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Student-faculty conference: focus on Student Life Committee

BY ERIK STREED

Editors Note: Last week was pretty busy between prefrush weekend and the student faculty conference. Since the prefrush were here, the Tech editors felt that it would be better to hold off full coverage of the student-faculty conference. Many sensitive issues that needed to be addressed were brought up. Extensive coverage of these could unfairly bias prospective students against attending Caltech by presenting a skewed view and highlighting known problems out of proportion. Even so, we the editors feel that the student-faculty conference should be covered in depth to reach the many of you who didn't attend. Please respond with your comments and suggestions to editors@tech.caltech.edu.

Beginning after lunch, the student life committee had the highest attendance of the day. However undergraduate turnout was still less than an average day in Bi 1, which is also held in Baxter Lecture Hall. In addition, only a handful of faculty members and relevant staff were present. Conspicuously absent was Kim West, Director of Residence Life, for whom student life is a daily concern.

Strangely, the committee dedicated to student life had the fewest number of undergraduates on it (Christie Edwards and Jim Buckwalter) who did not appear to be an accurate representation of the

undergraduate population. An agenda for the session started out with broader topics such as internal communications and advising for both the undergraduate and graduate communities. Hot subjects such as the failure of Avery "House", Drug and Alcohol Policy at Caltech (DAPAC), and dying traditions such as fireballs.

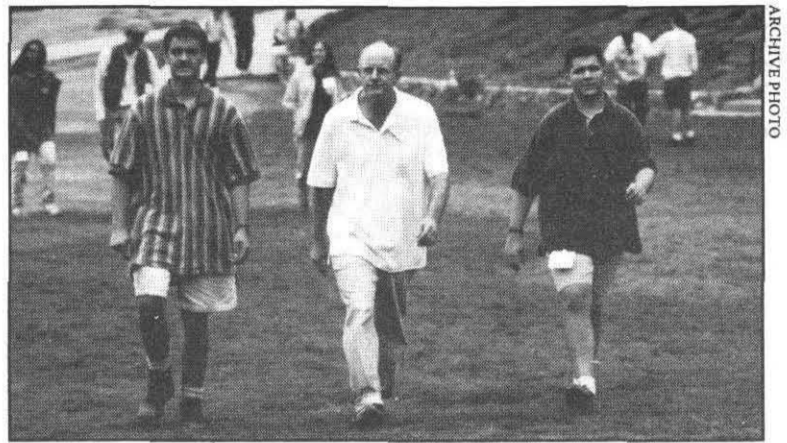
The afternoon started out with a discussion on communication within the Caltech Community. Questions about the existence of a Weekly Calander and an Ombudsman's office were raised by students who did not know where they were. It was generally concluded that the creation of a single comprehensive listing/database of Caltech personnel and the potentially useful skills they possess would be a good thing.

Discussion then progressed to the current advising system for undergraduates and graduate students. A need was expressed that the current advising system is outmoded and change should be looked into. Dean Jean Paul Revel expressed his frustration with the syndrome of secretaries signing yellow add/drop cards in place of consultations with professors about course change decisions. Several students felt that the need to have an advisor (or a secretary) was superfluous and thought that they were responsible enough to select classes for themselves. Students with poor and good advising experiences testified

about the current system. The overloaded advising schedule of professors in the Engineering and Applied Sciences division cited as a particular source of concern.

After these two moderately peaceful sections the issue of Avery arose. If Avery was to become the center of the Caltech Community it has so far failed in its mission. A round of laughter followed the expression of this purpose for Avery. While Avery clearly has better food than any other board option currently available to the undergraduate population, its dining hall is not designed to host large influxes from the seven houses. This led to a joint Blacker Hovse/Avery dinner being canceled at the last minute earlier this year. Several Avery policies cited by undergraduates as being contradictory to effective student involvement, interest, and growth included no cats, murals, or showering. These are all staples of undergraduate life in most of the seven houses. A major binding force in the existing houses are waited dinners. Dinner is when houses come together as a group to eat and exchange information through announcements. The Student Life Committee informed the group present that lack of interest in waited dinners killed them at Avery. Transfer student Dusan Misevic identified possible sources of Avery's inactivity in stating, "Who went to Avery? People who got kicked out of their

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MOSH with frosh

Earth Day '97 at Caltech

BY TERRY MORAN

The sixth annual Caltech Earth Day Celebration is to be held today, Friday, April 25, from 11:30am to 2:00pm in Winnett Quad. The Earth Day Celebration was started in 1970 as an international celebration of the Earth meant to promote and increase awareness of environmental concerns and policy, and was introduced to Caltech in the hopes of increasing the community's environmental awareness by the Caltech Environmental Task Force in 1991. Currently coordinated through the efforts of the Caltech Environmental Task Force, the Caltech Y, and the Graduate Student Counsel. Many of the booths will also give fairgoers a chance to purchase from a truly unique selection of environmentally friendly goods with proceeds going towards many diverse environmental protec-

tion groups.

This year's celebrations promise to be even more robust than past years' with over twenty groups presenting a breadth of environmental issues and efforts that are currently being addressed, with booths from the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Pure Food Campaign, and the Hemp Shak of Claremont, among others.

Earth Day will also give hungry participants a chance to really "taste" the breadth of the bounty of the earth by serving a wide variety of tasty organic foods and foods produced by environmentally friendly processes for a dollar donation, provided by the Whole Foods Market, Red Door Cafe, and other organic food sellers.

The celebration's atmosphere will be complemented by the performance of the reggae and African band Alula.

Fourth Annual Media Science Symposium will be May 1

BY MAX BENAVIDEZ

Former presidential advisor and current U.S. News & World Report editor-at-large David Gergen; USC Annenberg School for Communication's new dean, Geoff Cowan; NPR science host Ira Flatow; and Caltech astronomer and NASA advisor Anneila Sargent are among the featured participants at this year's Media and Science Symposium at the California Institute of Technology on May 1.

The theme of the fourth annual symposium is "The 21st Century: The Multimedia Age." The focus this year will be on emerging communications technologies and their effect

on the news media, science reporting, and the public. In a world of news groups, Java applets, one-thumb browsing, digital signatures, Web TV, and streaming audio and video, what is the role of traditional media and what will the landscape of news reporting and delivery look like in the new century? Will the Internet dominate reporting of science? Will the more conventional means of news delivery be able to maintain their relevance? What happens to public trust in the freewheeling world of on-line news and information?

In addition to Gergen, Cowan, Flatow, and Sargent, the 1997 symposium participants will include John Beard, news anchor for Fox News;

Blaine Baggett, vice president at KCET and producer of PBS's The Astronomers; Harry Gray, director of Caltech's Beckman Institute; Robert Lee Hotz, science writer for the Los Angeles Times; and Kathy Sawyer, science reporter for The Washington Post.

The symposium will begin with a panel discussion at 9 a.m. in Ramo Auditorium on the Caltech campus in Pasadena. A question-and-answer session will follow. Activities will continue after a lunch break. The keynote address in the afternoon will be presented by Gergen. Following a question-and-answer session, the symposium will adjourn at approximately 2 p.m.



Avery greets summer with a water fight.

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Rules are necessary for a civil society

BY JOHN W. HATFIELD

In Mr. Stevens's article, he mentions what he sees as the government continuing to encroach on our rights as individuals. Although I must agree that taxes are much higher than they need or should be, the idea of ridding ourselves of ideas such as eminent domain and zoning rights in pursuit of greater personal freedom is a very uninformed one.

The original impetus for forming government was that the government would take away some of our rights, but in return would protect us, our possessions, and the public at large.

Before government, we lived in a state of complete "freedom," in which we could do anything we wanted to. However, people formed government, giving up some of these rights, in order for protection and the advancement of the general good.

The government's use of zoning laws and eminent domain are a definite example of where the people should give up their rights in order to promote the common good. We give up our right to drive at 120 mph in order to promote the greater good of not getting killed on the highways. There are many other examples of laws that are made in order to let us leader much

less dangerous lives in order to give up a bit of our freedom.

