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Students partake of two of the most innovative dishes, a cucumber drink and dessert, at APSU's Iron Chef contest last Sunday.

## Approved by UASH, New 'W' Grade Sparks Debate

By ROBERT LI

The "W" grade of "withdrawn," unused for several years, has been reinstated by the UASH Committee for students who late-drop their courses.

Starting next fall, late-drop petitions which are approved will result in a "W" grade recorded on the transcript instead of the record of the course being removed as has been the policy in recent years. A "W" will not affect the GPA in any way but will serve as a small penalty for students who do not turn in the paperwork for dropping a class on time. The criteria for receiving a "W" for a late-drop will be unchanged from the current late-drop criteria.

plicated by the fact that some of the courses being late-dropped occurred years in the past so that professors and TA's probably don't even remember the student.

Despite the reinstatement of the "W" grade, UASH still has the power to expunge a course from the record. However, this action will be granted only in cases of true need such as an illness or accident that prevents a student from handing in the course drop paperwork on time.

Richard Karnesky '02, an undergraduate member of the UASH Committee, stated that the UASH decision was unanimously approved without much argument and was presented to the Faculty Committee again without argument. The ASCIT reaction was mixed with some thinking the change will make it easier for late-drop petitions to be approved (not true according to the UASH) and others critical of having a "black mark" added to the transcript. ASCIT Director for Academic Affairs Basit Khan '03 wanted the option of petitioning for a removal of the course record for instances where the professor returns the midterm grades after Drop Day.

Student reaction to this change was muted but positive. "The policy makes sense in that it discourages people from dropping courses very late in the term just because they have poor grades," said Eric Lin '04, "and it brings the school's policies more in line with those of other universities."

According to Humanities Professor Fiona Cowie, faculty chair of the UASH Committee, the "W" grade was reinstated because of the recent "exponential increases" in late-drop petitions. For instance, there have been over 30 petitions since January of this year with one person wanting to simultaneously late-drop three courses. Dr. Cowie stated that "it is often very hard for the committee to distinguish cases where there is a genuine need for a late-drop... from those in which students are 'grade-shopping.'" Grade-shopping is the practice of waiting until course grades are finalized and then filing late-drop petitions to remove any poor grades. Such behavior, according to UASH, is "is grossly unfair to other students who get bad grades and do not try to late-drop." Implementing a "W" grade would discourage this kind of behavior by making it costly to late-drop a class in terms of a negative mark on the transcript.

The other reason behind the "W" grade is to discourage the practice of "transcript sanitization" whereby graduating seniors go through their transcripts and attempt to late-drop courses in order to remove bad grades. This practice is again grossly unfair and is further com-

want to disturb the perfection of the dishes.

The winning team--Biology staffer Chi Wang and graduate students Shanti Rao, Jason Cohen and Martha Kirouac--also had some very appealing dishes. They were the only team that included a dessert. Called the "Bamboo Forest," it consisted of cucumber cups rimmed with sugar and filled with cold lemon-cucumber soup with a scoop of lemon sorbet on top. They filled one of the cups with Everclear and lit it on fire. The cucumber cups, soaked with the lemon-cucumber soup, had a very fresh and "summerish" flavor. Kirouac and Rao explained why they decided to include a dessert: "We have to have a dessert. On Iron Chef, the team that makes a dessert always wins." And indeed

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## APSU 'Iron Chef' Marked By Cucumber Concinnity

By SINDY TANG

"Allez Cuis-i-n-e!!" With this call the master of ceremony opened "Iron Chef," the Asian Cuisine Cooking Contest which marked the beginning of the Asian Pacific Heritage Week organized by the Asian Pacific Student Union.

In its inaugural year, the cooking contest took place last Sunday afternoon on the Winnet Center roof. Caltech's version of Iron Chef looked for the most delicious and creative recipes developed by a team of up to four people. Eight teams were represented: two Iron Chefs, Campus Auxiliary and Business Services Director Tom Mannion and Tony Po, Avery Chinese chef, and six Challengers, two undergraduate teams and four graduate teams. In addition,

there were 10 judges including Physics Professor Steve Frautchi, Mechanical Engineering Professor Melany Hunt and Athena Castro of Caltech Y. Contestants were given 50 minutes to prepare at least two Asian style dishes. Moreover, they had to include the secret ingredient, cucumber, in their recipes.

The bright yellow T-shirts of Tom Mannion's group immediately caught the eye. They brought their own set of stoves, professional knives and cooking utensils. Most of all, it was the ingredient they used that attracted everyone's attention: a \$100 tuna reassembled into an eight-dish-course. This included the "tuna taco" arranged in flower patterns, elegantly served on blue and yellow china plates. Judge Charles La '04 hesitated to start tasting, saying he did not

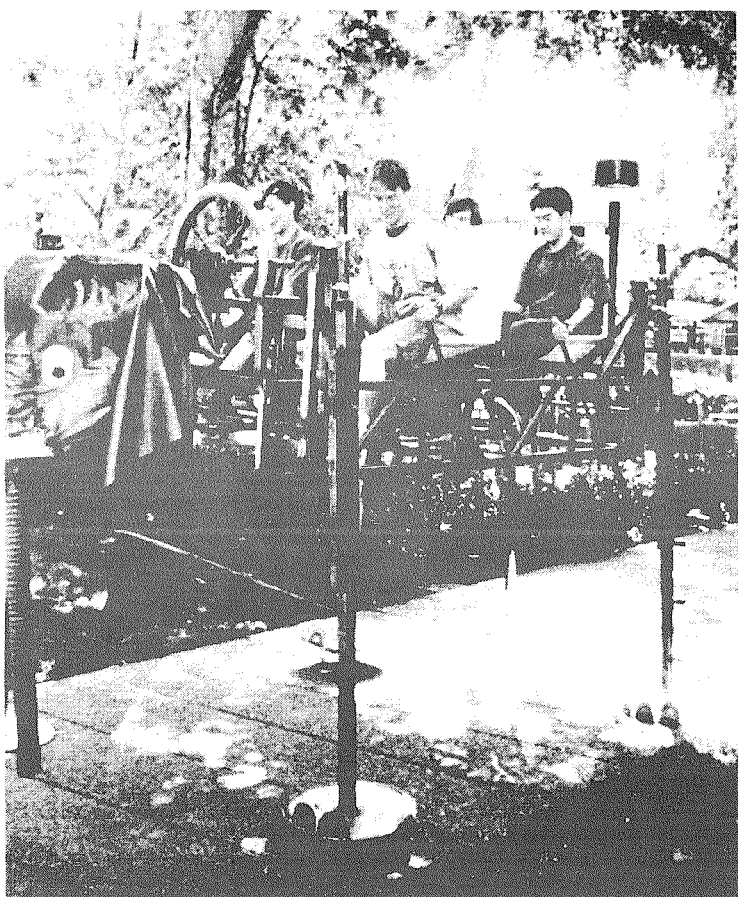


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Fiona Cowie chairs UASH, the committee behind the newly instituted 'W' grade.

## STACKS, SENIORS AND PACHYDERM PARADES

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The Nate's Stack team demonstrates its walking mechanical elephant in front of the Red Door Cafe on Ditch Day last Wednesday.

## Donut Bylaw Vote Set for Wednesday

By PHIL HARRIS

Each Friday morning, fresh flowers are placed at the grave of the much beloved Friday morning donuts. In their rush to get to class, many people ignore the grave and some even trample all over it, but a few lively pro-donut activists have been taking the time and effort to make sure that Friday morning donuts would not become a silhouette of the past by proposing the new bylaw to be voted on this week.

For over seven years members of the BoD have been providing ASCIT members with Friday morning donuts, but as of the beginning of third term these provisions were halted by ASCIT President Ted Jou '03. Instead of using the money for Friday morning donuts, Jou decided that the money might be better used if it were put into an extra midnight donuts each term. Midnight donuts have long been a favorite of Caltech students, but with the end of all the Friday morning donuts for just one additional midnight donuts, one must consider the opportunity cost of this decision.

Many pro-donut activists argue that Jou's decision is just a way to circumvent the important duty of providing the students with donuts.

Opponents would argue that the turn out for midnight donuts is significantly larger and that donuts would be evenly distributed to a much larger population of ASCIT members. Also, many cite that midnight donuts creates a friendly atmosphere throughout all of the midnight donut attendees.

