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D-Day is June 6th this year, frosh!

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"ASCIT Van" now under Student Affairs

BY KIRAN SHEKAR

It seems there are as many stories about the loss of the van as there are days since it was last used. This article will present the real story and tell you the van's current situation . . . and yes, there IS a current situation.

It started last year, when a senior checked out the van for use in his stack. On Ditch Day, a student working on the senior's stack got into a minor accident with the van. The dean at that time, Dean Kiewiet, took away the keys at this point because the van was used irresponsibly: the driver was not the person who had checked out the van, which means the van's insurance wouldn't cover the accident. If ASCIT were sued over an accident, though ASCIT is a separate corporation from Caltech, Caltech could still be found liable and would definitely be sued because "our corporate veil isn't thick enough" (information courtesy of

Caltech Legal Counsel, Sandra Cooper). This brought up another issue: would the van's insurance cover Ditch Day usage and house donut runs, as it was being used for these purposes? Upon investigation it was discovered that the van was not actually insured, contrary to everyone's assumptions.

Before ASCIT and the administration set out to get insurance for the van, the Caltech motorpool policies were reviewed. That process took quite a while, which explains the length of time without the van.

Student Affairs has recently decided to purchase its own van for use equally by Student Affairs, undergrads, and grad students. In order to reduce liability (considering it involves insuring 900 students most under the age of 21) a stricter checkout system had to be introduced than the old checkout system for the ASCIT van. First of all, checkout will be through the

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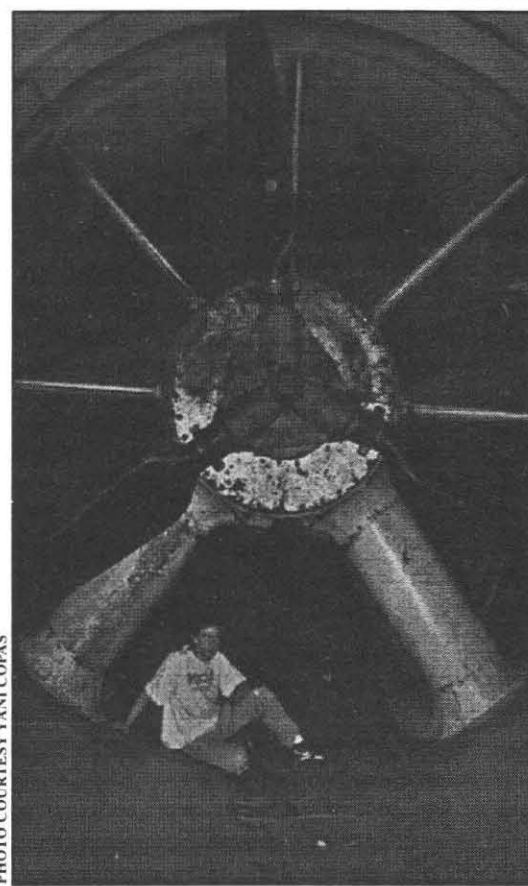


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Guggenheim Wind Tunnel Retired

The Guggenheim Wind Tunnel was decommissioned on Wednesday, April 30, after some 68 years of use. To be placed permanently inside of the Week's Museum, Florida, Caltech's very own wind tunnel was the sight of aeronautics experiments perfecting the design of such planes as the Hercules DC10, the Super Fortress B25, B26, and the P51 Mustang, and has been in consistent use until last February. More recently, the wind tunnel has been used for aerodynamics tests of everything from cars made by Toyota, Nissan, and Honda, to deep sea drilling platforms and stadiums, to humans in olympian's training.

Semana Latina brings celebration, Latin style

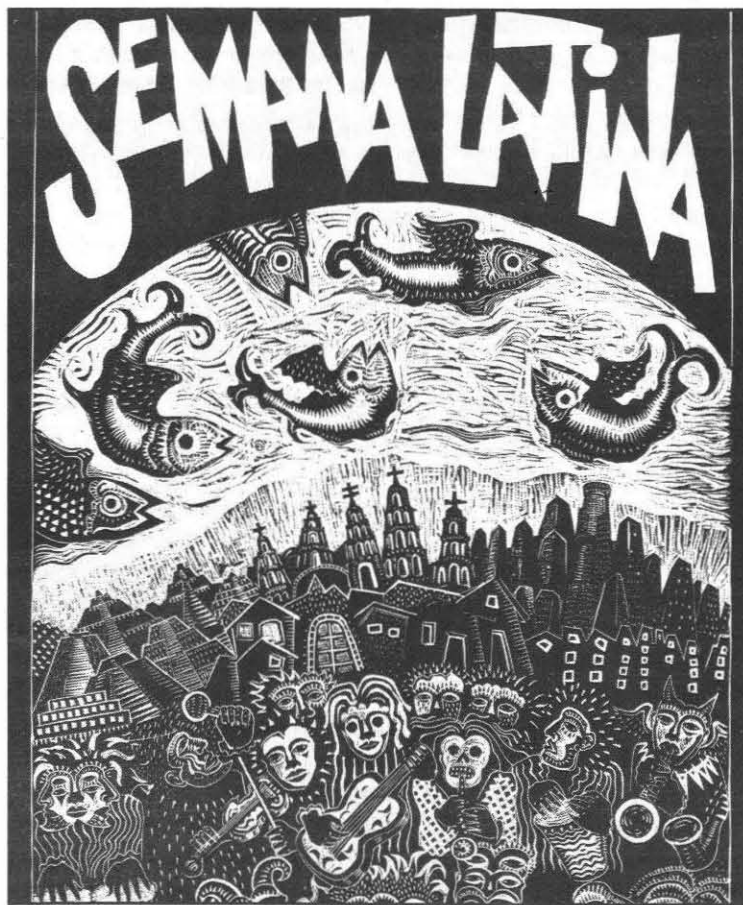
BY MARIA CORTEZ

Put your dancing shoes on...Semana Latina is here!!! The first week of May promises to be full of excitement. Semana Latina is an annual celebration of Latino culture and heritage that has throughout the years become a Caltech tradition. It immerses the Caltech and local communities in the different aspects of the Latino culture. During Semana Latina, current intellectual, artistic, and socio-political issues that affect our community are addressed.

This years week long event will feature distinguished speakers such as Astronaut Ellen Ochoa, the first Latino woman to be in space, Professor Alex Saragoza of the UC Berkeley history department, and JPL Training Engineer Ruth Fragoso.

Noon time musical and dance events will feature genres ranging from salsa to tango, flamenco to jarocho, andean to carnival music. While you're enjoying the entertainment, treat your tastebuds to a variety of latin american culinary delights.

Semana Latina will kick off this Saturday, May 3rd with a Sabor Latino (latin flavor) party at the Flemming/Ricketts



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With art, food, song and dance, Semana Latina brings a taste of Latin Life to the whole of Caltech campus

courtyard. Don't be an observer! Learn how to dance salsa and merengue at 8pm and shake it to the cuban rhythms of a Los Angeles favorite, Johnny Polanco y su Orquesta. Attend the plays performed by The Latino Theater Group, which includes members from the cast of "Mi Familia" and

"Selena". Join us at Avery to learn how to cook paella and prepare the perfect Sangria. Semana Latina is an excellent opportunity for all students, faculty, and staff to delve into a culture that is so prevalent in California. All events are free and open to the public.

