program for those who wish to earn a degree abroad, and a short-term 3 or six month fellowship to support language study. Juniors should plan to attend this meeting in particular as the application process takes place in the winter with finalists announced in the spring/ summer. Winners of this year's competition would not leave to study abroad until fall of 1997! Therefore juniors should apply this year and not wait until senior year unless they want a one year gap after graduating. Seniors should not be discouraged from applying as there are productive ways to use this interim year. Grad students can go while grad students or to do a project after receiving their Ph.D. A pizza lunch will be served at the meeting. To help us in planning numbers, send an email with the subject line titled Rotary Pizza Lunch and let us know your name, year of study, and your favorite toppings and if you usually eat more than 2 large slices of pizza! Please send this communication to lauren_stolper@starbase1.caltech.edu by Tues-

day, November 28th.

The National Security Education Programs seeks to equip American citizens with an understanding of the less commonly taught languages and cultures to allow them to become more integrally involved in global issues in their field as professionals. Through the NSEP Undergraduate Scholarships for Study Abroad, students can study in any country except the following: U.S., Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and Western Europe. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors may apply. Freshmen and sophomores can apply for summer, semester, or full year programs. Juniors and seniors are only eligible for semester or full year programs. Seniors may only apply for the program provided they will not graduate from the program before or during their term of study. Students interested in applying for the program should request an application from Lauren Stolper, Fellowships Advisor, by November 13th to allow sufficient time to complete the application and devise a plan of study. Completed applications are due by November 30, turned in to Lauren Stolper.

From the Deans' Office, 102 Parsons-Gates:

DThe Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation has created a scholarship program to attract students into careers in environmental public policy, health care, or tribal public policy. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit to students who are sophomores or juniors during the 1995-96 academic year and who have excellent academic records and demonstrated interest in and potential for careers in environmental public policy or are Native Americans or Alaska Natives who have excellent academic records and demonstrated interest in and potential for careers in health care or tribal public policy. The scholarship covers eligible expenses for tuition, fees, books, and room and board to a maximum of \$5,000 for one academic year.

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The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc. is offering nonrenewable scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 to full-time engineering students in the final two years of undergraduate study. Students must have a GPA of 3.25 or above and must be involved in the fields of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, or refrigeration, or in related areas including indoor air quality, energy conservation, human comfort, or HVAC system design, operation, or maintenance. Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office, and are due December 15, 1995.

The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity is sponsoring its annual essay contest for fulltime undergraduate juniors and seniors. Students are challenged to examine and analyze urgent ethical issues in essays of 3,000 - 4,000 words. First prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$2,500, and third prize is \$1,500. Essays must be postmarked by January 12, 1996. For essay guidelines and additional information, visit the Financial Aid

The American Concrete Institute (ACI) is offering several awards. The Peter D. Courtois Concrete Construction Scholarships are two \$1000 awards for undergraduate study in concrete construction for the 1996-97 academic year. Eligible students must be enrolled at least half-time and must be seniors in 1996-97. The application, available at the Financial Aid Office, with all required supporting documents is due January 15, 1996.

GLAMOUR Magazine announces its 1996 Top Ten College Women Competition. Women who are currently full-time juniors are invited to submit applications to receive one of ten awards consisting of a cash prize of \$1,000, the opportunity to meet with top professionals in your field, and national recognition in GLAMOUR's October 1996 issue. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office and must be completed and postmarked no later than January 31, 1996.

\$The American Mensa Education & Research Foundation announces its 1995-96 Scholarship Essay Contest. Applicants must submit an application/entry form and an essay of fewer than 550 words describing their academic or career goals. Applicants must be U.S. Citizens or permanent residents. Applications must be postmarked on or before January 31, 1996.

\$The American Chemical Society is accepting applications for its Minority Scholars Program. Qualified applicants must be of African-American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian, Alaskan Native, or Native Pacific Islander descent, and must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Applicants must also be majoring in chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering, or in a chemically-related science, and must be planning a career in a chemically-related field. Other qualifications include full-time attendance in 1996-97, demonstrated high achievement in chemistry or science, and evidence of financial need for scholarship aid according to FAFSA guidelines. Applications are due February 15, 1996.

The Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California (CELSOC) are offering scholarships of up to \$5,000 to undergraduates and graduates working towards degrees in engineering or land surveying. Undergraduates must be juniors or seniors in 1996-97. Both undergraduate and graduate applicants must be enrolled full-time, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2, and be U.S. Citizens. Applicants must also be interested in pursuing a career in the consulting engineering or land surveying fields. Completed applications and all supporting documents are due February 16, 1996.

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