Eminent domain is one such example. Eminent domain refers to the government's practice of forcing people to sell their land so the government can build important infrastructure, such as interstates and airports.

Although it might be a bit of an inconvenience for the people who must move to make way for progress, it is better for a society as a whole. The people generally get paid a bit more than actual market value anyway.

Imagine trying to get to Caltech from LAX if no freeways existed. For that matter, LAX

would be out in the middle of the desert, since to build the airport and expand it the right of eminent domain has probably been used.

Zoning laws are yet another example of the government telling people what to do with their land for the greater good. Due to the fact that the morons in my county back home refused to vote for zoning laws, I have a gravel pit in my backyard.

Zoning laws are instrumental in keeping up property values and ensuring that neighborhoods will not have heavy industrial factories or porn shops suddenly show up in their midst. We need laws to protect the individual, but we also need laws to protect society as a whole.

In conclusion, laws that restrict the individual are accepted, even

necessary, if they promote the greater good of society. This does not mean I support more government intervention in life. The differences between my views and those of Mr. Stevens, thus, can be best characterized as follows: he believes that the fundamental rights of the individual are just that, fundamental and God-given, and that government should not be able to transgress them, no matter what the cost. I, on the other hand, see the protection of our freedoms as a necessary part of an advancing society.

The reason we should have such rights as free speech, open assembly, jury trial, etc. is that they are best for society and will lead to a better society for all of us in the future.

The principle of private property in jeopardy

BY NEIL STEVENS

Ever since the first person was punished for stealing, governments have protected our right to property. But, this trend is changing.

With the inception of income tax, eminent domain, and "sacrifice," it seems that our government, with no opposition from the people, is trying to take our property from us, instead of keeping others from making off with it.

Public opinion is starting to

shift this way, too. No, there was no mass support for the IRS this past tax day, but look at Bob Dole's loan to Speaker Gingrich. CNN-Time polls show that a majority of Americans feel that Dole's loan is wrong.

Why is that? I don't quite understand. The way I see it, Dole is a private citizen, and he is choosing to loan money to another citizen. Who are the public, the government, or a bunch of bankers in New York to say whether some Kansan has the right to loan his own money as he

chooses?

The public also takes for granted basic services. The last time you traveled down a freeway, did you think about where the land came from? Well, I did. Whenever the government decides that it wants your land, it buys it from you at "market" value. I place market in quotes because a market implies free choice, which a citizen lacks in claims of eminent domain. Where's the outcry?

What about taxes? Estate taxes of 50%, income taxes of 38%, and more, all enforced by an independent set of tax courts, subject to different standards than traditional civil and criminal law. There is staggering potential here

for the unilateral confiscation of property, under the auspices of an audit, with little recourse for the citizen.

Apathy must end. Politics in this country used to be an integral part of life, an interesting diversion from the day-to-day grind. Issues mattered, and parties were responsible to the people. Many a party in this country has faded in the past, but the modern Republicans and Democrats are entrenching themselves endlessly. And, with this party entrenchment comes government entrenchment.

Only the citizens can change anything, and we must. Otherwise, more of us will lose our free choice, our homes, or our savings.

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The TIDE World

by Carol Casey

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

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BY AUSTIN COLLINS

sulted in over 60 American casualties in Somalia. **Somalia.** The same leadership that managed to prolong and complicate what should have been a very simple set of foreign policy decisions on Haiti. He is a President that accurately reflects his people. This includes reflecting their apathy, their basic indecisiveness, and their conflicting ideologies.

Government isn't supposed to merely reflect the people, it's supposed to lead them. Bob Dole believes in government. Bob Dole believes in the Republican Party. Bob Dole put \$300,000 of his own money where his mouth is — despite his own personal not-so-chummy feelings for Speaker Gingrich.

Think about that for a moment. \$300,000. That's a lot of money, which is why Bob Dole spent it. There can be no question after this that Bob Dole has faith in government; he's trying to lead by example. It won't be effective, of course, because Americans pay no more heed to government than is necessary to devise half-assed criticisms.

Just more partisan politics, you'll hear. Just the rich protecting the powerful, they say. Yet it is so much more! No average citizen can possibly claim to have a more detailed, more intimate knowledge of the workings of US government than Bob Dole. This is a man who knows government, and even after he retires continues to support it. Moreover, he continues to support it in a way that none of us support anything. This is a man who gave an arm for his country; what's another \$300,000?

If Congress were a bunch of idiots, wouldn't he know? If Government were full of stale bureaucrats, wouldn't he know? If there were anyone who had cause to be cynical about government, wouldn't it be he? Much like children, the American public is loathe to acknowledge the benefits of experience. They've seen enough political cartoons vilifying Gingrich, heard enough jokes on TV about him, and seen enough ominous sounding headlines with his name in them that they feel downright knowledgeable about the man. Knowledgeable enough to discount Dole's 40+ years and government and personal donation of a small fortune to the cause after his retirement.

Sure, he's given his life and his money to the US government, but I've seen that Gingrich on TV. For fun someday, compare the number of people who know Gingrich did something wrong to those that can explain to you what it was he did.

In *Time*, a poll was cited that claimed 51% of people said Dole's gift was inappropriate, and 58% said Gingrich should leave office. I am highly skeptical that 50% of the people polled even know what actions of Gingrich's caused this ruckus in the first place.

Social Psychology (woo woo Psy 15!) has something to say about this. When people have insufficient information, they look to others as a source of knowledge. This works pretty well in a lot of situations, but not in politics. There will always be more political cartoonists and comedians than real leaders. Money talks, people say — are you listening to Dole's \$300,000 shout of confidence?

This doesn't mean that because he's old and rich you have to agree with him. It does mean that a lifetime of service and \$300,000 should not be discounted as merely "partisan politics." He might be right, he might be wrong. Of course, none of us can hope to have his knowledge of the situation, so look to someone else who does. What does your Congressman think of the situation? Do you even know? Try a more visible figure, like the President.

Oh, wait a minute, that's right. He didn't say anything insightful about it did he? No, he just complained about college costs. Good way to avoid giving an informative answer — after all, people disagree with informative answers some of the time.

The situation is analogous, as so many things are, to a Simpsons episode. In one, groundskeeper Willie saves Homer's reputation with a videotape of a conversation, and is later vilified on a Hard Copy spoof for his videotaping ways. When Marge reminds Homer that Willie saved them, Homer remarks, "But Marge, he has to be evil. Listen to the background music!"

I used to think that the current cynicism in government is the direct result of a lack of leadership. Turns out it's not, though. It's a lack of emphasis on leadership. There are leaders within government, but nearly everyone enjoys a good joke more than they enjoy a political thought. As long as this is true, mass media will continue to reflect that trend and we will continue to elect comedians instead of leaders to the Presidency.

It really is that simple.
"Cyrano: So, this is your revenge?
Compte de Guiche: Take this to mean that I sever my King and vent my spleen."
— Rostand

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The Outside World

by Myfanwy Callahan

Gramsh, Albania – Rioters looted government storehouses of weapons last month, capturing hundreds of thousands of AK-47 assault rifles. Locals are now smuggling them to Albanians living in nearby Macedonia, who are sending them to unknown destinations.

Algiers, Algeria – Islamic rebels attacked a village near Algiers, savagely killing 93 people. Since 1992, when the Government canceled an election in which the Muslims were likely to win, Government and rebel assaults have killed over 60,000 people.