Although Jou may be circumventing his duty to provide Friday morning donuts, he must also go through the many necessary hours that it takes to organize another midnight donuts. In fact, there is a large group of anti-donut activists, who may not be as vocal as the pro-donut activists, but who agree with Jou's reasoning that midnight donuts are much more appreciated by the whole ASCIT community. Still it remains questionable whether a single midnight donuts session is worth a whole nine Friday morning donuts.

So after a long grueling set on Thursday night, do you feel the need for savory donut goodness or do you think that the grave on Friday donuts will remain standing? This issue will come to play in the new proposed donut bylaw that is to be voted on this week.

## ATHLETIC DEPT. WELCOMES NEW STURTEVANT SPA

By IRAM BILAL

On May 2, Caltech formally inaugurated its first public spa, the "Sturtevant Memorial Spa." The spa, under construction since February, commemorates the late Liepmann Professor of Aeronautics, Bradford Sturtevant, who died in October of 2000.

Sturtevant, a legendary swimmer, was active for many years on the Faculty Athletic Committee, where he helped plan the Braun Athletic Center. Director of Athletic Facilities Timothy Downes remarked, "Brad was a member of a number of athletics committees and was extremely active in Caltech's athletics conference, the SCIAC."

The idea of building this spa actually came years ago from Dr. Sturtevant himself. "Brad and his wife, Carol, discussed the idea of creating the memorial fund for the project just before his death from cancer," said Mr. Downes.

Located near the diving boards, the spa makes for a convenient warm-down area for intercollegiate divers, according to Mr. Downes.

So far, the spa has been largely successful. "Usage has been tremendous and will continue to increase as awareness grows," he said.

# Cucumbers in Hand, 'Iron Chef' Teams Cook Up Creative Cuisine

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the cucumber dessert won them the majority of judges' votes for not only the best overall award but also the best creativity award.

Even watching the teams prepare was a fascinating experience. Mr. Po, for example, carefully cut out the best parts of a two-foot long fish specially ordered from Japan into thin slices, as if he were carving a sculpture. The fish was then served whole, with the bones of the fish removed and the body filled with fish fillets mixed with shrimp, jellyfish and seaweed, with delicately carved carrot and bamboo flowers decorating the sides of the dish.

One of the favorites of Dr. Hunt's daughter was "Cucu Doggie" created by Bhavna Hirani's team. The Doggie was made of hollowed-out cucumbers stuffed with paneer bhujji--scrambled homemade cheese--and topped with avocado, mint and cilantro and black pepper that made up the Smiley face. Its head, trunk and limbs were formed by carefully putting small cucumbers together with tooth-sticks.

The team led by Hermes Huang '04 was the only team that was able to limit its budget to below \$40 and got everything from a nearby supermarket. Their philosophy, Kally Pan '04 claimed, was to create the best out of a limited budget, part of the undergraduate Techer spirit. They did not have any fancy ingredients. Yet their dishes were of very high quality, as many judges commented, and their curry chicken, with cucumber mixed into the sauce, smelled especially "powerful."

The cooking contest was a great success and everyone had fun cooking, tasting, smelling and even watching. The dishes were of premium quality. One explanation for this, expressed by a senior, was that "cooking is more or less like Ch3a but it can't be harder. If people can pass Ch3a, they can surely master the culinary science."



Courtesy of S. Tang  
Campus Auxiliary and Business Services Director Tom Mannion and his team serve their eight-dish course to judges.

## THE OUTSIDE WORLD

By William Fong

### Chandra Levy's Remains Found

On Wednesday morning, a man walking his dog in Washington, D.C.'s Rock Creek Park came across skeletal remains in some underbrush. Authorities were contacted and after tests conducted by pathologists, the remains were determined as those of Chandra Levy. Levy, a 24 year-old intern from Modesto, California, disappeared more than one year ago, and her relationship with U.S. Representative Gary Condit made Condit a leading suspect. However, Condit was later cleared from the case but lost the Democratic nomination in March to his protegee Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza after serving seven terms in Congress.

### Indo-Pakistani Tensions Rise

Recent violence between Pakistan and India at their shared border including a Pakistani raid in the Indian region of the Kashmir that killed 34 people has resulted in the amassing of one million troops in that region. On Friday, sources from the Pakistani capital of Islamabad notified Indian officials that "routine" missile tests would be conducted on Saturday through Monday. A Ghauri, a Pakistani-designed missile, was launched on Saturday prompting concern from the Indian government. As a result, a letter was sent from Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to President Bush, British Prime Min-

ister Tony Blair, and Russian President Vladimir Putin pointing out the ill-timing of the tests and warning about the thinning patience of the Indian community. The conflict between Pakistan and India has persisted for several decades due to religious intolerance.

### Historic Arms Pact Signed

On Friday, President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin signed an arms pact that called for the reduction of nuclear arms by the two Cold War enemies. The pact outlined a plan to reduce the current supply of about 6000 nuclear warheads in each country to about 1700 to 2200. This reduction will be accomplished by storing the excess warheads rather than destroying them.

### Mideast Violence Continues

After a quiet week, the violence returned this week with a suicide bombing on Wednesday in the Tel Aviv suburb of Rishon Letzion and a car bombing at an Israeli fuel depot on Thursday. The suicide bomber was a sixteen year-old boy, the youngest bomber in the 20 months of Middle East violence. In response, the Israeli military raided a West Bank refugee camp on Friday in search of the Palestinian militants responsible for the attacks.

## Rotation Style Solidifies

By MARCUS WILLIAMS

Last term the Student Housing Committee held a series of town hall meetings in each of the seven Houses, Avery and an off-campus venue to discuss the Rotation process. At the time, it was a bit unclear as to what the outcome of those meetings would be or how any changes would be implemented. Even over the course of the meetings, the official word changed on what we should expect.

On Thursday the Student Housing Committee met with the Interhouse Committee to discuss what had come out over the course of the last few months and what would be happening in September once the freshmen arrived.

First and foremost, there is no decree being handed down from the administration as to how Rotation should be run: the process will remain student-administered and the undergraduates will decide how to affect changes. That said, there are concerns that were raised at the town hall meetings that the IHC has decided to address for next year's rotation.

First, there was concern that freshmen don't always know that their rankings aren't the only determining factor in deciding what house they end up in. Many people expressed that when they were rotating they did not know that the upperclassmen would have a say in where the freshmen end up. Next year the freshmen will be told, as part of their pre-Rotation talk at Frosh Camp, that Rotation is a two-sided affair. While the freshmen do have a right to express preferences as to where they want to live, the upperclassmen also should have a say in who their neighbors will be.

Second, many concerns were raised about the secrecy of the picks process and the necessity of rules to govern rotation. This is an issue that is faced every year and every year the IHC decides on necessary rules and what about the process

should be kept secret. As I mentioned above, next year we will be more open with the freshmen and the rules and secrecy are under review every year by the IHC.

Third, the freshmen don't always know that the interest sheets they send in will be shown to many of the upperclassmen. The interest sheets that go out to this incoming class will make it clear that they are available to upperclass students.

Fourth, many questions were raised regarding the timing of rotation, both in its duration and placement relative to the start of classes. Due to the lack of time between now and Rotation, and the logistical changes it would take to move Rotation or change the structure, there will probably be no change in the timing for this coming year. It is a subject matter that is still very much under discussion and will be under consideration for rotation in 2003.

Fifth, the issue was also raised at most, if not all, of the meetings as to whether or not freshmen should continue to be made to live in the seven Houses for the first two terms. Again, this is an issue still under debate, but the status quo will remain for next year.

Finally, many people voiced concerns over the negative tone that some of the post-dinner house meetings took on. The presidents of the Houses were supportive of the idea that meetings should be as constructive as possible, but implementation of this idea will come from the Houses themselves.

It should also be emphasized that since Rotation is a student-run operation, anybody can put forth a suggestion as to how they would like to see the process changed. We can change Rotation every year and do so already. The discussion about bettering Rotation is not by any means over and the IHC is still in the process of gathering suggestions from students.

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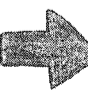
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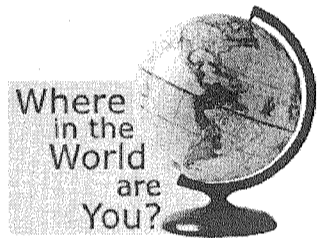
**Abs of Iron:** A health nut's dream: cucumber juice meets starving students at APSU's Iron Chef showdown. Too bad Tom Mannion and Shanti Rao have other jobs.