The Totem: Questioning the Techer stereotype

BY TERRY MORAN

If there is any real proof that Tech students are much more than overworked, unimaginative trolls, the Totem is it. Put out annually by ASCIT, the imaginative overflow from overworked students gets the chance to paint the pages of the annual publication, showing just what happens to individuals who attempt to overwork only one side of their brains. The Totem is proud to sport prose, poetry, drawings, photography, paintings, music, and other artistic endeavors of all types that one would never suspect a Techer possible of.

Although the Totem has traditionally been the literary journal of the undergraduates, this year the publication hopes to be able to represent the whole of the Caltech campus, garnering submissions of all types from the whole of the Caltech community. The only requisite for submissions is that they fit onto two dimensional paper (or a close analogy thereof) and be submitted before May 15th. The editors hope to be able to get a wide representation of the art of the Caltech community in all of its forms, encouraging all forms of artists to submit to the Totem at totem@cco soon.

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The full schedule of events for Semana Latina follows on page 4; for more information, contact either the organizer Cindy Quezada (quezada@cco), Club Latino (latinos@cco), or the Minority Student Affairs office (x6207, 367 S. Holliston Ave.), or visit the Semana Latina website at <http://www.cco.caltech.edu/~clatino>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Merrymaking and mirth" quote taken out of context

Dear Editors,

While I'm sure Erik ("New Ed") Streed did not intend to misconstrue my words at the recent Student-Faculty Conference, I'm afraid that's what happened in his April 25 article. While I most certainly did describe Caltech as largely bereft of "merrymaking and mirth," this was not in relation to the question of alcohol use at Caltech. I was trying to explain my own, less-than-encouraging response to the Chem 1 Box-in-the-Ricketts-Firepit prank. When I now look back on that prank, I laugh; I think was great prank. But at the time I was **really** worried about people getting upset: students freaking out about not being able to turn in their midterms, the professor getting angry about her caricature on the wall or the less-than-timely collection of the exams, etc. I thought I was supposed to "fix" things somehow, so everything would remain as close as possible to "business as usual." Indeed, I pretty much managed to do so, and thereby took most of the glory out of an otherwise superbly-planned prank. I managed to ruin the prank and got mad about it to boot. In trying to explain the why of this at the Student-Faculty Conference, I reflected on my (accurate, I think) feeling that Caltech does not, on a normal business day, feel like the sort of place that would take a prank like that in stride, would just let everyone hand in their exam late and laugh about it. Hence the "lack of merrymaking and mirth." I was NOT referring to recent UG parties.

So long as I've been drawn into this, of course, I can't just shut up. Me, I'm a teetotaler. This is a lost noun, rarely used these days, so let me explain: I don't drink. Nope, thanks, none for me. I don't touch the stuff. I don't feel any need to use drugs to alter either my outlook on life nor my personality. Hey, maybe I'm missing out on something great, I don't know, because as many of my imbibing friends like to point out, I've never tried it. But I'll take that risk, thanks.

This doesn't mean I'm a card-carrying member of a militant temperance movement. If YOU want to drink a bit, hey, fine. If you want to chug a whole keg, that's your choice too, knock yourself out. (You most likely will.) I've got a libertarian streak in me a quarter-mile wide. However, it has a very sharp edge, and that arrives the moment your (bad, perhaps?) choices begin to impact others. Then your drinking decision becomes a public issue, and you can no longer justify the view that it's **your** decision to make, all by your lonesome. I talked about this in responding to D.R. Sullivan's "MindStalk"

bit about marijuana a while back: same thing. I can't say I'm very familiar with DAPAC. But I think the student body should consider the *possibility* that it is a cost to be paid for certain freedoms. As I like to say, "with freedom **must** come responsibility." Caltech desires the freedom to police its own campus, to not have Pasadena's Finest roaming the grounds looking for drunk and disorderly conduct, ticketing Moles unloading stuff at the Ath parking lot, halting pranks, and so on. Guess what, that freedom comes at a price. Caltech has to make sure laws get enforced here on campus if it wants to be entrusted with the duty of doing so. If it fails in that duty, seriously, the city is going to step in to enforce the law itself. I doubt it "really is that simple," but there may be something to this theory, folks. If you think you should be able to drink once you can be drafted, change the laws. That's how the system is supposed to work. Asking for a special exemption because you pay a lot of money to go to this school is unreasonable. Even if you could talk the people you pay the money to into that, the public at large won't ignore such inequity indefinitely. Nor should they. Hell, I ain't no Senator's son, and if you are, you should still have to obey the law.

In closing: Pranks, gooooooood. Drinking, fiiiiiiiine. Breaking the law, baaaaaad. Wouldn't be prudent...at this juncture. 1,000 Points of Light, New World Order. My public apologies to Ben (a good friend now), Chris, and all others involved for not "getting it" in time for the Firepit prank. I tried to make good, but it was too late. Be ready for more idiots like me, but dammit, never give up. Good luck.

ROB ROSSI
GRAD STUDENT

Avery House: an open letter to the Caltech Community

Dear Editors,

Over the past nine months, a lot of people have been saying a lot of things about Avery House. Back in September, people were already declaring Avery a failure, spreading rumors and misinformation about various policies and rules governing Avery residents, and generally carrying on as though the mere existence of Avery House constituted a threat to the future of undergraduate life.

Up until now, I have been content to merely sit back and hope that the anti-Avery propagandists would realize they were wrong. However, recent events such as the ongoing discussions about this year's off-campus housing lottery and the gratuitous display of openly anti-Avery sentiment at the recent Student-Faculty Conference have left me with no choice other than to say **something**, because it's time for the Avery-bashing to end.

I'll begin by asking you two questions (both of which were addressed in last week's article on the Student-Faculty Conference), as a sort of "Avery Awareness" quiz:

1. Which of these things — cats, stacking, murals, showering (in the undergraduate House sense) — are prohibited in Avery?

2. Why was the joint Blacker/Avery dinner canceled at the last minute earlier this year?

While you're thinking about those, let me back up for a second and introduce myself: My name is Dan Zimmerman. I've been part of the Caltech community since 1992, first as an undergraduate and, since July 1996, as a graduate student. Since moving into Avery when it opened last September, I have been an active participant in the House (not "House," mind you — it's engraved on the front of the building **without** the quotes), first helping to form the Avery Council and then serving as House Secretary.

Over the last seven months, we've accomplished a lot in terms of improving the quality of life for Avery residents and building a viable community. The other Council members and I, as well as various other individuals in and around the House, have put a lot of effort into making Avery a pleasant place to live for anybody who chooses to be here, whether their contribution to the community consists of decorations on hallway walls, bridge games in the lounges or nothing more than a quiet presence.

It therefore makes me quite angry to hear that, at the Student-Faculty Conference, an entire panel of undergraduates who don't actually live here and who probably haven't even spent a reasonable amount of time here were saying things like, "[Avery] doesn't feel like a place that undergrads live," or, "Avery really isn't a student place."