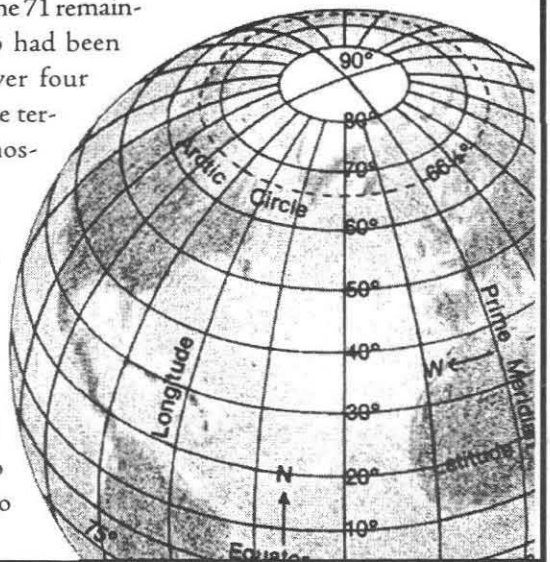
Lima, Peru – A government assault on the Japanese embassy in Peru succeeded in freeing the 71 remaining hostages who had been held there for over four months. All of the terrorists and one hostage were killed.

Moscow, Russia – President Boris Yeltsin of Russia and President Jiang Zemin of China agreed to work together to

limit American influence in world politics. Although not explicitly referring to the United States, they stated, "No country should seek hegemony, practice power politics, or monopolize international affairs."

Los Angeles – Breaking a world record, a woman aged 63 gave birth to a healthy baby, raising questions about age limits on pregnancy. She had become pregnant using an egg donated from a much younger woman.

Washington, D.C. – A ban on poison gas weapons may succeed in passing the Senate after Bob Dole announced his approval. The US is the only country in the group not to have signed the pact.



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ASCIT Minutes

APRIL 21, 1997

Meeting opened at 22:38 by Kohl.

BoD members present: Kohl Gill, Maria Satterwhite, John Lin, Lori Hsu, Mike Westover, Adrienne Bourque, Kiran Shekar, Baldeep Sadhal.

Guests present: Ryan Cox, Erik Streed, Mic Westcoat, Abraham Kuo.

RYAN COX AND ERIK STREED (Tech editors-Gods) report that the Tech has lost some potential advertising revenue due to a somewhat lack-luster performance on the part of the last business manager in the last few weeks.

Baldeep has nothing to report related to his position as Frosh director besides that he's overworked and underpaid.

John reports that he's working on taxes for ASCIT and trying to figure out what the status of ASCIT's several accounts are. His word to the new Tech business manager is that he should work closely with him to take care of several details pertaining to the Tech's business structure.

John Lin has left the room because he thinks he's allergic to ASCIT.

Meeting becomes closed at 22:55 for the interview of potential Tech business managers. Cox and Streed remain in the closed meeting to interrogate candidates under the bright light.

Meeting opened at 23:30.

Dan Velez enters. Dan requests a letter from ASCIT so that the Republicans' Club may receive recognition from the California College Republicans. He is also interested in receiving funds for the club. Questions about the legality of funding political and religious organizations will have to be addressed in relation to the Corporation's non-profit organization status.

Meeting closed at 23:43 to interview another potential Tech business

managers. Cox and Streed remain in the closed meeting again.

Ryan Cox and Erik Streed exit so the BoD may vote to appoint a business manager for the Tech.

Meeting opened at 23:58.

The Board has approved Mic Westcoat as the new Tech business manager.

Kiran reports that people should see a full report on the subject of the van in an upcoming article in the Tech. [Not this week -Eds] A card swipe for the ASCIT copier has not been installed yet.

Satterwhite the Veep looks about nervously, growls, and finally leaves.

Adrienne reports that several CDs were left at the prefrosh party. Among them is a Wagner CD. Despite the entertainment value of seeing hundreds of Techers leap upon a common target with intent to shower, the DJ fortunately did not play the latter disc. If you left your CDs at the party, contact Adrienne in Lloyd 207.

SUDDS (Supplementary Undergraduate Donut Distribution Service) will be conducted on the night of May 1st (morning of May 2nd) at 01:00 this term.

The ASCIT formal will be held May 23rd, and the price will be \$20 for ASCIT members and \$40 for non-ASCIT members. It will be a reception, dinner and dance starting at 19:00.

Mike Westover reports that ARC rep at large signups are up at Winnett and are coming down Tuesday, April 29th at 17:00.

Lori reports that the signup sheets for committee appointments are coming down Tuesday, April 22nd. Interviews will be held next week. The IHC will be dealing with the issues of Avery Picks. Tom Mannion will be giving each of the seven fine houses \$3500 for improvements.

Kohl reports that a woman called him a little while ago and he got excited from the attention.

Meeting closed at 00:36.

Respectfully Submitted,



I.H.C. Minutes

April 10, 1997

Present: Lori (chair), Brett (Page), Geoff (Dabney), Shumway (Fleming), Judy (secretary), Steve (Lloyd), Jeremy (Ruddock). A note: "Marty (Blacker) is drunk off his ass and wants someone to call him. He is very sorry he can't make it to the IHC meeting." Geoff (Ricketts) is at a house meeting.

Before the meeting begins, Lori prints out agendas while Steve shows off his 101 Dalmatians pen and Judy tries to call Marty. The phone has far more than twelve buttons on it and Judy isn't an engineer, so she doesn't really call Marty.

The meeting begins.

Prefrosh social events are discussed:

- Page: Magician, Friday, 8:00 p.m.
- Lloyd: Capture the Flag, Friday, 9:00 p.m.
- Dabney: Bands, Friday, 9:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. and Tye-dye, noon or so on Saturday
- Fleming: Diamond Smuggling, Saturday, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Ruddock: Mini-golf, 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Saturday
- Blacker: Midnight Ultimate, Saturday
- Ricketts: "a surprise," (to IHC, anyway) Friday. Geoff sent Lori an email, but the computer ate it, so we don't know what it is.

In order to show the prefrosh that the food is equally bad on both sides of the Olive Walk, Lori and Judy randomly arrange north-south swap for dinner on Friday.

Shumway requests that derogatory signs about other houses and other posters like it that ath teams may have put up be taken down since prefrosh are beginning to show up. House home pages should be edited as well to make them all fine web pages.

We move onto DAPAC. We agree that student trained bartenders would be preferable to professional bartender. It would be cheaper and promote house unity. Besides, we all follow DAPAC anyway. If Marty were here, he would agree.

Interhouse: RA clause: RAs can play for the house they live in. Non-

student clause: Any dues-paying undergrad can play or any dues-paying house member can play if they have played interhouse for fewer than twelve terms. Ath teams are responsible for reporting special cases to the IHC. Santa Clause: doesn't exist.

Caltech 1a: Kim wants IHC to sponsor an event. Frosh camp (Monday) will come before Caltech 1a (Wednesday). We discuss when frosh should arrive. We decide Sunday is best. We decide Saturday is best. We decide Sunday is best. We decide it doesn't matter. We decide Sunday is best. We talk about moving rotation from Sunday through Saturday to Saturday through Friday. We decide beginning Sunday is best. We decide beginning Saturday is best. We decide beginning Sunday is best. The secretary decides she has a headache. We remember that we were supposed to be talking about an event for Caltech 1a and we decide a punt is best.

Brett suggests skydiving for an interhouse event, where participants would do a tandem jump with someone from another house. It would probably cost \$140/person—Caltech won't subsidize such dangerous events so he asks if houses might contribute a little. We all agree that throwing members of other houses out of a plane will better interhouse spirit, so we tentatively agree to consider donating \$10/house member.

Rumors of the return of the Van are spread. The checkout policy will require more notice than before, so no more "I wanna go to In-n-Out, where's the van!". Sign up for faculty student committees!

April 17, 1997

We begin these minutes with a moment of silence for any Tech editors who may have suffered for omitting last week's IHC minutes from the Tech.

Present: Lori (chair), Geoff (Dabney), Carl (BFD), Marty (Blacker), Shumway (Fleming), Jeremy (Ruddock), Steve (Lloyd), Geoff (Ricketts), Brett (Page), Judy (secretary)

Carl passes around a copy of a prefrosh version of the BFD. Judy passes out a letter to Kim West about DAPAC and the revised eligibility rules for Interhouse. Lori passes out an agenda with the 17th prefrosh roster the presidents have received. Brett got a prefrosh schedule that instructed all prefrosh women to show up to his room at 2 AM on Saturday. Geoff (Dabney)

makes a note in his calendar.