**Back That ASCIT Up:** Students decide Wednesday whether to become permanent subjects in the BoD's Nuremberg-incompliant human "experiment."



**The New 'Dubya':** The Bush dynasty pushes its tentacles to Caltech. And UASH said it was all about late-drops. Fiona Cowie does look a little like Laura, doesn't she?



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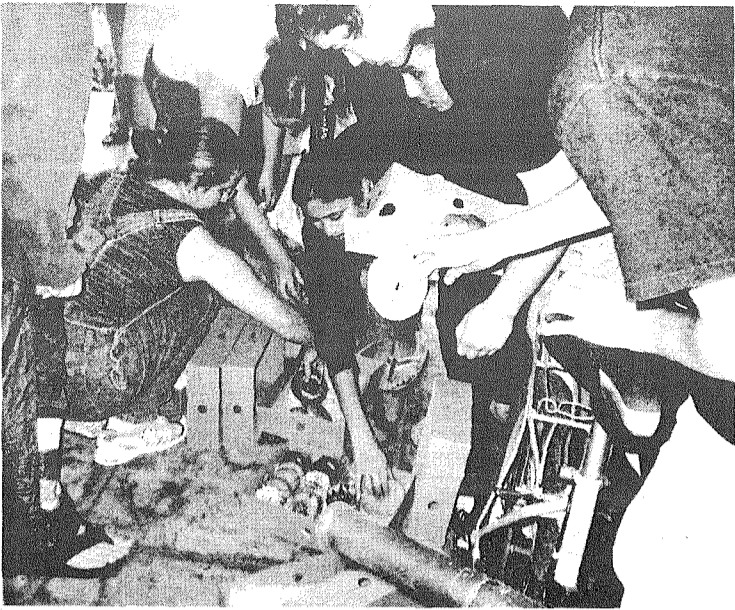
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Students dive for donuts on April 26, the final Friday ASCIT provided the morning treats.

## Restoring Tradition donut.caltech.edu and no Donuts?

By ABE FETTERMAN

I have come to you, likely, asking for your signature to bring this measure, one near and dear to my heart, up for a vote. Some of you have obliged me, and I thank you for that, whereas others have turned me away.

Many people mentioned to me that the Friday donuts benefit only a few, rather than many. However, it is clear that more benefit overall is derived from these delicious delectable dough-rings' morning presence. The scope of Friday morning donuts is no smaller than the scope of the ASCIT formal, of the *Tech*, or of midnight donuts. Some say that only those taking Chem 3 on a Friday reap the reward from this boon to society; however, I would argue that the donuts are usually late, so it would be impossible to make it to class on time should one attempt to get donuts. It does, however, benefit anyone with a morning class on Fridays,

as there are usually leftover donuts waiting for takers on the breezeway. Midnight donuts are always crowded, you have to wait for twenty minutes, and you usually don't get the donut you want (if you get one at all). Also, there's not really much excitement to them. It's not much harder to take a break at midnight to go to Donut Man and "Buy your own donuts!" (as Joe Olivier suggested to petition-signers in Dabney). In the morning, however, less people are awake to drive, it's near rush hour, and it's a lot more effort to drive when one is that tired. Also, it has been a much more pleasurable experience to get morning donuts - a succulent scrumptious circular breakfast treat - than a small, unsatisfying midnight snack.

Enough contrasting the two, however. The amendment would say nothing to do with midnight donuts, although the second set of donuts a term is the probable source of budget reduction by the BoD to get funding. The point is that ASCIT is trying to remove a long term tradition, one on which it has built a reputation. Think about it: if donuts were only six times a year, would ASCIT really be worthy of the domain "donut.caltech.edu"? What else does this nebulous organization do for the everyman?

The real ploy is that BoD members claim that this removal is only "an experiment." It's no experiment (at least not in the sense they want us to believe). It's a test to see how much uproar would be caused, and whether it could be sneaked past the undergraduates. Next year Friday

donuts would be a thing of the past. The up-and-coming generation of Techers would not even know the joys of ASCIT's weekly yeasty life-savers. That is, unless we take steps now to show that we will not have our principles violated so easily.

What is a donut, anyway? Is it just some bread, risen in oil, and coated with sugar? No, that may define a Winchell's donut, but does not even come close to a Donut Man donut. The Donut Man puts a little bit of love, a sprinkling of soul and a batch of goodies into each handcrafted delicacy. His donuts have become a symbol, not just of ASCIT, not just of treats, but of life itself. It begs that students stop their routine tasks and take a minute to

### POINT

*"Donuts have become a symbol, not just of ASCIT, not just of treats, but of life itself."*

chew, to taste the sweetness that life has to offer. It stands for the ASCIT President, willing to run the gauntlet each and every Friday morning to bring joy to a waiting Techers. It hears, weary, bleary-eyed students to happier times, the mornings and midnights spent socializing with fellow classmates. In short, it stands for exactly what any undergrad would need to be told, should he or she be awake that Friday morning, bright and early at eight o'clock.

So as you're voting this Wednesday, don't ask yourself whether you've gone to Friday Donuts three times this year. Ask yourself whether or not Friday donuts have value, whether that one time you're up for them will make up, in your mind, for the alternatives. It's not just a small group of people; it's a generation, the passing on of a valuable tradition. One student, Tomonari Miyashita '05, commented on the donut plight, "Just this morning I was up until eight am, and I realized it was Friday Donuts time. Then I realized that there were no Friday donuts. It was a sad moment."

## Question of the Week

Will the proposed by-law reinstating Friday donuts pass with the needed two-thirds vote?

# Donuts, Donuts, More Donuts

## Three Simple Arguments for a Better Perspective

By JOE OLIVIER

These are my reasons and my argument for voting against the proposed bylaw amendment that would require Friday Morning Donuts. I hope they provoke discussion and thought about the issue.

### Introductory Economics

Modern economic theory shows that governments should only provide goods and services where a market system would fail. The principle example of this is the public good, which I'm sure we're all familiar with.

ASCIT does provide many public goods. Student-faculty committees, club funding, publications, interhouse event funding--all of these are good examples. All students can benefit from these, and no one is (explicitly) excluded. Donuts are not public goods. When you eat a donut, I can no longer benefit from it. In addition, if you have a donut, it doesn't mean that I can use the donut. Donuts are inherently exclusive.

So, why does ASCIT provide donuts to Caltech students, when students could rather easily acquire these things on their own? I can only assume that greed is the principle motive. Someone, somewhere, is eating more than his fair share of donuts. It's not me. In my six terms of paying for donuts (\$12 towards donuts, by my estimation), I've eaten four donuts.

Please stop taking my money for your donut habit. Donuts really aren't that expensive. You can buy them yourself if you really want...

### The Proper Solution

For those who still value donuts above all else, and would like to push this bylaw through, I've been doing a little research and math, and I have a better solution for you. If student government only exists to provide donuts for you, you may be interested in knowing how much money you're wasting on this ineffi-

cient system.

From the ASCIT budget, we can see that donuts (listed under social events, oddly enough) only occupy around 9% of expenditures (This calculation was done considering only this year's dues, not the surpluses from the previous two years). That means only about \$2 of your \$20 per term goes towards your donuts. So, \$18 goes to wasteful things like clubs, publications and pranks.

Here's the plan. First organize and then drop ASCIT membership. That way, you can spend a full \$20 per term on those beloved fattening treats. Meanwhile, you can stop stealing my \$2 a term and ASCIT can either spend it on more valuable things or lower dues.

### COUNTERPOINT

*"Please stop taking my money for your donut habit... you can buy them yourself if you want..."*

The only flaw to this plan is that you'll have to buy your own donuts. But then, if you're willing to work so hard to push a bylaw amendment, driving to Glendora shouldn't be so bad.

### What is ASCIT for?

The proposed bylaw amendments would make Friday Morning Donuts an integral part of Caltech's Student Government. Indeed, they would become a basis of its existence, because that is what the bylaws define. They are our constitution.

The passage of this bylaw amendment would move Friday Morning Donuts to the same level in our Student Government as the elections procedure, the Board of Control, and the CRC. Do we really want this to happen?

Lately, I have been spending a lot

of time thinking and talking about the purpose of ASCIT and student governments in particular. The Dabney grievances and Ted Jou's response show that there are serious concerns about our system and its direction for the future.