It's certainly true that Avery isn't like any of the seven undergraduate Houses. We have no desire to be, though that truth is far less frequently acknowledged by anybody who expresses anti-Avery sentiments. The critical error many people seem to be making lies in the assumption that the differences between Avery and the undergraduate Houses make Avery a sterile, unpleasant place to live.

In fact, most of the undergraduates I know who live in Avery are quite happy here — those who didn't like it here have, for the most part, long since moved elsewhere. Yet, despite this, many persist in calling Avery a failure, as though we have somehow not managed to live up to expectations of which we were never made aware.

Well, Avery House hasn't managed to become the center of the Caltech community, but that's not really the point — if it **had**, people would just be waiting about that instead, preaching Armageddon and warning of the impending death of the House system.

What we **have** done, however, is to develop a community of our own — for example, look at the picture at the bottom of last week's front page (I'm in it, by the way — third from the left holding the big gun up in the air) and you'll see a group of people who get together and have fun despite the fact that they come from four (yes, **four**, since there are two children of resident faculty in the picture) distinct segments of the Caltech community.

While some may have you believe that the "great experiment"

has failed, it seems to me that, if the goal of Avery House is to encourage interactions among undergraduates, graduate students and faculty, it has succeeded quite well given the time we've had. And amazingly enough, we've accomplished this **without** the presence, as in the seven undergraduate Houses, of waited dinners as a "binding force".

So why is it that people insist on continually referring to Avery House as a failure? Well, perhaps it's because some members of the undergraduate community see a thriving Avery House as a threat to the established House system. More likely, it's because many people don't bother to get firsthand information about what Avery is really like before blindly accepting and regurgitating whatever they've been told by whomever has told them. Since Avery was branded a failure even before construction was complete, I have to assume in any event that such attitudes have never been based on anything remotely resembling reality.

With that, I suppose it's time to give you the correct answers to my two quiz questions:

1. Of these four things, cats, murals and stacking are currently prohibited. Cats have always been prohibited, just as they are in other off-campus housing facilities, despite the confusion which arose at the beginning of this academic year. Stacking is expressly disallowed in the housing information given to Avery residents, but the Avery Council is currently working on guidelines which will, when (not if, but **when**) approved by Housing, allow "non-brute force" stacking in Avery. While it is true that **painted** murals are prohibited (and will probably remain so, at least until the building is paid for), there is a wonderful Post-It Note Mosaic covering a wall between rooms 248 and 249, the construction of which illustrates more creativity and innovation than many of the murals I've observed in the undergraduate Houses. As for showering, it is not and never has been prohibited in Avery; whoever began spreading that one around has an uncanny knack for fiction.

As regards this question, by the way, I'd love to know exactly who thinks that not having cats or murals is in any way, "contradictory to effective student involvement, interest and growth." Having lived here in Avery all year, I can say with certainty that we're doing just fine in that respect without the assistance of cats or the presence of painted murals. While the prohibitions on these things may prevent certain students, such as those who own cats, from moving here, that's a different argument altogether.

2. The joint Blacker/Avery dinner was canceled at the last minute because TFM didn't like the idea, not because our dining room is too small. In fact, we wanted to invite **all** the Houses to dinner (on separate nights, of course), to give them a chance to get to know Avery a bit better. Unfortunately, we were prevented from doing so. We'll probably try it again sometime next year, and hopefully TFM will be more cooperative.

By now, I guess you're probably wondering exactly why I'm writing this. After all, I'm a graduate student — according to conven-

tional wisdom, I shouldn't really care what the undergraduates think about **anything**, never mind about the way they view Avery House or about the positioning of Avery in the undergraduate off-campus lottery (about which I have some very definite opinions which I have not put into this piece — if you're curious, ask your House President or the IHC Chair, or visit <http://babylon.caltech.edu/avery/lottery.html>).

Well, the answer is simple: I live here too. Even disregarding the amount of work I, and many others, have personally put into turning Avery into a fun place to live, it would be nice to live somewhere which **isn't** constantly being badmouthed and ridiculed by hundreds of people who have nothing even close to an appropriate frame of reference for such critiques. In addition, I care enough about the Avery community to do whatever I must to insure not only that it survives and flourishes, but also that it doesn't become an extra-large Marks House with a nice dining room.

In conclusion, to anybody who harbors some anti-Avery sentiment, I say the following: If you spend enough time in Avery to form a justified opinion, even if that opinion is that Avery House is the earthly manifestation of absolute evil, then go ahead and express it as loudly as you like. If, on the other hand, you're just buying into the anti-Avery propaganda, I strongly suggest coming here and making an effort to see what Avery House actually **is**, rather than simply accepting judgments from afar based on preconceived notions of Avery's inferiority.

DANIEL M. ZIMMERMAN
HOUSE SECRETARY

Choose Professor Tom Tombrello for MOSH

Dear Editors
and House Presidents,

I think the obvious choice for the new Master of Student Houses (MOSH) is Professor Tom Tombrello. Although I would prefer to see Dr. Tombrello as VP for Student Affairs, I have heard vague rumors that he would not be suited for that job because he lacks a rapport with the general faculty (perhaps because of his advocacy of student interests?). However, to my understanding, the primary duty of the MOSH is to interact with students, and it is well-known that Dr. Tombrello loves students and has done much work over the years on their behalf — I think it is equally clear that the feeling is mutual. For the benefit of those students who agree with me, or who have other suggestions, please let us know what is the proper repository for these recommendations. Thank you.

MATTHEW TISCARENO
UNDERGRADUATE

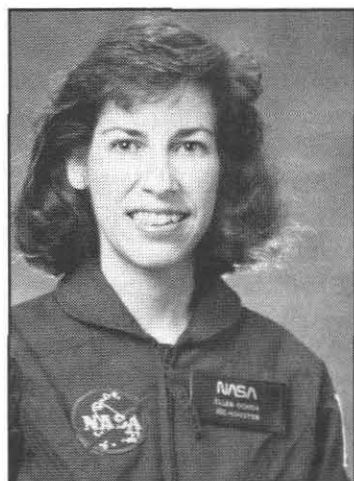
Astronaut Ochoa to speak during Semana Latina

BY FRANKLIN MONZON

As part of the annual celebration of Semana Latina (Latin Week) organized by Caltech's Club Latino, NASA astronaut Ellen Ochoa will be giving this year's keynote address in Beckman Institute Auditorium on Monday, May 5. The speech will take place at 7pm, preceded by a catered reception outside the auditorium at 6pm.

Dr. Ellen Ochoa, a native of Los Angeles, was educated at San Diego State University, where she majored in physics, and at Stanford, where she received her Ph.D. in electrical engineering in 1985. A member of the Optical Society of America (OSA) as well as the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Dr. Ochoa's doctoral research involved the use of photorefractive crystals as a means of performing nonlinear filtering of images. After working at Sandia National Laboratories and the NASA Ames Research Center (where she worked primarily on optical recognition systems for space automation), Dr. Ochoa was selected for astronaut training in January 1990.