Lori asks if anyone thinks the BFD is unfair to their house. After some consideration, Jeremy agrees it's okay, but tells Carl as he leaves, "Don't start copying yet..."

Marty asks if it was okay that he told a prefrosh that Fleming is cool, and we debate over how truthful we want to be to the prefrosh. Of course, if people saw what the school was really like, there would be like four people enrolling, so we agree it's all good, though taking prefrosh to Oxy is probably bad.

Lori says that Tom is giving each house \$3500 for improvements, which can be used for just about anything except for alcohol.

Since the more people that sign up, the more interviews we get to give, Lori asks us to remind the houses to sign up for faculty-student committees. We'll pick interview times next week.

Brett pipes up... "My back was hooked up to his front... I had my camera so I was taking pictures. I'll bring them next week... It was smooth as silk... fifty seconds." "I couldn't handle fifty seconds." Geoff (Ricketts) Then Brett again suggests parachuting as an Interhouse event. It'll probably be on a Friday and cost ~\$120 (if the houses help pay). FYI, 300 people die a year jumping out of planes. Four people die each year by having soda machines fall on them. Therefore, you should be able to jump out of one plane for every 75 Cokes you have.

Barbara Green wants us to try to have a party professionally bartended. The more meetings the DAPAC committee has, the more they want to do their job, so the Geoffs talk about a joint Ricketts-Dabney social event.

Marty asks if anyone went to the student faculty conference because he heard "stupid rumors that stupid stuff happened." Geoff (Ricketts) confirms that stupid stuff happened, and insists that records of previous BoC hearings will be helpful. Steve, who is now part of the BoC fan club, also went to the BoC session.

The MOSH is resigning and a search committee is choosing a new MOSH. Steve is on the committee if you have input. Someone suggests Joe "let's go to Baja and get plastered" Kirschvink, whose freshman interest sheet, by the way, is on file at the Res Life office.

Steve tells Geoff (Ricketts) that his refs didn't show up for basketball that afternoon, but Geoff says "I don't pay any attention to Interhouse athletics."

Brett wants to have a slam dunk contest at 3:00 on Saturday for the prefrosh. Geoff (Ricketts) is confused, so Brett helps him out: "Have you ever seen Michael Jordan... Do you know who Michael Jordan is? Am I going too fast for you?" Everyone else agrees the slam dunk contest is okay, so Geoff gives his consent.

Finally, we talk about housing: last year IHC was told that YESS and bridge would most likely be in Avery this year, but the administration forgot. Also, Biff doesn't want to have doubles as singles in the houses over the summer. Further, IHC's suggestions for the Avery picking procedure were ignored. We can't decide which shafting to deal with first, so we adjourn to go smile at the prefrosh.

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houses. Usually not by their own will." In addition he and several other undergrads observed that "[Avery] doesn't feel like a place that undergrads live." Terry Moran summed up the views of many undergraduates when he said, "[Avery] really isn't a student place." However frosh Ron Dollette expressed a more optimistic outlook with the comment that "Avery house is

still in its sterile phase."

With the students and faculty warmed up over the issue of Avery, the Student Life Committee plunged into the issue of Caltech traditions. While Director of Residence Life Kim West was not present to defend the restrictions currently placed on students by her office, several professors/alumni defended the rights of students in recounting the activities of their own under-

graduate days at Caltech. A common complaint was voiced by several students that Residence Life comes down from on high with seemingly arbitrary rules and regulations: "We don't know who is making the rules." While the students generally understood that limits need to be set, the manner in which they are presented to the student body needs a lot of improvement. A lack of direct communication with undergraduate organizations mars what should be healthy relationships on a small, close-knit campus.

The biggest issue raised was the death of traditions, beginning with the grandest of them all: InterHouse. A myth had developed among the undergraduate community that the administration killed Interhouse because it got too unmanageable. Some of the few professors on hand corrected this view in citing the valiant efforts taken to preserve Interhouse in its final years. A suggestion was made to revive Interhouse using a model similar to Apache, where an invitation is needed to gain entrance.

Several students felt that DAPAC's increased enforcement represents the latest instance of the Caltech administration's lack of trust in the undergrads. Considering that Caltech has one of the driest campuses in the nation, many students feel that DAPAC is unnecessary and overly protective. Even graduate student Rob Rossi commented on "a lack of merry-making and mirth" at recent undergraduate parties.

The final issue covered extensively was the loss of the great Caltech prank. Rob Rossi kicked off the discussion relating a prank which was pulled on him last year in Chem 1b involving moving the hand in box for midterms to the Ricketts pot. Vice President of student affairs and Caltech alumnus Gary Lorden took this opportunity to speak for the first time that day. "I

want to reassure you guys that, the administration (whatever that exactly is), as far as I can tell has always liked pranks...I mean some people noticed that Beckman Auditorium looks a little like a wedding cake, or a merry-go-round or something like that— well, they made a merry-go-round out of it not too many years ago. I would love to see pranks like that again." [For the full text, see box. -Eds]

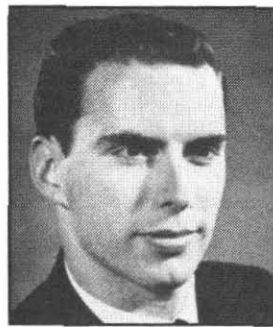
Lorden was rebuked by Professor Tom Tombrello with the remark: "I have to make a correction to that, Gary. The students that turned Beckman Auditorium into a carousel were forced to take that stuff down. I knew the students who were involved who were very disappointed about it." Terry Moran stated: "We are definitely having a breakdown in trust." This was followed by several students relating the less than appreciative manner in which their pranks were received. Chris Brichford, one of the students involved in the prank on Rob Rossi commented, "I don't think I'll ever participate in a prank again, because of that. Unless the feeling at Caltech changes and I think that's pretty sad."

Many possible reasons for the loss of both house sponsored and spontaneous pranks were raised by students. One interesting reason was suggested by ARC Secretary Devi Thota relating conversations she had overheard, "They're idea of why their have been less pranks over the years is because the women population at Caltech is increasing."

While the Caltech pranking reputation continues on, frosh Ishi (Brain Patton) observed "When I got here it wasn't the same Caltech that was in those books [Legends of Caltech, More Legends] Their wasn't the mutual trust between faculty and students." Current ASCIT president Kohl Gill summarized with "Maybe that's not what Caltech is about anymore." If so we should mourn the loss.

Excerpts on faculty acceptance of pranking

Gary Lorden, Vice President of Student Affairs:



I want to reassure you guys that, the administration (whatever that exactly is), as far as I can tell has always liked pranks. I mean one of the endearing qualities about Tom Everhart when he came (incidentally he's out of town today but otherwise I'm sure he'd be here.) He comes to freshman camp. He hangs around talking about