I believe it is time for us to seriously question what we have ASCIT for. We know it gives us donuts, organizes a formal dance and provides (um, gets Tom Mannion to provide) a movie viewing every term or so. It also forms many committees and performs some other poorly advertised duties, such as the SFC and probably many activities I don't know about.

What I want to know is: which activities are really important? Are there other things the government should do? What do we really need it for?

Sadly, the donut issue seems to be the most important thing to the student body, as people actually send Ted Jou e-mails about it. Don't we care about other things, though? Didn't we have a protest rally first term? Don't we have serious issues beyond donuts?

Freshman parking, admitting far too many frosh, the alcohol policy, the fire policy, the dying honor code, low student quality of life, high levels of student depression, board food, student advising. These are some of the issues flying about. We all talk about how the administration doesn't seem to care about undergraduates. Why not do something about that? Wouldn't we like Caltech to hire some professors that care about teaching even a little bit? Or even like undergrads? Or care about them?

Maybe I'm wrong, but I think that the student government should be the voice of our complaints. It should serve to unite us and improve our lives in a meaningful way. Instead, we demand bread and circuses... ahem, I mean donuts and movies. I think we have enough distractions from the real campus wide issues, what with classes and houses and all. We don't need to make this a big issue.

I hope to illicit some response from the student body about what really is important in our government. I would personally like to see this discussion taken up by more than just a few frustrated Darbs and the ASCIT BoD. These things affect us all, and we need some input beyond apathy.

# Donut Bylaw Pro/Con

### For

The donuts need to be reinstated as an important ASCIT tradition. The notion that this term was just an "experiment" is ridiculous. Is Ted going to magically remember next year that he needs to get Friday morning donuts again? The answer, likely, is no. Donuts are important to the entire undergraduate community. They are the most obvious of the duties of our student government. It's not as though there isn't enough money lying around the ASCIT budget to carry out both donut plans; funds-seekers come knocking on the BoD's door all the time and get obliged with money from the social budget and other odds and ends. Exercise your right to vote and stand up for your valued traditions: the Donut Man donut, symbol of ASCIT, desire of students. If Friday donuts are taken now, what is to stop the next Board of Directors from further reducing donut distribution? This amendment ensures that this recurring issue--remember Martha-Helene's attempt to axe the donuts?--is no longer a problem and emblazons the donut forever into Caltech tradition.

From Abe Fetterman '05

### Against

As I had promised, there will be a referendum survey at the end of this term to determine the fate of Friday morning donuts for first and second terms next year. This Bylaw Amendment is superfluous for the

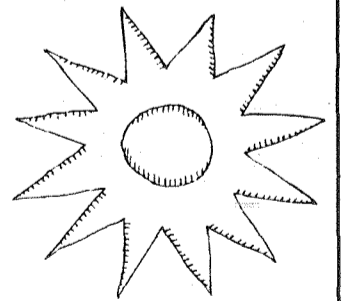
near future and will be an unnecessary burden on the students of the future.

If this Bylaw passes on Wednesday, pending any protests, donuts will need to be provided on Friday, June 7. Since the entire donut budget for this term has already been spent on two midnight donut runs, I would have no choice under this Bylaw than to pay the \$60 cost of donuts and the \$3 in gas out of my own pocket. If those voting could please wait another week when they could get their donuts by a 50% margin rather than two-thirds, you would achieve the same result less one round of donuts and save me \$63.

For the future, the bylaw would prove detrimental to the functioning of ASCIT and the student body at large. Having explicit references to the expenditure of funds in the bylaws outside of the article concerning dues is cumbersome and deceptive to the student body in how they will be charged and where their money goes. If the other bylaw on this ballot passes, students will be able to clearly see that they pay \$20 in dues to ASCIT each term and \$2 of that goes to *The California Tech*. Contrary to the wording of the Bylaw, the donuts will not be provided "free of charge to all ASCIT members," but will cost \$60 \* 30 = \$1800 per year, which is about \$2 per ASCIT member. Please don't put that financial burden on the students of the future just to get yourself donuts on June 7.

From ASCIT President Ted Jou '03

### Don't Let Summer



**Burn a Hole in  
Your Pocket!**

**Alumni Fund -  
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# Ditch Day 2002: Wednesday, May 22



R. Forster/The California Tech  
Nate's Stack team members reach for their final clue, knotted to the roof.

*"Haven't you always wanted to carry an elephant?"*

*Nate's Stack*



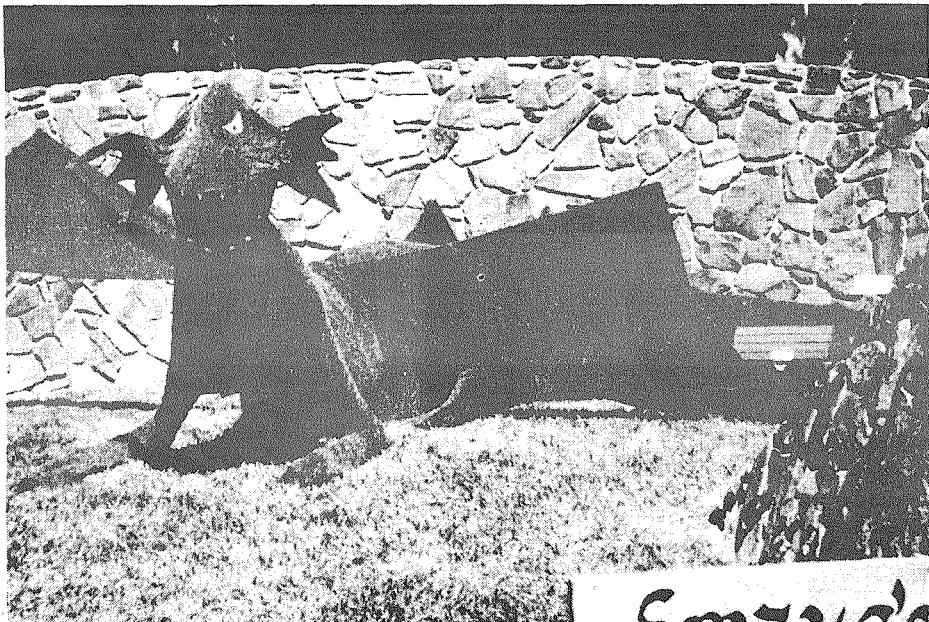
R. Forster/The California Tech  
The North shoots for Millikan in the Blue and the Gray stack.



R. Forster/The California Tech  
Ditch Day fever sets in as students scale Dabney Hall with a long rope ladder.

*"The South wasn't drunk; that's not why they lost."*

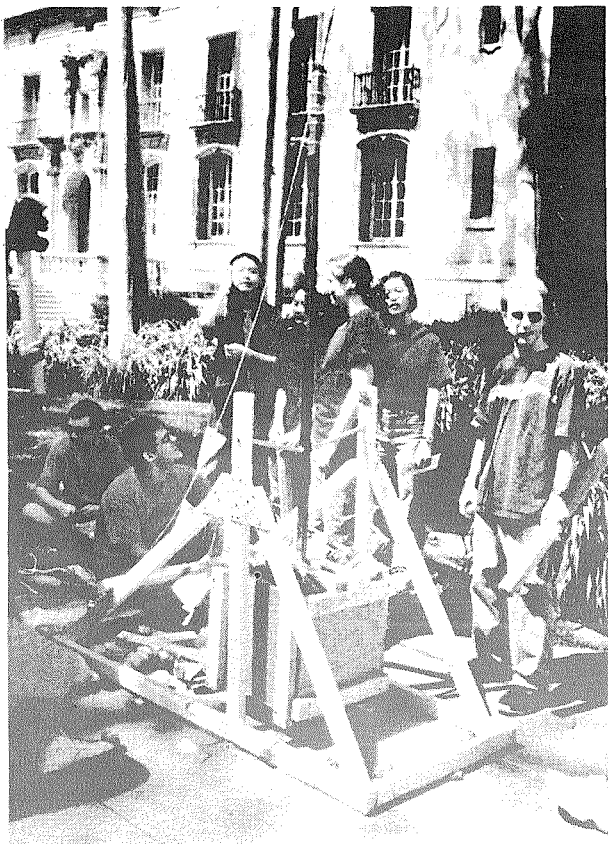
*The Blue and the Gray*



R. Forster/The California Tech  
"Smaug," a dragon hand-crafted for a stack, lurks in anticipation inside his lair.



R. Forster/The California Tech  
After some effort, a sprinkler powered by baking soda and vinegar comes to life.



R. Forster/The California Tech  
A Civilization team works to assemble a trebuchet.



R. Forster/The California Tech  
A Fleming House flag burns as part of a Page House stack.



R. Forster/The California Tech  
Hermes Huang '04 gets wet in the Full Metal Jacket stack.

# ASCIT Minutes

MAY 24, 2002

## Present

BoD: Ted, Joe, Janet, Basit, Jialan, Neda, Andrea. Absent: Vikram, Marcus.