Dr. Ochoa is a veteran of two space flights, having served as a Mission Specialist on STS-56 (an April 1993 space shuttle Discovery mission during which



Dr. Ellen Ochoa

the crew conducted atmospheric and solar studies in order to better understand the effect of solar activity on the earth's climate and environment), and as Payload Commander on the STS-66 Atmospheric Laboratory for Applications and Science-3 mission (ATLAS-3, Nov. 13-14, 1994). Her long list of achievements and honors includes, in part, an IBM Predoctoral Fellowship (1982-84), the Hispanic Magazine Science Achievement Award (1991), and the Women in Science & Engineering (WISE) Engineering Achievement Award (1994). Dr. Ochoa's presence on campus is a rare opportunity to gain insight into space-borne scientific research and all interested people are encouraged to attend her presentation. Club Latino and the Minority Student Affairs Office extend Dr. Ochoa a warm welcome.

VAN: the return

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Dean's Office. For weekend use, the van must be checked out at latest on the Friday before, and the keys can be picked up from Security. Second, a DMV license check will be required (to make sure the driver doesn't have too many moving violations or drug or alcohol related offenses). Third, a driving test will be required before a driver will be authorized to use the van. (These will be provided by the Y.)

ASCIT is currently thinking about three options for the current ASCIT van. First, we could try to get our van in the motorpool (it's the only way we could afford insurance), but it may turn out that motorpool vehicles must be owned by Caltech. Second, we could sell or donate our van to Student Affairs with the understanding that it would primarily serve undergraduates. Last, if the other two options don't work out, we could sell the van. I will provide more information about the ASCIT van when I know more.

I hope this clears up some of the confusion about the van. If you have any questions about this article, please e-mail ascit@cco.

ASCIT Upperclass Director

The Outside World

by Myfanwy Callahan

KINSHASA, ZAIRE — President Mobutu Sese Seko and rebel leader Laurent Kabila agreed to meet today on a South African ship off the coast. Several African heads of state will be there, and it is hoped that a peaceful transition will be negotiated.

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations announced Monday that it had found the first evidence of the killing of Rwandan refugees fleeing Zairan camps. The bodies of twenty refugees were found which had been killed with machetes.

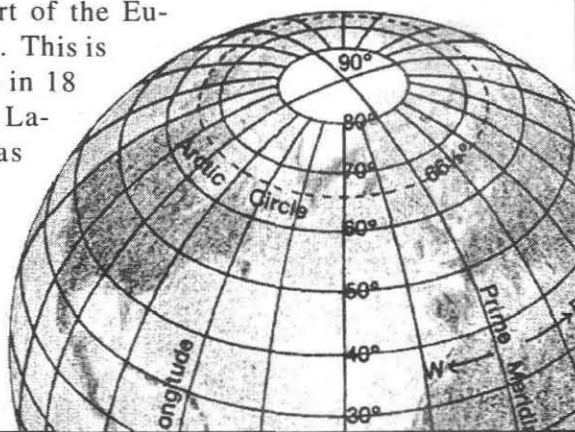
LONDON — Labor Party's Tony Blair won the election for Prime Minister today, replacing John Major, who had caused dissension among the Conservatives by his support of the European Union. This is the first time in 18 years that the Labor Party has come to power.

MEXICO CITY — The volcano Popocatepetl

has shown renewed activity threatening the lives and property of thousands of people. A plume of smoke miles high caused fires in a nearby village.

MOSCOW — Peace between Russian police and Chechen rebels is rapidly dissolving after events of the past week. A gunman shot and killed a local official in neighboring Ingushetia, and a bomb exploding in a south Russian train station killed two and wounded 17 people.

TIRANA, ALBANIA — Villagers looting an arsenal accidentally set off an explosion, killing at least 27 people, 12 of them children. They had been searching for brass casings to sell.



Caltech wants to hear what you have to say!

A survey for all undergraduate and graduate students will be arriving in your mailboxes soon. The survey should take very little time, but it addresses some important issues about student life at Tech. It is very important that the Quality of Student Life Committee receives as many responses as possible. Simply fill it out and drop it in the mail again so that it may be processed. Results will be announced later.

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CORRECTIONS

Michelle Vine was incorrectly identified as Michelle Pine in last week's *Tech* in an article about the Student-Faculty conference. In the same article, a quote from Rob Rossi was taken badly out of context (see Letters to the Editor) and Ellis Meng was not listed as one of the undergraduates on the Student Life Committee. The *Tech* apologizes for the errors.

I.H.C. MINUTES

April 24, 1997

A little after 11:00pm, Lori (chair), Steve (Lloyd), Shumway (Fleming), Jeremy (Ruddock), Brett (Page), Judy (secretary), and Geoff (Dabney) have all arrived, but Marty (Blacker) and Geoff (Ricketts) haven't shown up. A quick glance at the agenda shows we will be dividing up rooms to be used at Biff's will for the summer, so someone suggests giving them fewer spaces. Lori calls them instead.

When everyone's there, the meeting starts with us discussing the change in the Avery picking procedure.

1. Anyone can sign up for the Avery lottery. You don't need to be a returning Avery resident.

...A knock at the door...we are interrupted...Maria (BoC) enters. She greets us by yelling at us 'cause the door is closed, then she

asks us for help. She is on a committee that is reviewing the honor code to help Caltech become accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. (Having them review the BoC is a good distraction from Caltech's academic offenses like Tommy) The committee is distributing an undergraduate survey, that they actually want us to answer, so she wants to know how they should bribe us. She says they have \$100 to spend. Geoff (Dabney) bargains saying no survey will be filled out unless they up the bid to \$500. Shumway offers all of Fleming for \$450. Using the \$100 for doughnuts is suggested, and since everyone knows that the value of a dollar increases five-fold when it is in Far-Foster's Form, IHC agrees to encourage survey participation.

Maria says ASCIT meetings sucks, but IHC is cool. Steve walks her to the door so we can discuss secret IHC stuff, and she protests his chivalry. Shumway notes "we know who wears the pants in that relationship," as she

goes away.

Back to Avery

1. Anyone can sign up for the Avery lottery. You don't need to be a returning Avery resident.
2. If you do chose to enter the Avery only room pick, you forfeit your OC pick.
3. Here is gets unclear to us, but you can go to Res Life to find out how it works.

A little more discussion leads to the conclusion that Barbara Green is cool. (As if her last name didn't make her so without our discussion)

All the houses except for Blacker and Ricketts are getting new RA's. Blacker's RA is famous (she was in Forrest Gump, Revenge of the Nerds 4 and Sea Quest), so we are jealous of Marty.

Faculty Student committee sign ups are down and we need to begin interviews. Everyone tells me when not to schedule interview...To find out these times, just ask someone who has an interview scheduled. I probably originally scheduled them

for a time that someone on IHC was busy and had to reschedule their interview.

We talk about ways to make Avery cool. Steve suggests free iced mochas. Jeremy suggests social membership. Lori suggests Friday night dance club. Someone suggest a Blacker Avery Dabney party.

ASCIT news-- They're offering \$1500 to spend on something cool that one of us thinks up, but you have to go to one of the aforementioned boring meetings to tell them your idea. Kiran kicked ass to get us the (pretty close to) ASCIT (mini) van, so thank him when you get a chance.

We start to partition rooms to give to Biff for the summer, but we don't know where YESS and bridge will be, so we punt. (A punt is always a good end to a good meeting.)

Tune in next week, same time same place.