things from the old days. At the alumni reunion that's going to be held in May their devoting a whole session to talking about all the great pranks and when I get with other alums and talk about Caltech that is one of the things everyone says is, "Why don't we do things to the Rose Bowl anymore or why don't we do the Hollywood sign anymore?" Well, the big answer that I know of is has nothing to do with Everhart, me or any of the Deans or MOSHs or whatever or the DRL even. It has to do with the City of Pasadena and what happened after the hollywood sign and so on. I mean their has been a little chilling effect from the outside world. In the days when I was dean you could go out there after a football victory, of course we don't have a team now which makes it harder, but you could go out there .. you could go out there and there'd be bonfires in the middle of the street and the cops would be there with the Caltech students, with the Deans, etc. That ain't Pasadena today. OK, so the climate is a little different off campus, but on campus there have been some terrific pranks. Just to mention a few from recent years, one of the Houses which will remain nameless, near the Athenaeum did a whale in the middle of the reflecting pool as kind of a student comment on a very expensive, and unlovely to some eyes, water sculpture that was done in the reflecting pond. And they made a whale out of it, and the eyes rotated and so on. Everhart loved it. The trustees loved it. So, I mean, it's not as though there is something happening inside Caltech that is repressing, or suppressing, or something pranks. There was a carousel — I mean some people noticed that Beckman auditorium looks a little like a wedding cake, or a merry-go-round or something like that— well, they made a merry-go-round out of it not too many years ago. I would love to see pranks like that again. I think on days when the Trustees come around, many of whom are alums, they ask the same questions, "How come we haven't heard about any neat pranks?" So, if you guys are thinking that somehow you want some support, you know, I'll betcha we could get all kinds of support, even financial, for the right pranks. But I think you have to keep in mind that one thing has changed. I mean, one of the Deans of Students and the Director of Residence Life literally spent weeks negotiating with the Fire Department and the City of Pasadena to avoid students being prosecuted about some bonfire behavior that in years earlier didn't cause that kind of a reaction. So, I think you do have to be aware that the world outside has a lot shorter fuse, a lot less sense of humor around the Rose Bowl, around the Tournament of Roses, around a lot of things than they used to. But on campus? Gosh, you know, I think .. I think you get a lot of good reaction — although the chemists, you know, occasionally they flake— to well conceived pranks. I think the same rules apply as they always did which is don't hurt anybody, be conscious of who your audience or target is, and just have a good time, because creativity and pranks I think will always be, even though it may ebb and flow in terms of frequency, always be a part of the culture at Caltech.

Prof. Tombrello, Department of Physics:

I have to make a correction to that, Gary. The students that turned Beckman Auditorium into a carousel were forced to take that stuff down. I knew the students who were involved who were very disappointed about it. The design contest which I gave as an example of the evolution of pranks, Caltech wasn't willing to support it. How do I know...because I was the Vice President at Slumberger and I was one of the people that kicked in some of the money to get the design contest started. Caltech... If the administration wants stuff to evolve into something like the design contest, that's not something the students can do by themselves. That's got to be done by some active involvement by the administration. The faculty are certainly interested, but the administration has to support this stuff, and they haven't.

An excerpt on Staff-Faculty relations

Ellis Meng-

I'd like to bring up this time that we're saying all these wonderful things, we'd like to get these lists to come out but, you know, people that are largely responsible for this thing are sadly unrepresented at Tech. I received an e-mail recently that I'd like to read to everyone and ask for your comments on. This is from Michelle Pine. She is the administrative assistant to Dr. Tombrello and Dr. Scherer. "I received by e-mail today my copy of the notice of the Student-Faculty conference and again wondered why the staff is sent this notification and why we are led to believe that we can contribute. It states in the last paragraph, 'We believe that all members of the Caltech community would benefit from attending this conference, and your participation is needed to ensure successful discussion of the problems.' I no longer attend these conferences based on the experience I describe in the next paragraph and the fact that I don't really see any change in the attitude based on day to day interactions.

I would like to say that I do work for two professors, Drs. Tombrello, in Physics, and Scherer, in EE, who value what the staff members have to offer, which is why I have stayed at Caltech for 18 years. I also have had the enjoyment of working with students both undergraduate and graduate, who have valued what they learned from those of us on the staff as well as what they learned in classroom and lab. I have attended this conference in the past. When I did participate by asking why there wasn't some discussion, recognition of how staff members contribute, can contribute to the student life here at Caltech, I was told by a member of the faculty that the key words here were "faculty" and "student". He publically stated what I had long suspected was the attitude of some faculty and students. I sat in this conference with students who had been in or were currently in Dr. Tombrello's Ph 11 class, and who had benefited from the care and concern for their well-being, both in the work setting and personal lives, by staff members. But nothing was said in support of those of us on the staff who try to make a difference, nor did any faculty speak up. To say that I was disappointed would be an understatement."

I invited Michelle Pine to come speak today, and she said that she felt very uncomfortable, and felt that there would be.. that she would receive the same treatment.

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Lest you think this is an-

other West Side Story, consider that while the setting has been updated, the dialogue is straight from Shakespeare. However, the accents are purely American, a stylistic choice that helps the viewer look past the variations in syntax over the centuries to see the timeless power of Shakespeare's drama and comedy.

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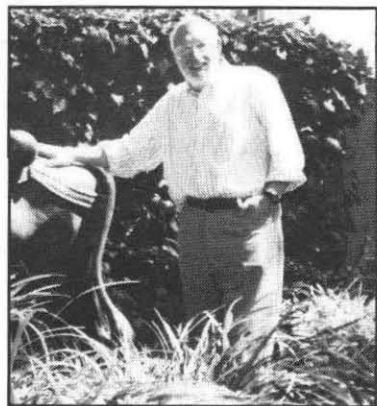
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Dean's Corner

*Et la tête sous le robinet . . .
(With my head under the spigot)*

by Jean-Paul Revel

One of the topics which were discussed at the recent Student/Faculty Conference was "Life at Caltech." The students expressed eagerness for Faculty and Administration to treat them as responsible adults, among other things with respect to the alcohol policy.

We, the non-students, are criticized for not doing what we profess to believe in. How can we

talk about self government by the students if we don't trust them to follow rules? Why not let them administer the alcohol policy themselves?

It is a good question and a difficult one. Where I was born even babies were given diluted wine to drink. It put them to sleep, kept them quiet, and perhaps also marginally served to sterilize the water.

But here the law of the land says that only at twenty one can an individual legally consume alcoholic brews. Before that it is *defendu*, *verboten*, forbidden.

Now I doubt that an 18-year-old is necessarily any less able to handle alcohol or other dangerous practices, than someone who is twenty

one. But the law says twenty one.

Caltech is responsible to take care that no one younger than that is exposed to EtOH internally. The liability to the Institute if someone should be hurt as a result of illegal drinking would be enormous. Of course we would all be affected emotionally, whatever the age of the victims.

From the time we are born, and perhaps before that, we are all ruled by the laws of the land, laws which can only be changed if enough people vote for the change. Since most of you are old enough to marry, serve in the military and vote, you might consider that route to change the legal drinking age.

There is no question that drinking can be a wonderful social lubricant. George Jean Nathan said (I don't know who s/he is, but I found the quote on the net and I

liked it) that "I drink to make other people interesting." There certainly is something to that.

But people will only remain interesting if they are able to carry on an interesting, coherent conversation. The effect of alcohol depends on its concentration in the blood stream and that depends on what's being consumed, by whom (big, small, fat, skinny etc.) and how.

Do we really need to drown our reticence to expose ourselves to allow us to talk to our neighbors? Is that the way to get someone else to like us, or for us not to be afraid of them knowing about us?

I vividly remember calling a close friend on the phone and being really turned off when the voice that answered was slow, somewhat slurred and seemed to belong to someone who was out of it. I shiver even now in remembering my revulsion. Yet I also am aware that that has not prevented me from bolstering my own courage, or rather making me forget my cowardice at talking about myself, and broaching other difficult topics, by

drinking. Actually all that happens is that I too don't present my best side when my brain is impaired by drink.

But in fact all the courage, the feeling of well being, of mastery — all that is a delusion. Drinking does not change our reality. It only changes our perception of it. EtOH is a depressant and its guile is that it prevents us from realizing it. As Bertrand Russell said, "Drunkenness is temporary suicide: the happiness that it brings is merely negative, a momentary cessation of unhappiness." So drinking is far from the Macho thing it is so often seen to be.

In my first year at University, the practice in the lab I worked in (in France) was to save up our "spillage allowance." We had to account to the revenuers for all the alcohol used in the lab, minus 10%, which was considered to have been lost in transfer. That encouraged everyone to improve our lab technique and quantitative transfer was the first skill we learned. The alcohol we did not spill and did not have to account for went to make aperitifs,

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which we all consumed in the department head's office, before lunch. A great compliment was, "He can hold his alcohol."

In fact we could not "hold it" anymore than anyone else, and only built psychological dependence on it. By that I mean that pretty soon, alcohol became a necessary part of the ritual, the way to reduce anxiety and lower inhibitions.

It does that too with sexual desire. That was even known by good old Bill, Bill Shakespeare that is, who said in Macbeth "...it provokes the desire, but takes away the performance." But Bill lived in an age where exposure to AIDS or other such problems did not happen or was not understood.