Guests: Rick Karnesky, Zack Chadick, Elise Kleeman (IHC Secretary), Juan Rodriguez (Ricketts President) Barrett Heyneman, Alvaro Masias (*Totem* editor), Kevin Bartz (*Tech* editor)

Meeting called to order at 4:22 p.m.

## Guests

Rick from Ricketts has come to request funding for lunch with a professor (as announced in last week's minutes, this is a new program for this year). He's a senior and his guest is his advisor. Rick is our guinea pig for this, and we'll use his lunch to make sure all the arrangements with the Ath are in order. Funding later approved (5-0-1).

Rick, a UASH committee member, also discusses the new grade of "W" (for late-dropped classes) with the BoD. Basit especially feels that it is a poor policy, feeling that there should be a way to not have it appear on the record, with UASH approval. Rick replies that this is done on a case-by-case basis, but that perhaps the late-drop paperwork should mention it someplace. Late drops are generally allowed for only two reasons: someone "just completely flicked" or medical issues. Basit and other BoD members still think it might reflect poorly on a student's record to have a "W" on the transcript. Rick explains (with an analogy) that the policy is already in place, and they're merely starting to enforce it, not actually changing the rules: "It's like that Simpson episode where they realized Prohibition is still on the books," he says.

Zack came to request Dabney's third term Multihouse funding for an "un-moderated political forum" they plan to have on the Olive Walk, perhaps next week. Joe thinks it sounds like fun. The money will be spent mostly on food, with a little bit for advertising. \$200 is later approved (6-0).

Barrett requests Ruddock's Multihouse funding for the Ruddock-Blacker paintball excursion. There are currently 40 people signed up with more expected. \$200 is later approved (5-0-1).

Elise submits (for Marcus) the IHC's list of Faculty Committee student member nominations to the BoD for approval. The BoD reviews the list, points out a few spelling errors, and votes to appoint all nominees (6-0). Congratulations to the new committee members!

Juan has a letter to the VP of Student Affairs, Deans, and DRL about a committee to review the alcohol and fire policies over the summer. Such a review, we are told, is supposed to happen every two years, but apparently nothing has been done formally since 1997. Apparently, recent changes have been made de facto to both policies, without actually being including the changes in the text policies themselves, leading to a confusing situation. We would be co-signing the letter with the IHC (some discussion over how to do dual letterhead). Considerable student concern exists about these issues, and we'd like to see undergraduates (and graduate students) represented on the committees that review the policies. Juan and Ted suggest that a joint ASCIT-IHC committee appoint the undergrad members, similar to the method we now use for CRC Rep appointments. The BoD agrees. The timeline is short—committees will need to be formed within the next couple of weeks, but Juan predicts that there will be heavy student interest, so this should not be a problem on our end.

Al gives a report on the status of the *Totem*, which has done a lot more fundraising than last year and will have one plate of color pages. Submissions are also up, 231 this year compared to 60 last year. However, the *Totem* (due to a Pagemaker/QuarkXPress mixup) needs an additional \$138 to meet layout and printing costs. This is approved, out of "TBA" in the budget (6-0).

## General Meeting

Funding of \$200 for the Caltech Y's annual trip to the Huntington Tea Room is approved out of "co-sponsored events" (5-0-1).

Jialan's date to the Formal, who drove her around to several hotels and has been generally helpful in the many preparations, is given a free ticket (5-0-1). There are some ticket issues with people only receiving one ticket when they were supposed to get two, but Jialan assures us that the tickets are just for show and won't actually be taken at the door. Further, extras will be available at the Formal for souvenirs. Seating will be worked out soon—the web guys are still "churning the algorithm or something like that" according to Jialan.

We've read the memo of understanding with Caltech Financial Services. Janet and Ted request comments suggestions for changes we should ask, with Ted suggesting that more than one event each year be allowed to charge to UIDs (i.e. if we want to add a winter formal next year).

There is serious concern over last week's *Tech* issue. The Dabney grievance list and Ted's responses on behalf of ASCIT were published merged together rather than separately, appearing to be some sort of an interview rather than the two separate pieces that they are. Most "shocking" to several BoD members was that several of Ted's responses were cut and the *Tech* Editors' own words inserted in their place. The BoD is universally dissatisfied, feeling that Ted's statements, as the "official representative of the Corporation" (ASCIT Bylaws), should not have been removed piecemeal. Of course the *Tech* Editors are entirely within their rights to compose their own responses, but we feel that Ted's response should have been published intact—the *Tech* Editors' inserted words were substantially different than the ASCIT President's and not representative of the position of ASCIT. Kevin feels that the *Tech* Editor's response (marked as

such) was more appropriate than the ASCIT President's in this case, but Neda and Janet (former *Tech* editors) state that they feel it was "unethical" and perhaps even illegal to remove and make the changes to Ted's words, since they substantively altered the meaning of the statement as a whole.

The BoD votes (6-0) to include Ted's original statements in response to the Dabney grievances in the minutes so that they will be published this Monday. They appear after the signature.

Further, there is concern that the ASCIT donut Bylaw amendment managed to appear last week with an accompanying photograph, while the second amendment (which was actually submitted to the *Tech* by ASCIT a day after the first) was not published at all. Kevin responds, saying that the organizer of the petition drive for the donut Bylaw amendment sent him the amendment when he felt he had enough signatures. However, the BoD has to review even petitioned amendments,

to consider, for instance, whether the signatures are valid, before submitting them to the *Tech* for publication (or the ballot, for that matter). All amendments have to be submitted to the BoD first, since the BoD oversees the election, ensures publication, and keeps the records of the Bylaws. Ted, Joe, and others ask that the *Tech*, in the future, not accept anything but the ASCIT BoD's official word (as defined in Article IV, Sections 3 and 5) that an amendment has been proposed and reviewed before publishing the "notice of the election and a complete statement of the amendment" required by the Bylaws.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



ASCIT Secretary

Dabney: Government controls the student paper, an inherent conflict of interest.

Ted Jou: Unfortunately, this is a compromise solution to the fact that it would be very difficult to sustain an independent student newspaper at a school this small and without any Journalism majors. ASCIT has recently been working to revise the finances of student publications, but has not attempted to affect editorial freedom. This should be rather clearly evidenced in the opinions reflected about ASCIT in many different issues of the *Tech*.

D: Why do feature writers like Jialan and Abe Fetterman who write *terrible* columns get paid? Why do editors who write "Their Here" get 10% or whatever? This is a huge waste of money. I like reading a few things in the *Tech* but why is my money paying these people?

TJ: These are mostly internal *Tech* issues, and I have no control over them. I would like to note that after the "Their Here" headline, the former editors hired a copy editor, whom they paid out of their own salaries, to proof-read the paper.

## TODAY IN ASCIT HISTORY



The 1995 ASCIT Board of Directors strikes a playful pose. Past BODs seemed to enjoy the hard work by keeping a lighthearted attitude.

## BOD TAKES ONE MORE SHOT WITH DEFEATED PUBLICATIONS BYLAW

TO BE PLACED ON WEDNESDAY BALLOT

Repeal Article XIV ("Publications"), Section 11 and Section 12 (Subsections (c) and (d)) only. Renumber other Sections accordingly.

### For

The motivation for this amendment is simply to delete outdated parts of the ASCIT Bylaws. The *CLUE* and the *UROH* are no longer physical publications and are now presented only in online form at [donut.caltech.edu](http://donut.caltech.edu). The ASCIT BoD has been including these amounts in the salaries of the ASCIT Web Development Team and there is no reason to have a separate line in the Bylaws for these publications any longer.

Part of Section 11 also pertains to the *Totem* however; the decision was made to remove that entire section because it is the only place in the Bylaws outside the Article concerning dues (XIII) where explicit monetary amounts are specified. Monetary amounts will fluctuate with inflation and it is cumbersome to have explicit numbers specified in the Bylaws. Also, having the amounts hidden in the Publications Bylaw promises a fraction of dues to a particular individual without making that fact very public to the entire ASCIT membership.