A.S.C.I.T. Minutes

APRIL 28, 1996

Present (at some point): BOD, Mason Porter, Tad Fujioka, Mrs X. (a.k.a. Keri Ryan), Brandon Vanderbrake, Terry Moran, Melissa Saenz, Mic Westcoat, Erin Lynch, Katie Noyes, Chris Miller, Svjetlana Miocinovic, Devi Thota

(Since there are two Mikes on the BOD I will refer to them by opposing codenames each week. This week Original Recipe = Mike W. and Extra Crispy = Mike A.)

Meeting called to order at 10:40 p.m.

Officer Reports

Baldeep — New budget has been distributed — see a bathroom wall near you. Working on getting a monitor that doesn't have Apache-vision.

Kiran — "Two guys" came to look at the copier in preparation for the wire drop for the new card swiper. Mechanics are studying the van at this very moment. Kiran reveals that Student Affairs is getting a van that will be available for student use with a considerably stricter check-out procedure. ASCIT cannot make the van available as it was before because it requires "like \$1,000,000 in liability

insurance" and that would infringe too much on donut purchases. In order to use the new van, drivers will have to have a license check and a drive test (which the Y will administer for free along with a scoliosis examination).

Adrienne — There is some sort of donut thing at 1 a.m. Friday morning. Peach donuts (which suck anyway) are not yet in season. The ASCIT formal is May 23 at the Doubletree hotel, proclaims the delightful new tattoo on Adrienne's forehead. There will be three meal options. So there.

Original Recipe — ARC meeting on Thursday (probably).

Lori — Goes over IHC proceedings from Thursday. Kim West wants to hire professional bartenders... "ree ree ree" and Punching and Petitions. Maria had nothing to say about this. The picks policy has been revised (again). Biff "Call me Biff" Yamazaki wants 200 spaces reserved on campus for summer. IHC is also considering UCC recommendations and water filtration issues.

\$\$ John \$\$ — The TECH pay schedule needs approval and enactment. The Women's Glee Club has requested funding. John is going to take an inventory of everything that ASCIT owns (including your soul and Kohl's extensive Malibu Stacy collection). For now, John's first priority is Federal and State tax (evasion).

Extra Crispy — Working on cleaning, changing the door to, and

getting a pterodactyl for the office. Revamping the ASCIT web pages and roster like a freakin' madman.

Maria — BoC Open Business Meeting Monday, May 5 at 9:30 p.m. in my pants. There will be free food. Third term BoC talks are coming up soon. Kick your friendly local BoC Rep in the head for details.

King Kohl — Talking about conglomerating the Student Affairs and ASCIT vans. Setting up ASCIT lunch w/ Ombuds Office sometime after the 17th. Kohl whips Extra Crispy a few times and tells him to:

Determine the correct version of the bylaws

Start bylaws log on the ASCIT computer

Put the budget on the web

Get the office door changed

Set up interviews for appointed offices

Run elections for class officers

Dealing with guests

Brandon — Heinous protest against Extra Crispy's election by no other than Kohl himself was dismissed and Kohl was taken behind the barn and given "the treatment."

Katie, Chris, Svjetlana (Rudds) — Want money for Ruddock frosh party. Lori advises the Rudds to be mindful of the alcohol policy but not to get pushed around (or puked on). There is confusion over whether the Rudds should be asking for Multihouse money or Special events money. BOD tells 'em to come back with a more specific request and a pack of Marlboro Mediums.

11:04 the Rudds disappear in a puff of smoke.

Terry, Mic (Tech guys) — Produce new Tech compensation schedule proposal in which the Tech editors will be paid per flat with the total size of the Tech limited by the contained advertising. The BOD unanimously approves this new payment schedule despite Terry's protests.

Mic — Michael Westcoat officially resigns as ASCIT Election Chairman.

Melissa — Requests and receives check for Semana Latina and CLASES.

11:13 Mic and Melissa disappear in an energy beam, presumably abducted by superior alien intelligence.

Mason — Mason wants to know why the salary bonus for the Totem editors was cut. He feels that this reduction will affect the Totem's ability to be printed. Mason declares that "The Clue is worthless." Kohl refrains from ripping his throat out. Kiran tells Mason that all publications took a cut (the Totem least so) because ASCIT is facing new expenses (bookkeeper, etc.). The BOD felt that the Totem could absorb the reduction by improving its distribution procedure. Mason vows to return with more specific numbers and several grenades strapped to his torso.

11:24 Mason does a little jig and splits. Meeting closes.

11:53 Meeting reopens (just because).

Maria says "ass" so as not to say "ass."

11:54 Meeting closes again.

12:03 Meeting opens and Devi arrives. Requests and receives check for ASME.

12:04 Devi hits the road. Meeting closes again.

It is decided that the Women's Glee Club will receive no ASCIT special event funding at this time.

12:12 Meeting reopens.

Original Recipe — Goes through his bitch list. Pop quizzes in class. Decided that this is the Deans' domain. The Avery picks plan. Lori and Maria argue for awhile. The current plan is a mystery.

12:20 Mic enters.

Requests a fully updated copy of Article 8 and Extra Crispy promises to give it to him. Mic also reveals that there are discrepancies between the bylaws on the web and those in the little t (oh crap). There are also problems in the election procedures that need to be addressed.

12:23 Mic leaves.

John — Thinks that ASCIT is invisible to undergraduates. He raises the idea of having an advertising chair in charge of flyer disbursement. The BOD is considering having dinner in the houses with maybe a movie and dancing afterward.

12:28 Erin stops by looking for Andrew Strauss with hunger in her eyes.

12:30 Meeting closed and adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael D. A. Ste

SEMANA LATINA 1997

May 3-9 Caltech

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<p>Noon Performances</p> <p>Each Day => (Except Today)</p> <p>11:45-1:15pm Winnett Quad</p>	<p>MEXICO</p> <p>Jarocho Music by Conjunto Huayapan</p> <p>Food: Tacos de Barbacoa</p>	<p>ALTIPLANO</p> <p>Music of the Andes by Otavalomanta</p> <p>Food: Pupas</p>	<p>ARGENTINA</p> <p>Feel the passion of TANGO with Monica y Jorge Visconti</p> <p>Food: Empanadas</p>	<p>BRAZIL</p> <p>Carnival Music from Bahia by Lula & Afro Brazil</p> <p>Food: Feijoada</p>	<p>CARIBBEAN</p> <p>Dance to the Cuban Rhythms of Johnny Polanco Y Su Orquesta</p> <p>Food: Ropa Vieja Havanera</p>
<p>Opening Event Sabor Latino Party</p> <p>Johnny Polanco Y Su Orquesta</p> <p>Fleming/Ricketts Courtyard</p> <p>8pm salsa class 9-2am party</p>	<p>Keynote Speech</p> <p>"Reaching for the Stars: Tales from a NASA Frequent Flyer"</p> <p>Ellen Ochoa, NASA Astronaut Beckman Institute Auditorium 7pm</p> <p>Reception 6 pm Beckman Courtyard Bolero Music by José y Luis</p>	<p>Spanish Night</p> <p>with colorful Flamenco dancers and exceptional guitarists, Olé!</p> <p>"How to make Paella & the perfect Sangria"</p> <p>Avery House 6pm</p>	<p>Open House</p> <p>Office of International Programs 5:00 - 6:30pm</p> <p>Caltech Women's Center Woman in Science Dinner celebrates Semana Latina with Dr. Ruth Frago (JPL) 7 pm For reservations call (818) 395-3221</p> <p>Winnett Lounge</p>	<p>Race, Politics and Region Seminar</p> <p>"Will the Real Latino Please Stand Up?" Prof. Alex Saragoza (UC Berkeley) Judy Library 4-5pm</p> <p>Latino Theater Group</p> <p>"How Else am I supposed to know that I'm still alive?" "Premeditation" Ramo 8-10pm</p>	<p>Movie:</p> <p><i>Belle Epoque</i></p> <p>Baxter Auditorium 7pm & 9:30pm</p>