So you see, it is not just a question of not trusting you. I do, we do. But I would be, the Institute would be, shirking its responsibilities if nothing was done to inform you and give you ways to resist what can be a pleasurable experience or become a true nightmare. As the Koran says: "There is a devil in every grape."

You may want to talk to Deborah Southerland at the counseling center for advice on alcohol or go to the net at URL

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A *vôtre santé*, but don't risk it over a drink!

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- ★ Horrible

If you have a book that you would like to see reviewed in this column, please drop it by my room (108 Ru) and I'll try to get it in the next week or so.

The Cat Who Said Cheese
By Lilian Jackson Braun
★★

I really don't know why I read these books. They have very little with which to recommend themselves, either stylistically or as mysteries. Braun combines the silly, the absurd and the improbable willy-nilly, and then writes as if she expects to be taken seriously. And yet I have bought and read every book in this extensive series. Go figure.

The books are all about a man

and his two Siamese cats, Koko and Yum-Yum. Koko has "special powers", attributed to his whiskers, that make him able to tell when someone is being killed and who did it, which he then tries to transmit to his master. It's a flimsy premise at best, at worst it's a cat blacking out a city by sitting in a pyramid. Other low points include the newspaper column that the protagonist writes, horrible smarmy prose about nothing in particular, and the descriptions of the adoration that he receives from the townspeople. It is nice to be someone that everyone adores, but no fun to read about.

As murder mysteries they vary in quality. The major problem is that the murderer rarely survives to

the end of the book, which can be all right if used well and sparingly but is a poor thing to make a habit out of. There are even occasional books where the readers don't even meet the murderer, which violates the cardinal rule of fairness in mystery writing. Braun also leaves a lot of loose ends which she never ties up and which don't really have any bearing on the story.

This particular book is about a food festival in the town where most of the stories are set. There really isn't that much to say about it that I haven't said already. I should say, though, that in the grand scheme of things these books aren't that bad. The fact that I can read them all the way through without gagging says quite a bit, considering the many truly terrible books on the market, which even I wouldn't waste my money on.

I've Been Gone Far Too Long
Edited by Monique Bogerhoff Mulder and Wendy Logsdon
★★★

This is a collection of stories by field biologists and anthropologists about things that have hap-

pened to them in the field. Some are terrible, like finding that your house and all your data have burned to the ground. Others are worse, like dealing with the red tape in Uganda. The quality of the stories varies with the writers. The worst are the ones written by two people which use an odd mixture of first and second person narration. That is, everything is "we" and "us" but the characters are all called by their names, there is no "I". It's disconcerting and, in my opinion, unnecessary, but it only shows up in two or three of the stories.

The stories themselves are the best thing about the book. The difficulties in storing poisonous snakes, absurd culture clashes, and general reminders of how nice civilization is and why mankind bothered to evolve it. The lives of these researchers seem interesting and exciting, and just about every

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story ends reasonably happily. On another note, I suspect that the stories have been heavily edited, because none of the authors are professional writers and the enormous flowery descriptions that amateurs generally write of nature are conspicuously absent.



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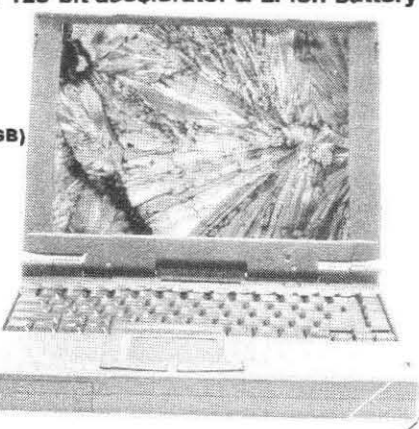
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Events

Caltech's sixth annual **Earth Day Celebrations** will be held today, Friday, April 25th, from 11:30am to 2pm on the Olive Walk. Earth Day will include booths featuring campus, local, and national environmental organizations, knickknacks, and entertainment by the Magyk Band with Alula. Sponsored by the Caltech Environmental Task Force, the Caltech Y, and the GSC, there will also be TFM Earth Day Cake. Real food will be available with a \$1 donation.

Hiroo Kanamori, John E. Smits, Hazel S. Smits, professor of Geophysics and director of the seismological laboratory, Caltech, and Thomas Heaton, professor of engineering seismology, Caltech, will be giving an Astronomy/Geology 0.1 Seminar about "Earthquake Dynamics and Its Engineering Implications" today, Friday, April 25th, at 4pm in Baxter Lecture Hall. These lectures are designed as an interconnected series introducing some of the central problems and techniques in earth and planetary science and in astronomy. All will be directed at a non-specialist scientific audience.

Travel lecturer Buddy Hatton will be presenting the next Armchair Adventures travel film entitled "Argentina: The Land of Passion" today, Friday, April 25th, at 8pm in the Beckman Auditorium. Admission starts at \$9 through the Caltech Ticket office (4652).

This week's ASCIT Movie is **Romeo and Juliet** (1997). It will be showing at 7:30pm and 10pm in Baxter Lecture Hall. Admission for ASCIT members is \$2.00 and \$2.50 for non-members.

The **Caltech Folk Music Society** will be presenting **Louis Killen, John Roberts, and Tony Barrand** in a capella accompanied by concertina, banjo, bones, and side drum concert on Saturday, April 26th, at 8pm in Winnett Lounge.

Cleo Laine and the John Dankworth Group will be performing in the Beckman Auditorium on Saturday, April 26th, at 8pm. Cleo Laine's four octave range and crossover style singing are complemented by her husband's mastery of the woodwind in a program that ranges from scat impressions to arrangements of Dankworth's film scores. Tickets start at \$26; students rush tickets may be purchased 30 minutes before performance for \$10 with ID.

The winners of the **51st annual Coleman Chamber Ensemble Competition** will be presented in the next Coleman Chamber Music Concert on Sunday, April 27th, at 3:30pm in Ramo Auditorium. Admission is \$10, \$5 for students; tickets are available at the Caltech Ticket Office (x4652) or through (888) 2-CALTECH.

Mints

☼ denotes a new announcement.

Noboru Oyama, professor of applied chemistry of Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, will be giving a lecture about "New Lithium Batteries with Enormous Energy Densities" on Monday, April 28th at 4pm in the Sturdivant Lecture Hall, 147 Noyes.

Daniel M. Hausman, professor of philosophy at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, will be giving a William Bennett Munro Memorial Seminar on "Rationality and Knavery" in the Judy Library on Tuesday, April 29th, at 4pm.

A Caltech Hillel Talk discussing "Cloning: Moral, Ethical, and Religious Challenges" will be paneled by Rabbi Elliot Dorff, rector and professor of philosophy at the University of Judaism, Daniel Kevles, J.O. and Juliette Koepfli Professor of the Humanities at Caltech, and Jean-Paul Revel, Albert Billings Ruddock Professor of Biology at Caltech, and moderated by Bettyann Holtzmann Kevles, author, on Wednesday, April 30th, at noon in the Judy Library, 110 Baxter.

The **Wind Tunnel Decommissioning** will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 30th, with the flight of a B-25 and a B-26 at approximately 3:45pm.

Van Osdol Professor of Planetary Science David Stevenson and professor of astronomy and planetary science Shrinivas Kulkarni of Caltech will be giving an Astronomy/Geology 0.1 Seminar entitled "Extrasolar Planets: Formation and Detection" on Friday, May 2nd, at 4pm in the Baxter Lecture Hall.

Capitol Steps, an ensemble of current and former Congressional aides presents political satire in the form of song parodies, is coming to Caltech's Beckman Auditorium on Friday and Saturday, May 2nd and 3rd, at 8pm. Tickets start at \$26 with student rush tickets sold half an hour before performance for \$10.