Passage of this Bylaw will not effectively change the way ASCIT does anything this year, as the salaries for the *Totem* Editor and the Web Development Team have already been specified in the budget.

### Against

If this amendment passes, the *Totem* editor would no longer be guaranteed a salary. What, if anything, he'd receive would be left entirely to the discretion of the BoD. Under these rules, a BoD hostile to the *Totem* editor could force a salary standoff.

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**Panel 2:** LIKE AN INFECTION, HE WILL SOON ATTACK THE MANAGERS IN THIS COMPANY AND REPLACE US WITH HIS OLD CRONIES.

**Panel 3:** TELL POINTY-HAIRED PETE TO GET OVER HERE RIGHT AWAY.

**Panel 4:** I'M DEMOTING YOU TO ENGINEER SO I CAN GIVE YOUR CURRENT JOB TO ONE OF MY CRONIES.

**Panel 5:** I WON'T SURVIVE. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO REAL WORK!

**Panel 6:** WALLY, CAN YOU TEACH ME HOW TO PRETEND TO BE WORKING? WHOA! THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE WALLY.

**Panel 7:** DEMOTED. A CUBICLE ISN'T SO BAD. I CAN GET USED TO IT.

**Panel 8:** IT'S PERFECTLY RESPECTABLE. THERE'S NO REASON TO CRY.

**Panel 9:** HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR NEW "LOSER CRUISER"?

**Panel 10:** DEMOTED. HEY BUDDY, CAN YOU TEACH ME TO BE ONE OF THE LITTLE PEOPLE?

**Panel 11:** BUDDY? MY NAME IS DILBERT. I WORKED FOR YOU FOR YEARS.

**Panel 12:** OKAY, NOW I'LL TRY. AM I DOING THE EYEBROWS RIGHT?

**Panel 13:** DEMOTED. I PLAN TO SPREAD RUMORS ABOUT OUR NEW BOSS UNTIL I GET HIM FIRED.

**Panel 14:** I'LL TELL EVERYONE THAT HE'S THE MOST CLUELESS HUMAN THAT EVER LIVED. HEE HEE!

**Panel 15:** BELIEVE ME, THAT DOESN'T WORK. I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

**Panel 16:** DEMOTED. MAYBE IT'S A GOOD THING THAT I WAS DEMOTED TO WORK AMONG YOU NOBLE LITTLE PEOPLE.

**Panel 17:** I HAVE GAINED A VALUABLE EMPATHY THAT WILL SERVE ME WELL IF I EVER BECOME A MANAGER AGAIN.

**Panel 18:** YOU'VE BEEN PROMOTED. YEE-HA!! I'M NOT A LOSER!!

**Panel 1:** I LOVE SPRING WEATHER.

**Panel 2:** I HATE SPRING WEATHER.

**Panel 3:** I LOVE SPRING WEATHER.

**Panel 4:** I HATE SPRING WEATHER.

**Panel 5:** HON, CAN YOU DO THAT INSIDE? THERE'S A TORNADO COMING.

**Panel 6:** I LOVE SPRING WEATHER!

**Panel 7:** YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG IT TOOK TO PLANT ALL THESE.

**Panel 8:** OH, MAYBE A LITTLE IDEA.

**Panel 9:** THIS NEW PHOTO SOFTWARE I GOT REMOVES BLEMISHES, BLOTCHES, AND OTHER FACIAL IMPERFECTIONS WITH A CLICK OF THE MOUSE!

**Panel 10:** LOOK AT THE GREAT JOB IT DID WITH YOU!

**Panel 11:** I SEE YOUR FACE HAS BEEN TOUCHED UP AS WELL.

**Panel 12:** HA HA. THAT STUPID JOKE WAS YOUR IDEA!

**Panel 13:** I THINK IT'S SO SWEET THAT JASON AND PAIGE HAVE STARTED PLAYING TOGETHER.

**Panel 14:** HA! KILLED YOU AGAIN!

**Panel 15:** HA! KILLED YOU AGAIN!

**Panel 16:** HAVE YOU STARTED STUDYING FOR FINALS YET, PAIGE?

**Panel 17:** OF COURSE, MOTHER.

**Panel 18:** I STARTED WEEKS AGO... BELIEVE ME, THIS YEAR'S FINAL EXAMS DON'T SCARE ME IN THE LEAST!

**Panel 19:** FINALLY! A YEAR WHERE I DON'T HAVE TO NAG YOU!

**Panel 20:** LET ME GUESS - THE SUBJECT YOU'VE STUDIED IS ACTING.

**Panel 21:** WHAT-EVER WORKS.

**Panel 22:** I THINK THE "ULTIMATE FRISBEE" CROWD NAMED THEIR SPORT PREMATURELY.

**Panel 23:** PULL!

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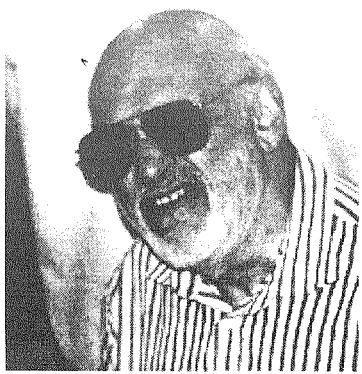
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# Dean's Corner

## Dig That Ditch

by Jean-Paul Revel



Finally, finally, tomorrow has come and gone, becoming one of our yesterdays, an archived manana. Instead of conjuring a time in a lackadaisical future, like other mananas of record, it was earnestly hoped for this tomorrow to materialize soon. It promised a day of fun, a moment of respite, a break in the serious business of doing homework, finishing that project, getting that paper written, or that assignment read. Well? did tomorrow deliver, did it live up to expectations? As a concerned, and so earnest, observer I must say it seems to have done so. An objective measure of success is difficult, but consider that just on that day, as fate must have it, just on that day, Jay Leno's crew "jay-walked" on campus. Many of us expected Jay to be there, but it seems it was only his movie crew. I guess that is one of the jokes. The crew taped anyone wishing to appear. The surprising part is that the number of students lined up to participate was small. At least that's my impression. I did not stay to watch throughout the two-hour taping session, and so may have missed the thickest or best of the action, but I got the feeling that most students were much more into the games and adventures provided by their stacks than showing up in front of the camera in the hope of appearing for a brief moment on late night TV (Hi! Mom. You did call your Mom on Mother's day, didn't you?). So, all

the stacks were more popular than the comedy hacks, which I take as a tangible measure of success. A senior riding by on his bike, perhaps attempting to get a glimpse of the square jaw of the missing host, was quickly captured and taped to the nearest tree. Just out of camera view students were working on deciphering a message set in cuneiformish characters. They seemed to be solving the puzzle. I guess no Rosetta stone was needed since, lucky for them, the message was in English. And then there were the seekers of wisdom, which in my conceit, I addressed, after futile attempts to drape a toga around myself. It was hard to imagine anyone giving a speech to the curia wrapped in such infernal garb. It kept on slipping off. And there was the mystery of the body with fishnet stockings, floating in Millikan pond, and the Flaming students, I sure hope they won't, flame that is. A delightful discovery was an absolutely charming dragon (Smaug was it?) defending his (?) treasure in the middle of the Moore volute. The morning after I noticed that it had lost a tooth, perhaps a sign that one of the clues had been snatched from the dragon's teeth. The toothsome, gold speckled, red dragon was part of an impressively eclectic menagerie, including the little red frog and its little gray cousin wrapped, sushi like, around their clues. They were vigilantly guarded (coveted?) by the great big attack bullfrogs of lower Millikan pond, and three turtles in

assorted sizes, lined up as if they were part of a "matriochka" turtle set. There were also two (real live?) ducks, a mallard and its mate, in Middle Pond. I never did figure out whether they were there just there by chance or were reporters for "Le Canard Enchaîné" ("Duck in Chains," a famous french satirical weekly). Perhaps they were not ducks after all, just two disguised seniors. If so, they were so well camouflaged that the Defense Department should take a look at them, they would be much better than those vaguely antediluvian drones deployed these days over Afghanistan. One of the vintage Austin & Co. dolphins was cavorting on the edges of Ramo pond, turtles were warming themselves on stones on this first really warm day. More sensational than any of the other beasties was the elephant with canvas seats for four