Semana Latina is organized by Club Latino and CLASES. It has been co-sponsored by the following Caltech Offices: Student Affairs, Caltech Y, ISP, Women's Center, CAPSI, Aeronautics Department, Professor Rosenstone, Avery House, ASCIT, GSC, Minority Student Affairs, Alumni Association, Campus Auxiliary and Business Services, MOSH, Dean of Undergraduates, NSBE, CLASSES, and Club Latino.

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by Ron Dollete

Depeche Mode's *Ultra*

By special request, I'm doing a review of Depeche Mode's brand-new CD entitled *Ultra*. If you have anything you'd like me to review, just drop me a line at ron@ugcs.caltech.edu.

"Barrel Of A Gun" is an awesome lead track, providing a taste of the synthesized trance-like energy. It has the presence of a rare snare drum as well as a very hypnotic background cry of the guitar. "The Love Thieves" provides a good sedative to "Barrel's"

high energy, but still is excellent in its own right.

While *Ultra* maintains the same bass-rhythm styles of *Violator* and *Songs of Faith And Devotion*, the first half of the album has more of a slow techno beat than the latter half, which tends to be just a percussionless trip. Some examples from *Ultra*'s latter half include "Freestate," which does have a lot of imagery and extended metaphors thanks to Martin Gore. Thankfully, "The Bottom Line" breaks up the monotony

of the last half where songs like "Sister of Night" brings the album into the group's traditional depressed mode. If it weren't for the slow pace of *Ultra*'s latter half, "Insight" would have brought the album to a whole and perfect close.

There are a few intermission songs that really seem to break up the flow of the CD. While "Uselink" sort of does provide a link to the song "Useless," I thought "Jazz Thieves" had no conceivable use at all. On songs like "Insight" and "Home," lead vocalist David Gahan shows off his phenomenal range, accompanied in perfect harmony as one would expect from *Violator* and *Faith and Devotion*. On the whole, it's exactly what one would expect from Depeche Mode — a rifted album with a lot of promise and a sudden lack of tempo.

Rating: ⑆⑆

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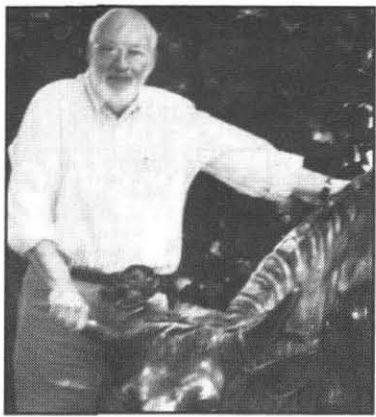
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Dean's Corner

Pas moche, le MOSH

by Jean-Paul Revel

The catalog of 1914 states that Caltech provides no housing, but that a list of suitable places to live can be found in the office of the secretary.

By 1916, however, it says, "The College has provided on the campus a modern dormitory, of California bungalow type, two stories in height, with large, airy, and well-lighted rooms for about sixty students — several of the rooms having sleeping porches — and with attractive dining room, living room, and recreation rooms. A plan of co-operative management between the College and the students has been adopted, in accordance with which the College rents the rooms to the students and is responsible for their care, while the meals are under the control of the students themselves through the student manager, the dining room being managed as a co-operative club. Table board is furnished to the students living in the dormitory, and to other students and members of the

Room rents in 1914 averaged about \$60 for the academic year, and the cost of table board was about \$4.75 a week. By 1921 the room rate for most rooms was \$75 and board was \$7. Ten years later, four of the present day houses had been erected, namely Dabney, Ricketts, Blacker and Fleming. In 1935 room and board (21 meals/week) was set at \$382.50/year + \$1/term for local telephone service, but Tuition was only \$300/year.

Among the Institute Committees listed there is one for Student Social Functions chaired by L. W. Jones who was Instructor of English Language and Literature. That is perhaps the closest to a MOSH that I can find in my very cursory research.

By the way, the well named Harold Z. Musselman was then Instructor of Physical Education (he was director of Athletics and Physical Education in 1950) and there was a stellar array of young faculty, a group of extraordinary

achievers, as can be predicted with the insight of hindsight. I wonder if they knew they were destined to such greatness.

But I am not here to talk about them — maybe another time. I want to talk about the MOSH.

I guess the position has actually come full circle. If we count L.W.J., the job is some 65 years old. However only in the 1946-47 Catalog is it said that "the houses are under the general supervision and control of a member of the Faculty known as Master of the Student Houses."

The Master was E.C. Goldsworthy, Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Thus, if my research is accurate, it is E.C.G. who started the dynasty of Mathematicians in Student Affairs, just about 50 years ago. The Committee dealing with Social Functions seems to have disappeared about the same time.

When I came to Caltech and became familiar with the way things are organized here, the MOSH's job seemed an incredibly difficult one, since it involved not only social functions but also the nitty gritty of dealing with students' problems of

various sorts, those with personal difficulties as well as those letting off too much youthful steam.

The person to do all these things being a Professor, he (there were no she's in those days that I can detect on the professorial rolls) was obviously quite competent to deal with broken steam pipes, be they made of steel, cast iron or flesh.

In spite of this, the responsibilities for different activities were split in 1990, with the MOSH retaining the social aspect of the work and the newly created "Residence Life" led by Kim West, Dr. Kim West — as of later today, I predict — being entrusted with supervision and control of the Houses. (I want to be first to offer Warmest Congratulations and deepest Kudos!)

So the MOSH is there to introduce social leavening and promote occasions for interaction between students, professors, visitors and staff. The idea is that such an office helps students to maintain their equilibrium and perspective in spite of Caltech's traditional fire hosing.

David Wales, the present MOSH, has done a superb job during his six year tenure. He has gathered in Steele House advisors and advisees, and various groupings of students and faculty such as ACME and YESS and the Glee Club and many oth-

ers. He has thrown dessert parties and cajoled faculty into becoming House Associates. He has administered funds which have permitted many informally organized groups to go to the theater, enjoy musicals, attend concerts, who knows what else?

Actually, he knows quite well. But now is the time for him to return to his beloved Math, and for us to find a new MOSH by Gosh. VP Lorden, President Everhart and various members of the administration will select someone from a list prepared by a small committee assembled for the purpose.

Although there are well known and respected students on the committee (Lori Hsu and Steve Michael), I, as chairman of the MOSH Search, would like to hear from as many students as possible. I also hope for input from other interested Campus groups.