The Caltech Jazz Bands and the Caltech Concert Band, directed by William Bing, will be performing their **Bandorama** with special guest conductor Alf Clausen, composer of the music for "The Simpsons" and director of music for "The Mary Tyler Moore Variety Hour", on Saturday, May 10th, at 8pm in the Beckman Auditorium. Admission is free and is open to the public without tickets.

ing to *The Totem* can contact the editors by e-mailing totem@cco or by e-mailing or calling any of them individually (Mina Leung, Amanda Eckerman, Peter Wang, Mason Porter, and Andrew Strauss).

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*, x2150, e-mail lauren_stolper@starbase1.caltech.edu:

The American Association of Univer-

sity Women offers a number of fellowships to women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, including one year post-doctoral fellowships and special dissertation fellowships. The international fellowship is awarded to women who are not citizens of the U.S. or permanent residents who are engaged in full-time grade or post-graduate study in the U.S.

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

The **John Gyles Education Fund** is offering financial assistance to students who are Canadian or U.S. Citizens. A minimum G.P.A. of 2.7 is required for eligibility. Criteria other than academic ability and financial need are considered in the selection process. Selected students will receive up to \$3,000. To receive an application, send a stamped (U.S. \$.32), self-addressed, No. 10 envelope to: The John Gyles Education Fund, Attention: R. James Cogle, Administrator, P.O. Box 4808, 712 Riverside Drive, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada E3B 5G4. Filing dates for mailing applications in 1997 are **June 15**, and **November 15, 1997**.

The **Jewish Family and Children's Services** is pleased to announce the continued availability of financial support for Jewish individuals and their families. JFCS provides hundreds of students loans, grants, and scholarships to Jewish students. Individuals may apply for 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.

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Come check out what's happening at the Red Door Cafe on Friday April 25th from 4:30pm - 5:30pm
JAZZ



Be a part of Earth Day... reduce, reuse, recycle!

Welcome the newest member to our menu, Pasadena Coffee Roasters

Red Door Café

Look for our new hours Beginning Monday, April 28th 9:00am to 5:30pm - All Day!

Notices

Beginning with the July 14th, 1997 payroll, the **federal share of wages paid to student employees for federal Work-Study employment will be increased to 70%**. Beginning with student payrolls after July 14th, 1997, departments employing students in Federal Work-Study Jobs will be responsible for the remaining 30% matching requirement. International students and other students on CIT Work Study will continue to receive 60% share of wages from Financial Aid. This change has been made to better utilize the limited Federal Work-Study funding available to Caltech Students. Should you have any questions about this change, please feel free to contact the Financial Aid Office at x6280.

The Totem is accepting submissions from all members of the Caltech community. The deadline is the **28th of April**. Anyone interested in contribut-



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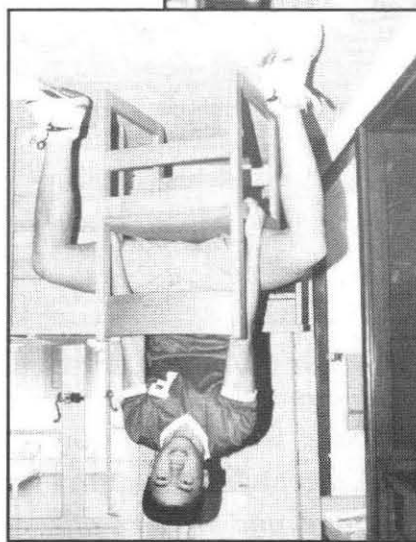
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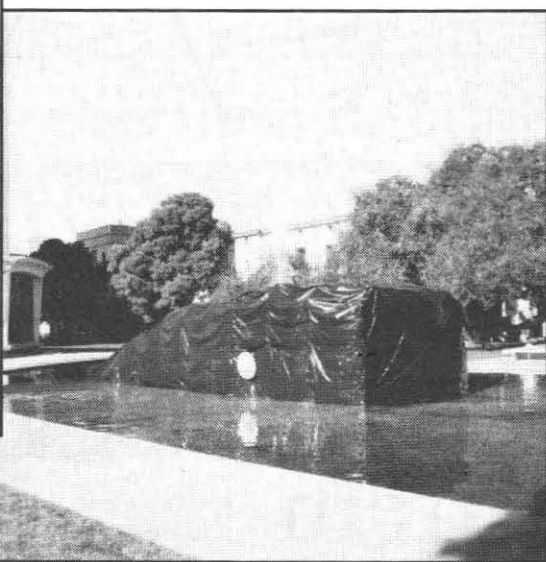
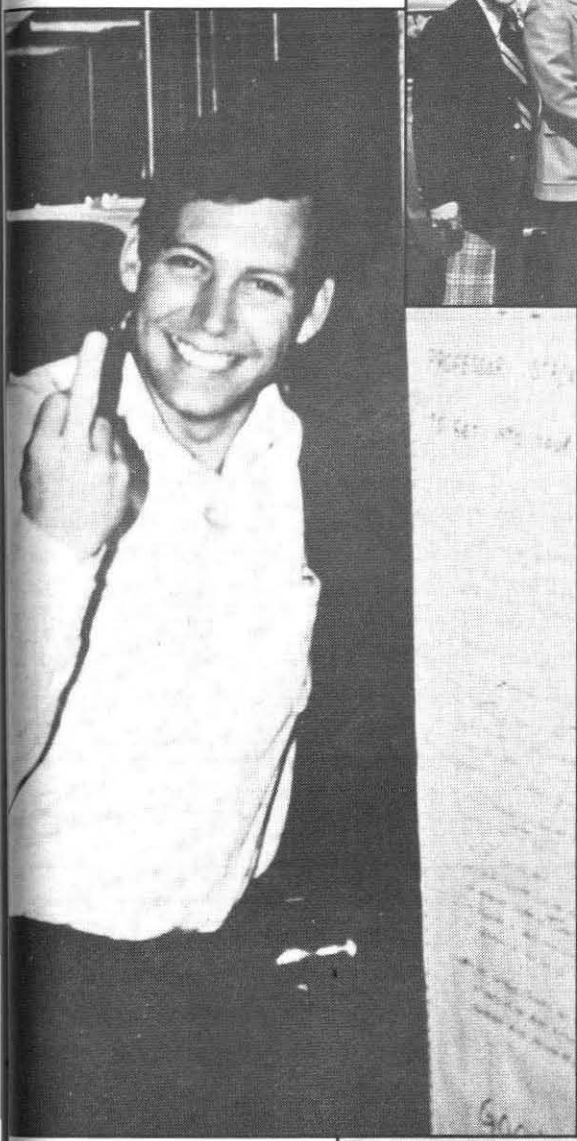
Page House enters a McDonalds contest (many times).



"I want to reassure you guys that the administration . . . has always liked pranks."

—Gary Lorden

Looking for funding for your prank? Try ASCIT — they set aside \$500 for pranks. The Y, the Student Investment Fund, and the Alumni Association may help, too.



IN THE HOUSES:

Ricketts-PCDE

Ricketts Hovse celebrates two of their favorite things: Polish Constitutional Day Eve (PCDE) and drunken debauchery tonight, starting with the annual making-of-the-House Pole "contest" (really, pity Amit and Terry tomorrow). Expect loud drunk scurves ramping through your virgin hallways singing nastier songs than any made by Snoop Doggy Dogg.

Blacker-BBQ Tom Mannion

Enough Said.

Dabney-Polyester Night

Friday Night: Wear lounge clothes, play poker.

Fleming-Hawaiian BBQ at the Mosh

The Mosh has invited everybody.

Fleming is just too cheap to pay for another social event.

Page-Jello Night

Page has refused to comment about the essence of this event. Guess.

Avery-???

Their website is still under construction. (Come on, its Avery! Social events???)

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Chem 69a: Darbic Interactions

by the Dabney Hovse Chemists

We, the Dabney Hovse Chemists, lectured on Darbic Interactions at the Society of Chemical Sociologists' Conference in Monte Carlo last month. The following are excerpts from our presentation, for review by the Caltech Community.

The expected correlation between band-aid and razor blade use was not observed. However, we did find a correlation between razor blade and matchbook use. This is best explained by the hypothesis that the razor blades are used to "line up" white powdered offerings to Dabney House deities in ceremonies involving incense.