sahibs. One could easily imagine it, lumbering with its four passengers on a tour of Campus. I say imagine because by the time I saw it, it was standing still on the path leading from Chandler toward Keck or maybe Spalding. It was mobbed by gawking bystanders. A motorized palanquin with steam locomotive overtones, but the steam was only that put out by the four passengers who had to pedal to power the beast's travels. I am told that its lurching gait was fearsome to watch, but I never did see it lumber along, as it became immobilized by a broken universal joint. (Actually you can see the monster in a video prepared by Curtis Smith). If it were not for its elephantine weight, the contraption could be roving on Mars. I guess there is also the little problem of getting the four motors (I almost said motorists) there. Well done Nate, Ralph, Nathan, Curtis and Stephen and all your gifted co-workers! They were so many interesting stacks. I was surprised by the number that involved cooking, and not just for the bribe. I sampled some homemade brownies, pretty good even though a little stale when I got to them. I heard from my col-

leagues in the Dean's Office that they thoroughly enjoyed the stacked lunch at the Ath! Catapults seemed to be very popular this year, but I thankfully saw only one guillotine, a miniature. I wonder what they were doing with it? And what secret resided in that wooden box with the keys and the buttons and the lights? It was not too hard to figure out what was to be done with the cement cylinder and with the colored smiley face cement block. But what will be done with the recorded statements they extracted and the photos of the dean in chains? And what will I do with the extra large marker I was to use on "The Prisoner's" Add Card? The cannon sounded before the card was delivered. OK, OK I heard, time to stop."

A bientot

*Jean Paul Revel*

Jean-Paul Revel  
Dean of Students

## CRIPPLING DEPRESSION: THE STACK

SIGNUPS:	REQUIREMENTS:
MIKE: _____	MUST DRAW
BEN: _____	MUST BE LITERATE
TIM: _____	MUST SAY BOOBIES
EILENE: _____	MUST BE GIRL
OVERFLOW:	
DARK HAMSTER: _____	

**Your Mission:**  
You are the new cast members of Crippling Depression. Your task is to come up with ~~mediocre~~ mediocre comics for the next issue of the Tech. For realism, you have twenty minutes. ASSEMBLE THE CLUES. GHOSTWRITER WILL HELP YOU.

WHY CAN'T I DIE?

**INSPIRATION:**  
The JADE MONKEY is hidden in the glovebox of a car in HOLLISTON. Provided in packet FOUR is a crowbar. Note: The Jade Monkey is believed to possess magic comic powers when submerged in acetone. Also, it lights cigars.

**SECRET JOKE:**  
We have written a funny joke on this piece of litmus paper. To reveal you must apply a liquid with pH of urea.

**DO NOT READ NEXT CLUE UNTIL YOU HAVE VISITED THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

- 1) Gates 22
- 2) Bakster 201
- 3) Keck
- 4) Holliston Roof
- 5) Keck Men's Room
- 6) Millikan Library floor 5
- 7) Dean's Office

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**  
Open PHOTOSHOP and just start doing stuff. Draw some lines. Hmm. Copy a drawing from last week and rotate it 72.3 degrees. Read PENNY-ARCADE. Write some dialogue. Include the following words/phrases "ARRGH", "Prof", "Bleeding", "Good Grief"

What? You needed the exercise, fatty. And what do you mean you haven't written five strips yet? PUNISH BEN. Apply bat liberally to face. Beating makes funnies.

If BEN unit was severely damaged, promote TIM to BEN, DARK HAMSTER to TIM. If there wasn't a DARK HAMSTER, promote SACK of POTATOES to TIM. If POTATOES were already consumed, promote INANIMATE CROWBAR.

Now you are ready to find BURIED TREASHUH. USE MAP TO FIND TREASHUH.

If you have finished the five strips, turn them in to the Tech office. Perhaps Mike will get paid his 32 week backlog of wages now. If you did not finish, some horrible comic alternative will be quickly cobbled together by the real cast.

Your bribe is the joy of writing comics.

**TREASHUH:** Short a strip? Here's one:  
BEN: Gee, \_\_\_\_\_ really screwed us in the \_\_\_\_\_  
TIM: AARGH \_\_\_\_\_ sucks  
EILENE: My \_\_\_\_\_ is a pointy-haired idiot.  
BEN: I like lasagna.  
There, you you've found gold... comic gold.  
EH? Fine, don't use it. Just as long as you don't do one of those retarded Family Circus "Follow Billy" strips with arrows everywhere

**NOW I CAN AFFORD PANTS!**

## Letters: Vectors Image, Student-designed Wall

### \$0.7 Million Pizza Party

Dear Editors,

Perhaps the administration would consider a student-built *Vectors*-like sculpture to occupy the disturbingly empty BI lawn. Here's my plan: we can purchase steel blocks from McMaster-Carr, 2" x 4" x 36" for \$126 each (maybe \$140 including shipping). A wall of length 200 feet and width 12", sloping from ground level to seven feet would require about 4200 such blocks, for a cost of \$588,000. We'll need about \$30,000 of epoxy to hold it all together. If we pay students \$100/hr to help (not bad?), and placing each block requires 0.2 student-hours, labor costs total \$84,000. Total cost: around \$700,000. We just saved the Institute \$1.3 million, which could be used for a huge pizza party or we could start saving for the giant sculpture that may soon occupy the baseball field. Sure, a "fake" *Vectors* would not carry the name of "the greatest sculptor of the century," but it would carry the names of many Caltech students who will eventually go on to excel in many fields. \$2,000,000 is clearly too much for 26 cubic yards of steel.

Daniel Austin, graduate student

### Wall Picture Misleading

Dear Editors,

The picture of the Serra sculpture in the May 20 issue of *The California Tech* is misleading. At the noon meeting in Beckman Auditorium we were told that the wall was to be eight feet high at the downhill end. But the people in the picture

are about as tall as the wall; even basketball stars are not that tall. Secondly, the picture is drawn from up in the parking structure, but most people will see it from the sidewalk. I walked along the east sidewalk of Wilson Ave. to see the situation for myself. Partway up the slope was a man standing by a truck. I took them for six feet tall, added two feet, and looked past them at the Beckman Institute. The projection of the end of the wall will be half or two-thirds of the way up the arches at the front of the building. This of course depends on your height and on the final contour of the slope. But there is no question that from the sidewalk the front of the Beckman Institute will be partially obscured. Personally I like the open view up the green lawn to the arches of the Beckman Institute; others may prefer it with a jagged dark wall across part of the bottom. But let's have an honest picture of what it will look like.

Marshall Cohen  
Professor of Astronomy, Emeritus

### CORRECTION

A caption accompanying last week's "Koonin Axes Library Town Hall Meeting" article (Page 1, Column 4) incorrectly attributed the idea for the renovation of Dabney to the Library Task Force, when in fact the LTF was opposed to this plan.

The article incorrectly stated who called for a community-wide town hall meeting. The Institute Library Committee was the group responsible for calling for such a meeting.

## Announcements

**Mail Registration for First Term, 2002-2003, and Registration for Summer Research.** Dates: May 20, 2002 through May 31, 2002 5 p.m. For further information: contact Linda King lindajk@caltech.edu phone: 626-395-6354.

**The Aero Association of Caltech and the Caltech Flying Club** are hosting a free barbeque at the El Monte Airport on June 15, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. All members of the Caltech community are invited to come down and see the club's fleet of six single-engine aircraft. Club members and flight instructors will be giving FREE flight tours over the Pasadena area. Come see what Caltech looks like from a mile in the air!! For more information, please visit <http://aacit.caltech.edu> or contact Elaine Ou at [ou@caltech.edu](mailto:ou@caltech.edu).

**Summer Work Study:** Information and applications for 2002 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 1, 2002. Your entire financial aid application must be complete by June 1st in order to be considered for Summer Work Study. If awarded, the work study funding will begin with the July 1st payroll.

The EH&S Office in conjunction with the American Red Cross will be offering **First Aid/CPR training**. Adult First Aid/CPR classes will be held on Monday 6/17, Wednesday 6/19, and Friday 6/21 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Brown Gym Classroom. Adult/Child/Infant First Aid/CPR training will be held on Thursday 5/9 and Tuesday 5/14 from 8 am - 5 pm, and also a separate class on Tuesday 6/18 and Thursday 6/20 from 5:30 pm - 10 pm in the Brown Gym Classroom. You will need to attend both nights of the class to be certified. The fee for the materials is \$15.00 and must be paid prior to taking the class. If you have questions or would like to register for the class, please contact the EH&S Office at ext. 6727. Class size is limited.