Time is of the essence! So please let me know what you think the MOSH's job should be, and who, among the Faculty you know, would be deserving of the accolade, "Pas moche le MOSH," which loosely translates into "a pretty posh MOSH!" Send e-mail to revelj@cco and make my day!

A bientôt . . .

J.P. Revel

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by Adam Villani

Grosse Pointe Blank

Grosse Pointe Blank is the richest comedy I've seen in a while, with the yuks stemming not from broad physical slapstick (which certainly has its place) but from a combination of keen satire and old-fashioned screwball situations and dialogue. John Cusack (*Say Anything*, *Better Off Dead*) puts in a good turn as a clean-cut suburban-nice-guy-turned-professional-killer attending his high school reunion. He reunites with the girl he stood up on prom night (Minnie Driver), fights off other hit men trying to kill him, and begins to think that maybe there's something wrong with killing people. While the situations, characterizations, and '80s nostalgia were more than

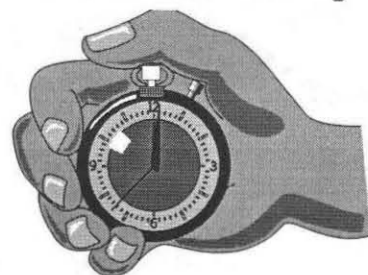
enough to keep me entertained, what really made this movie special was the way it skewered the lack of emotional connection the convenience store clerk, lawyer, and hit man have with their jobs. See this movie.

Chasing Amy

After his smash debut of *Clerks*, New Jerseyite writer-director Kevin Smith came back with the amusing yet disappointing *Mallrats*. Rather than an attempt to duplicate the no-holds-barred humor of his first film, however, *Chasing Amy* is a refreshing blend of mature, frank talk about sex with immature, frank talk about sex. This is a modern love story of a guy who finds his relationship with his best friend strained when he tries to date a lesbian. Neither a tedious pseudo-meaningful yakfest nor an empty gross-out comedy full of "dick and fart jokes," *Chasing Amy* is a movie that recognizes that while young men do have a serious side and real emotions, part of us still wants to read comic books and gawk at two women kissing. Kevin Smith has a real talent for writing outrageously funny dialogue, and while the film does drag in parts, I highly recommend it for those who loved *Clerks*.

ASCIT ExComm Minute

APRIL 28, 1997



Present: Jeanne Wilson (Chair), Brandon VandeBrake, Joe Carroll, Myfanwy Callahan, Steve Van Hooser, Michelle Miller
Meeting starts, 8:08:10 p.m.

On the table for the evening was a protest of the ASCIT secretary election by Kohl Gill due to his endorsement of Mike at Ricketts dinner the night of the election. For the record, the election chair protested the protest.

Jeanne: "Kohl's a spaz."
Brandon (simultaneously): "Kohl's on crack."
Other names for Kohl were thought of, but not verbalized.
Joe: "If Kohl wanted to put up posters all over campus endorsing Mike, that'd be OK."
Protest dismissed, 6-0.
Meeting adjourned 8:09:00 p.m.

- Respectfully submitted,

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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. 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.

◆ The **Semana Latina Sabor Latino Party** will be held in the Fleming-Ricketts courtyard from 9pm "till the candles quit glowing" on Saturday, May 3rd. Cosponsored by Club Latino, CLASES, Student Affairs, the Caltech Y, and others, music and dancing will be performed by Johnny Polanco y Su Orquesta and refreshments will be served.

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 "**Axial Patterning in the Leech Embryo: Development Mechanisms and Evolutionary Implications**" will be discussed in a Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology Seminar by Dr. Marty Shankland of the department of zoology, University of Texas, Austin, on Monday, May 5th, at 4pm in 101 Kerckhoff.

◆ An **Earnest C. Watson Lecture** entitled "**Genes, Eggs, and Embryos**" by Eric Davidson, Norman Chandler Professor of Cell Biology, will be held on Wednesday, May 7th, at 8pm in the Beckman Auditorium.

◆ The final movie to screen in the German Film Series for the Spring term is *Konzert Für Die Rechte Hand* (1986). It will be shown in Baxter Lecture Hall on Thursday, May 8th, 1997 at 7:30pm. The film features English subtitles, and there will be an introduction and discussion afterwards. The film showing is free. For more information, please call ext. 3610.

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◆ The **Friends of Caltech Libraries (FOCAL) Book Sale** will be held this year on Friday, May 9th, from 8:30am to 2:30pm in Dabney Hall Lounge. The Book Sale is an annual fundraiser sponsored by the group and provides an opportunity for the Caltech community to get some great book bargains from among the thousands of "pre-owned" books at the sale (typical prices are \$1 for hardcover humanities and social sciences books, \$2 for hardcover science and technical books, and 50 cents for paperback books.) A "Members Only" Preview Party--when prices of books are a bit higher--will be held on Thursday evening, May 8th; Caltech student membership is \$10, basic membership is \$50. For more information, please call x6411.

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.

The **Caltech Men's and Women's Glee Clubs** will present Caltech's annual Spring Concert on Friday and Sunday, May 16th (8pm) and 18th (3pm), in Caltech's Dabney Lounge. Each glee club will perform a separate section of the program, then will combine to sing "Zum Fest der heiligen Cecilia" by Fanny Mendelssohn, and excerpts from "Liebeslieder Waltzer" by Johannes Brahms. The concert is open to the public, free of charge.

◆ Dr. Jean-Paul Gaudilliere, Senior Researcher at the Institut National de la Sante et de la Recherche Medicale, Paris, will be giving a Science, Ethics, and Public Policy Seminar entitled "**Making Mice into Men (and Women): Animal Models in Biomed-**

cal Research since World War II" on Friday, May 16th, at 4pm in the Judy Library.

Notices

◆ *The Totem* has extended its submission deadline and will be accepting submissions until May 15th. You can contact the *Totem* by e-mailing totem@cco or by e-mailing or calling individual editors (Mina Leung, Amanda Eckerman, Peter Wang, Mason Porter, and Andrew Strauss).

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.

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 Cen-

ter 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 University 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:

◆ Information and applications for

1997 Summer Work-Study are available in the Financial Aid Office. If you are interested in Summer Work-Study, please submit the required application as soon as possible, but no later than June 2, 1997. Your entire financial aid application must be complete by June 2 to be considered. If awarded, the work-study funding will begin July 14, 1997.

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.

Cars! Cars! Cars!

That's right, if you have a car, or have ever been in a teacher's car, read on. The Senior Class would like to make the strip of California next to Caltech exempt from Pasadena's overnight parking prohibition. This will provide students with quicker access to their cars, a convenient overnight parking spot, a close loading/unloading zone, and a place for visiting parents and friends to park. There is a petition in all of the house's lounges today. Please sign. It will benefit everyone.

FROM THE DESK OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

ADVERTISING POLICY UPDATE!! -- IMPORTANT

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(The heart is on the left and the liver is on the right.)

by Jean-Paul Revel II

One of the topics which were discussed at the recent...*Mon Dieu!* My heart! Or as Robert Louis

Stevenson

once said,

"My head!"

Arrrghh!

Gurrrrggle.

!THUD!

Fin.