Despite the fact that only four subjects reside in lower Alley 7, a quarter of all Darbic condom use occurred there. We hypothesize that the Dabney Chemists (who both live in lower 7) find great pleasure in dropping water-filled projectiles on passers-by in the SAC courtyard. It is

possible that the alley simply has amazingly high condom use per capita, but without data from the video surveillance system we are currently installing, it is

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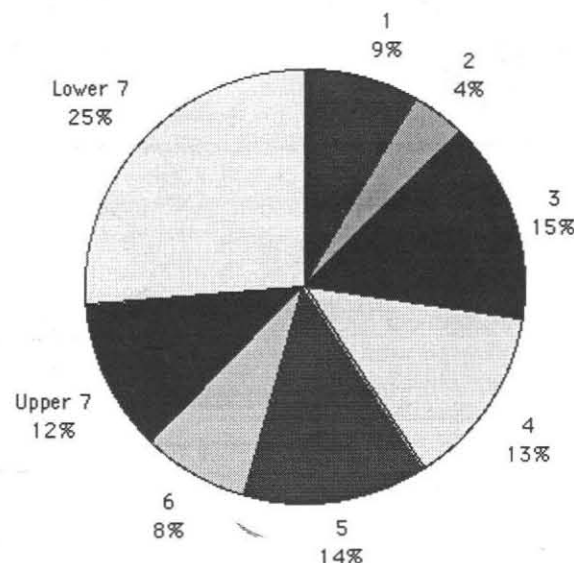
difficult to tell.

We observed a strange phenomenon in some of the alleys: more items could be found in a given alley box than had been left there the previous week. We have several hypotheses for this. The most plausible involves quantum tunneling effects. Theoretically, objects could penetrate the barriers presented by the walls, ceilings, and floors, and be observed simultaneously in more than one alley box. It is also possible that items confined to a lonely alley box do not take proper precautions, and produce offspring. A third theory holds that some of the items

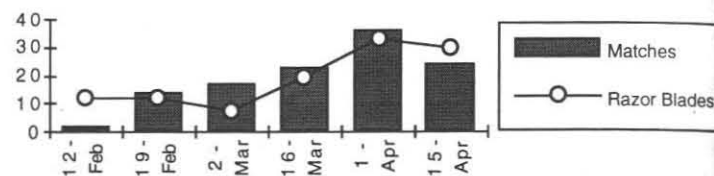
placed in the boxes are migratory creatures, who are attracted to the alley box closest to the current Warcraft game. Some of our detractors claim that the Darbs are transporting items from alley box to alley box, but we find this hypothesis to be without merit, as Darbs do not appear to possess the necessary intellect to perform such tasks.

These and other phenomena have made Dabney alley boxes a major field of active research at top institutions worldwide. We at Caltech hope to continue to stay abreast of new developments in this exciting new area.

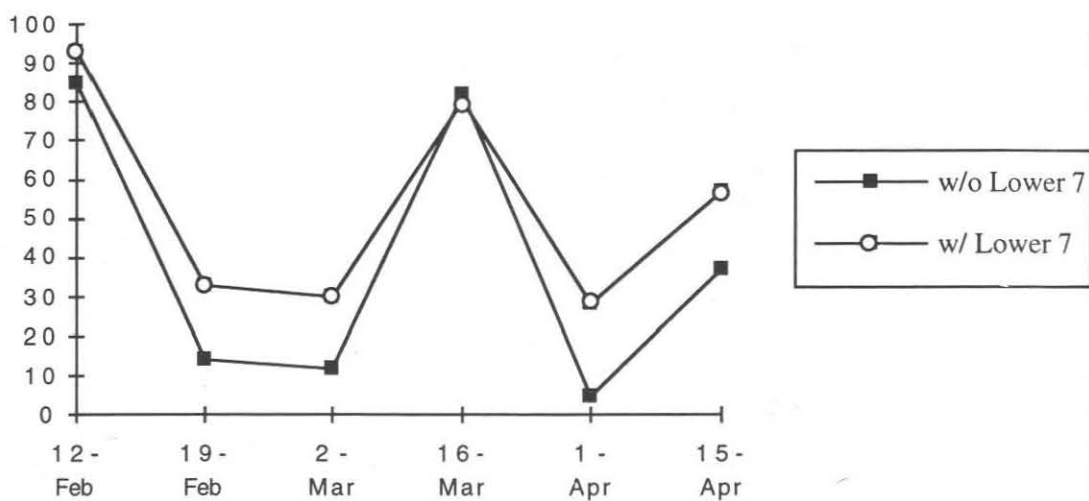
Dabney Condom Usage by Alley



Dabney Matches and Razor Blades



Condom usage with and without lower alley 7



The Dabney House Chemists present the first annual...

Guess the Mystery Item Contest

by Val Anderson and Autumn Looijen

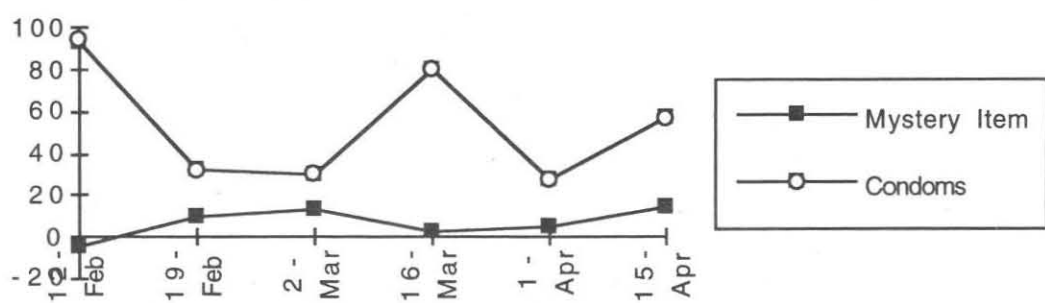
Months of painstaking analysis have shown a clear relationship between the use of a mystery item and the sex

lives of undergraduates in Dabney House. Can you guess what the item is? Tell Autumn or Val, or email *The California Tech* at editors@tech.caltech.edu, and if you are the first to get it right, you will

receive a T-shirt designed especially for you by us, the Dabney Chemists.

(Hint: It's something found in the Dabney Alley Boxes.)

Dabney House Condom and Mystery Item Usage



Blacker

Hey there, Metal fans! Make sure to get your own personal copy of the Heavy Metal masterpiece, "Secret Evil!" Metallica is dead, Megadeth is no more, Pantera are posers. Clearly, the new Monsters of Rock are Secret Evil, and they're not gonna put out any slow song shit. If it ain't a power chord, it ain't in their song. Check out the lyrics to the title track:

Secret Evil

Shh... Don't tell.
Shh... Don't tell.
But I'm the mother fucker,
Straight from hell!

And
We're gonna get your mother.
We're gonna get your brother.
You will not suspect.
Because it's secret!

It's Secret Evil!
Secret Evil!
Secret Evil!
Secret Evil!

Shh.. Don't tell.
Hey, Don't look.
But you won't know.
If you're in our book.

And
We're gonna get your cousin.
We're gonna get your dog.
You can not prevent.
Because it's evil!

It's Secret Evil!
Secret Evil!
Secret Evil!
Secret Evil!

Cross your heart,
And hope to die.
Stick a needle,
In your eye.
It's secret! It's secret!

Cross your heart,
And hope to die.
Stick a needle,
In your eye.
It's secret! It's secret!

There's nothing you can do.
Secret Evil will get you.
In your heart you know it's true.
Secret Evil has got you.

This is just a song.
So don't blame us.
You're the mother fucker,
Making all the fuss.

And
You're gonna get your mother.
You're gonna get your brother.
You're the evil!
You're the secret!

You're Secret Evil!
Secret Evil!
Secret Evil!
Secret Evil!

Now that's some thought provoking stuff. Make sure to get your own copy... Coming in two weeks. The count down starts now.