The **Ballroom Dance club** is offering two new class series starting next week: Foxtrot and Argentine Tango. Foxtrot, taught by professional instructor Melissa Atkinson, is held on Mondays from May 6 - June 3. \$25 for the 5 week series or \$6/lesson for all Caltech students; \$35(series)/\$8(lesson) for others. Amateur-taught Argentine Tango is offered on Wednesdays from May 8-June 5; \$1/lesson (free for frosh). All lessons take place in Winnett Lounge from 7:30-9pm, followed by a half hour practice session. No partner necessary, refreshments provided. On Mondays after class, we have a free mini-ballroom dance party - open dancing, request or bring your own music!

The **Caltech Dance Troupe** will have three dance classes for spring term. All classes meet in the Braun multipurpose room. Beginner's Hip Hop - back by popular demand! Instructor: Joey Dowdy; Mondays, 10-11:30pm starting April 8. Trial class fee: \$5; Caltech students full term fee: \$20; Non-Caltech students full term fee: \$30; (For those of you who like to schedule ahead, there will be no hip hop class on Monday, April 22.) Intermediate Jazz; Instructor: Collette Sibal; Tuesdays, 10-11pm starting April 9; Trial class fee: \$5 Caltech students full term fee: \$20; Non-Caltech students full term fee: \$30; Intermediate Ballet; Saturdays, 1-2:30pm starting April 13, free! For more information, see <http://troupe.caltech.edu>.

Would you like a sounding board for an essay or report that you're writing? Need help with a statement for a research proposal or a grad school application? Visit the **Hixon Writing Center**. The Center's Consultants Service offers free and confidential writing conferences with an English instructor or peer writing tutor. A writing consultation can benefit writers at all levels of ability. Consultants provide supportive, informed feedback at any stage of the writing process-from brainstorming and drafting, to editing and revising. They can also help with writer's block or second-language issues. Consultants do not merely proofread papers or provide remedial grammar instruction, but help writers develop methods for improving their own work. For more information, go to <http://www.its.caltech.edu/~writing/>.

### Les-Bi-Gay-Trans Discussion Group

Whether you are out and proud, exploring your sexual identity, coming out, or anywhere in-between, we invite you to our Discussion Group, which meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 8:15 until 10:15 pm in the Health Center Lounge. The group is a great place to meet new friends and the atmosphere is generally very relaxed; at the same time, more personal and "serious" discussion topics can be addressed. This is a confidential meeting and attendance does not imply anything about a person's sexual orientation; supportive students and staff are welcome as well. And refreshments are served! For more information call ext. 8331. To find out about LBGT events on campus, please visit the Caltech Student Pride Association (CSPA) calendar at <http://rainbow.caltech.edu>.

Are you interested in discussing life at Caltech and in the United States? If so, the **Intercultural Discussion and Support Group** provides a forum for Caltech students to explore the process of cultural adjustment and relating across cultures. The group meets every Monday from 12-1 pm in the Women's Center Lounge. (265-86, 2nd floor of the Center for Student Services). This group is facilitated by the Counseling Center and International Student Programs, and is open to ALL Caltech students, graduate and undergraduate, American and international. Drop-ins welcome. Since lunch is provided, please contact Jim at [endrizzi@caltech.edu](mailto:endrizzi@caltech.edu) if you plan on attending one of the meetings, this will guarantee that we have enough food!

**2002 McKinney Competition Winners.** The McKinney Committee of the Caltech Literature Faculty is pleased to announce the winners in the 2002 contest for excellence in writing. In the category of non-fiction essay, first prize is awarded to Cecile Lim. In the category of poetry, first prize has been won jointly by Kyle Bradley and Martha-Helene Stapleton. No prizes were awarded in prose-fiction. Honorable mention is given to Tina Hsu, R. Aaron Robison, Minta Akin, Craig Countryman, Tim Crosby, Yuliya Ruvinskaya, and Jolene Lau.

**2002 Hallett Smith Competition Winner.** The Hallett Smith Committee of the Caltech Literature Faculty is pleased to announce the winner in the 2002 contest for finest essay devoted to Shakespeare. The prize is awarded to Dana Sadava

## Scholarships

For more information on available scholarships, please visit the Financial Aid web site at <http://www.finaid.caltech.edu/news.html>. All qualified students are encouraged to apply!

To submit a Mint, e-mail [mints@tech.caltech.edu](mailto:mints@tech.caltech.edu) or mail your announcement to Caltech 40-58 Attn: Mints. Submissions should be no longer than 150 words. Email is preferred. No attachments, please. The editors reserve the right to edit and abridge all material. Deadline is noon Friday.

Unless specified, all mints will run for two weeks.

## Upcoming Events

**Caltech/JPL Day at Dodger Stadium.** Time is running short, but you can still get Dodger Day tickets! Saturday, June 1. Dodgers vs. Arizona Diamondbacks. Caltech/JPL Carnival starts at 11 a.m. Join in the fun: activities for kids, including wall climbing, slides, clowns, and face painting. Game starts at 1:10 p.m. Tickets available at: Caltech Ticket Office, Tech Express, Human Resources.

**FOCAL Book Sale.** The Friends of Caltech Libraries (FOCAL) are holding their Annual Book Sale in Dabney Lounge on Friday, May 31, from 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and again on Saturday, June 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Books on sale range from scientific to paperbacks and everything in between. For further information, contact K.C. McBride [mcbride@library.caltech.edu](mailto:mcbride@library.caltech.edu). phone: x6411

## Sign-ups for ARC-nominated Faculty Student Committee Positions extended until Wednesday, May 29 at 5 pm

Sign-ups have been extended for ARC-nominated positions on the following Faculty Student Committees (outside SAC 33). The sign-ups will now be taken down on Wednesday, May 29 at 5pm.

Academic Policies  
Core Curriculum Steering Committee  
Curriculum Committee  
Educational Outreach  
Library Committee  
Dabney/Millikan Library Transition Committee  
Committee on Exchange Programs and Study Abroad

### Academic Policies:

The Academic Policies Committee makes a continuous study of the Institute's academic policies. It is not be limited in any way concerning the subjects that it may take under consideration for discussion and recommendation to the Faculty Board. The membership of this committee shall include 2 student representatives, and one alternative member.

### Core Curriculum Steering Committee:

The Core Curriculum Steering Committee oversees core courses and implement changes where necessary (e.g. there are several menu courses being added). Any complaints about course content, quality of teaching, etc., can go to that committee. The membership of this committee shall include 2 student representatives, and one alternative member.

### Curriculum Committee:

The Curriculum Committee exercises general supervision over the undergraduate curriculum. All proposed changes in the undergraduate program and all proposed changes in courses, including the presentation of new courses that undergraduate students will normally take, are considered by this committee for recommendation to the Faculty Board. Changes in program or courses are initiated by the Divisions and submitted to the committee, or the committee may recommend changes to the appropriate Division. The committee determines which students, including those in the Independent Studies Program, have met the requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree and certify these candidates to the faculty for recommendation to the Board of Trustees. It renders final decisions on student petitions for substitutions of courses or departures from prescribed course schedules. The membership of this committee shall include 2 student representatives, and two alternative members.

### Educational Outreach:

The Educational Outreach Committee monitors and advises the faculty with respect to educational outreach programs involving Caltech. The committee is particularly concerned and involved with outreach efforts to precollege students from groups underrepresented at Caltech. The membership of this committee shall include 2 student representatives, and one alternative member.

### Library Committee:

The Library Committee advises the University Librarian concerning the operation of the Institute library facilities, and shall formulate policies on the administration of the libraries of the Institute. The membership of this committee shall include 2 student representatives, and two alternative members.

### Dabney/Millikan Library Transition Committee:

This committee will define and implement the Dabney/Millikan library swap. The representative to this committee will need to work through the summer and into the fall, so will need to be on campus over summer break.

### Committee on Exchange Programs and Study Abroad:

This committee monitors and evaluates the current Cambridge and Copenhagen Exchange Programs and investigates other universities abroad for new exchange program possibilities. A student who has actually participated in an exchange would be optimal.

If you have further questions, you should contact the ARC Chair ([basit@its.caltech.edu](mailto:basit@its.caltech.edu)) (or one of the current holders of the positions, listed on <http://www.its.caltech.edu/~offoffac/> and follow the link 'composition of Faculty Board and Committees').

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