FredB

MARVIN PICKED UP THE GUN AND SHOT HIS WIFE. AFTER HE MADE SURE SHE WAS DEAD, HE ENTERED THE KITCHEN AND MADE HIMSELF A TURKEY SANDWICH. "I'M OUT OF MAYONNAISE," SAID MARVIN. "I'LL HAVE TO GET SOME TOMORROW."

HE LEFT THE KITCHEN AND SAT DOWN NEXT TO HIS WIFE'S BODY, CARESSING HER GOLDEN HAIR. "TOMORROW, I THINK WE SHOULD GO OUT AND DO SOMETHING TOGETHER. LIKE IN THE OLD DAYS. MAYBE CATCH A MOVIE--OH MY GOD!!! YOU'RE BLEEDING!"

HE TOOK HIS TURKEY SANDWICH AND SHOVED IT INTO THE GAPING WOUND OF HIS WIFE, IN HOPES OF STOPPING WHAT LITTLE TRICKLE THAT FLOWED. THIS FAILED, SO HE ATE THE SANDWICH, THINKING THAT IT WAS THE BEST TURKEY SANDWICH HE HAD EVER MADE.

SO I WENT TO THE YUKON MINING COMPANY RESTAURANT IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, AND THIS WOMAN STARTS FONDLING MY GNADS...

AND WE SIT DOWN AT A TABLE AND START TALKING ABOUT LIFE AND ALL THAT JAZZ. AND IT TURNS OUT I REALLY DIG THE CHIC...

WE CRUISED L.A. IN MY MOM'S MIATA FOR A WHILE, AND LATER THAT NIGHT I DISCOVERED SHE'S ACTUALLY A GENETIC MALE...

I DON'T SEE HOW THIS EXPLAINS YOUR CHEWING ON A SOILED CONDOM IN CLASS.

I COULD SHOW YOU, FOR A PRICE...

LET'S DO IT IN THAT LITTLE BOOTH OVER THERE.

BUT THE CAMERA'S GOT A CLEAR SHOT OF US OVER THERE!

...AND IN THAT BOOTH OVER THERE.

WAIT A MINUTE! THAT BOOTH'S GOT ALL THE S&M GEAR!

SO... DO YOU WANT THE SPIKED DOG COLLAR OR CONE-SHAPED BRAT?

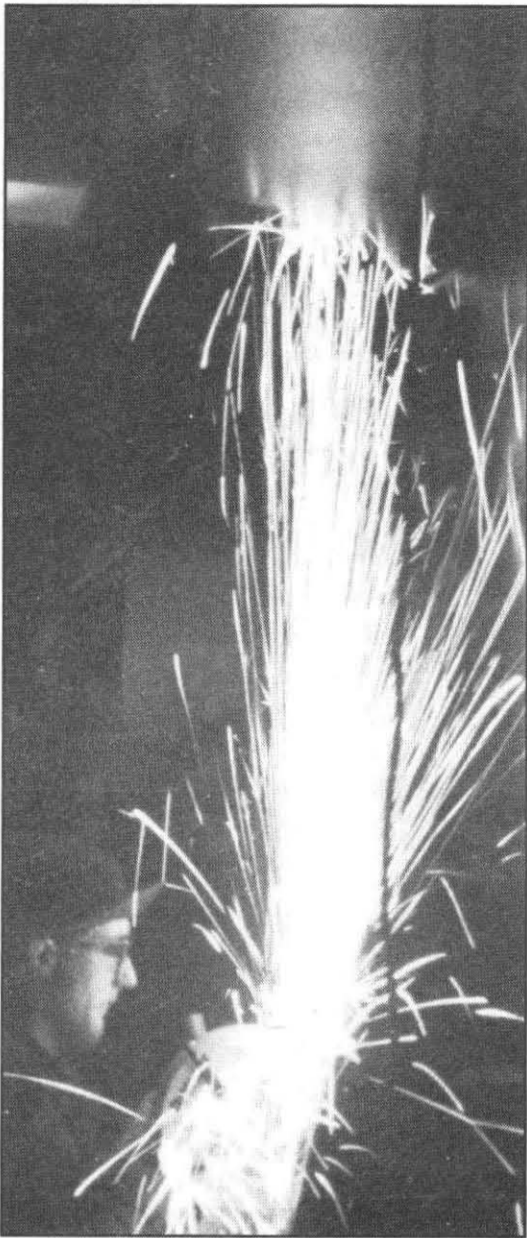
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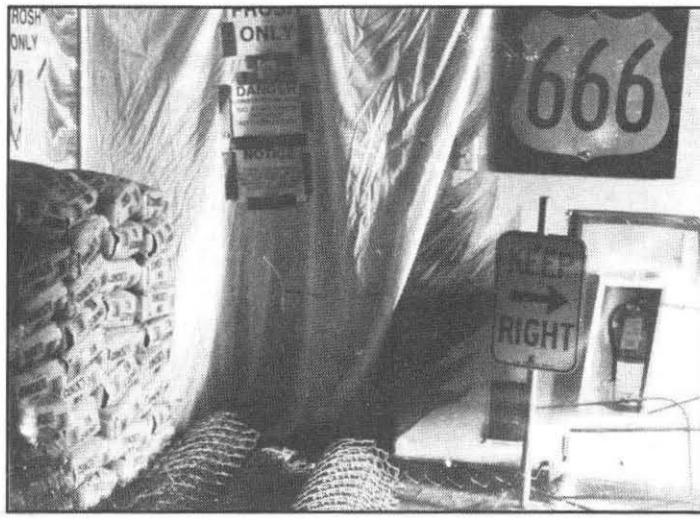
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91.1 LLOYD RADIO

Fleming ASCIT Election Ruled Invalid Amid Bizarre Turnout

Yesterday's ASCIT election for Lord Emperor Supreme was ruled invalid due to extreme irregularities in voter turnout. Says one observer, "There was so much weird fucking stuff going on, there's no need to convene the ASCIT ExComm for a ruling."

Voter Turnout by Hovse (Be sure to see notes below):

Blacker:	Burned	(1)
Dabney:	±02	(2)
Fleming:	069	(3)
Lloyd:	196	(4)
Page:	-50	(5)
Ricketts:	Abstain	(6)
Ruddock:	Toxic	(7)

There was an error of 47 + 69i points. See ASCIT bylaws Article 8, Section 13, and AMA95a for an explanation on how to deal with complex error.

Notes on Voter Turnout:

- (1) Apparently, shortly before the polls closed, the ballot box was thrown into the fire. It burned rather well though.
- (2) This is the minimum voter turnout dictated by the uncertainty principle, despite our best attempts to measure what must actually be zero turnout.
- (3) Since it is a number on the scoreboard, a protest was filed by the less traditional faction of the house.
- (4) Although this is greater than 100% turnout, the BoC Queen assured me that every vote was valid. And hey, I'm not going to question the word of the BoC Chair.
- (5) Penalty for bribery with cheap beer. Remember to try Guinness or Samuel Adams or various fine liquors and liqueurs next time.
- (6) Message found on ballot box: "There is no need for us to vote, for Satan shall soon control everything."
- (7) Apparently, "critical mass" was reached, and in the ensuing chaos, the ballots became covered with various bfd-type writings and substances. I'm not going to touch those ballots. Hazmat won't either.