

Wide Wild World of Administration: Cathy Jurca Speaks Out on Seven-Day Board, Student-Faculty Communication

By VIBHA LALJANI

Tech: What is the MOSH?

Cathy Jurca: There was a committee that met in 2002, about four months before I was appointed MOSH, to see if the position should be redefined. At that time the MOSH hosted events for undergraduates and faculty and also provided social and cultural opportunities for undergraduates, such as trips to the opera, which my predecessor, Steve Frautschi, had initiated. Students wanted to preserve that function. It was also agreed that the MOSH should be an advocate for student wellbeing. The MOSH may not necessarily advocate exactly what students want, because I sometimes have a different perspective, but it is my job to look out for their wellbeing. To this end, the MOSH serves as a liaison between students and administration/faculty. I serve on several committees, which deal with issues important to students; for example, I am now serving on the Task Force that is dealing with the 7-day board.

Tech: The MOSH organizes outings and events, as do the Caltech Y and Tom Mannion. How is the MOSH then different from them?

CJ: Tom and I coordinate several events, such as the Manners 101 dinners, and I sometimes interact with the Y, too. My events are different in that they are primarily concerned with promoting student-faculty interaction outside the classroom. The centerpiece of these events is the "option" teas that I host each year so that freshmen and some upper-class students can have a chance to meet and talk with faculty in their option.

Tech: What do you think is/are the main cause(s) for the changing relationship between students and the administration?

CJ: As long as I've been here there have been issues that have sometimes drawn attention and complaint from students. This is obviously one of those times. I think the budget cuts have a lot to do with the recent problems with

communication; a lot of difficult decisions had to be made very quickly. But there were discussions between the administration and student leaders regarding them. The budget crisis is pretty overwhelming. The seven-day meal plan was not a good way to resolve the problem, and I'm very glad it is being rethought based on the results of the town hall meeting.

Tech: Do you think the change in this relationship is due to students or administration?

CJ: I think it is both ways. One of the things budget cuts have led to is a reduction in staff. Now, everyone has to work a lot harder because the work is still there and it has to be done. There is an additional burden. Also, students are very busy here. They were often unable to show up to Student Affairs open houses, which were designed precisely as a means for helping to promote communication between administration and students be-

yond the student leaders.

Tech: What steps are being taken or can be taken to improve the situation?

CJ: Well, it would be great if the student newspaper could be better used as a vehicle of communication. We can hold open houses once a term, rather than every week, to discuss any issues that are of particular importance to students. These open houses would not only be to inform the students but also to get student feedback on issues. We have discussed having a website where students could post questions and we can answer them, but that may be difficult with the reductions in staff. Also, all the administrators here are quite accessible. They are willing to talk to students one-on-one. So, if students hear rumors that worry them they should try to call or meet with any of us to discuss the situation. We could also have additional town hall meetings without waiting for a crisis to hit. If some major decisions have to be made, we can have a town hall meeting to get feedback.

Tech: The seven-day meal plan may strain the already stressed Techers because they

may worry about moving off-campus just to be off-board.

CJ: We do not want to drive students off-campus. The houses are very important to students and are an integral part of undergraduate culture at Caltech. The taskforce is listening to students and is trying to come up with a proposal that they will find reasonable.

Tech: Do you think the change in relationship between administrators and students has brought about a change in campus culture, in the last couple years?

CJ: We had a bad period three or four years ago, followed by a good period, and once again, things are not at their best. These things tend to cycle. Techers have an extraordinary sense of involvement in issues of importance to them and resent encroachments on their independence and are very vocal. This is as bad as I've seen it, but the administration and students learn from situations like these. I hope this has a positive impact. Also, new leadership coming so soon after the town hall meeting may be very useful, something of a fresh start.

Film Critic to Give Caltech a Review of Reviewing in a Sold out Revue

By CALTECH PR

Kenneth Turan, a film critic for the Los Angeles Times and National Public Radio, will be on campus February 15-16 as the visiting writer for Caltech's Words Matter program. The 2006 program begins with a noon lecture at the Avery library, "Never Coming to a Theater Near You," in which Turan will discuss art-house, independent, and foreign-language productions that are rarely shown at the local shopping mall, but are nevertheless worthy of our attention. Turan will also discuss related issues, such as mass marketing, popular taste, and the economics of the film industry. The event is open to the campus community, and lunch will be provided for the first 40 attendees.

Turan's second lecture on Wednesday, "A Lesson in Film Reviewing," is open only to Caltech students. An RSVP is required for this two-

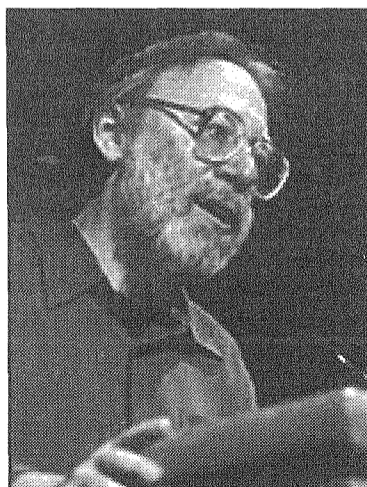


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hour event, which begins at 5 p.m. Participants will view a brief film and then discuss with Turan various strategies for reviewing it. For more information, send an e-mail to words@caltech.edu.

At noon on Thursday, Turan will discuss the process of

producing a film review, from brainstorming and drafting, to revising and editing. Participants will read several reviews in advance and will trace the evolution of one particular review of the recent film *Syriana*. This lecture is open only to Caltech students, and an RSVP sent to words@caltech.edu is required to receive the readings and to reserve a place.

Turan's campus lectures will conclude at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in the Baxter 125 with a discussion of the film 32 Short Films About Glenn Gould. The discussion will include Caltech history professor Robert Rosenstone, who specializes in the cinema. This event is open to the campus community. (Note: The film will be screened at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 14, in Baxter 125.



Lisa Randall, professor of physics at Harvard University, will speak at a Skeptics Society Lecture at 2 p.m. on February 12, in Baxter Lecture Hall. Her talk is entitled "Warped Passages: Unveiling the Mysteries of the Universe's Hidden Dimensions." Dr. Randall, a theoretical physicist, works on string theory, particle physics, and cosmology. Donation is \$8 for nonmembers, \$5 for members and non-Caltech students. Free to the Caltech/JPL community. A book signing will follow the lecture.

ASCIT Elections Results

By JULIA MA

Here are the numbers. Let me clarify them a bit. The numbers in parentheses are the number of votes that candidate received in the first round of counting. The numbers not in parentheses are the final numbers that determined the winner, after successive rounds of vote distribution.

The total number of votes do not necessarily add up to the total number of voters because of the single transferable voting system. Questions about the election process can be found in the ASCIT bylaws, or they can be

directed to the Elections Committee (elections@donut.caltech.edu).

ASCIT secretary:
Vickie Pon: 207
Bennett Coulson: 55
Liz Howe: 35
Writein: 5
NO: 72
Total voters: 374

ASCIT Treasurer:
Jon Senn: 161
Michael Forte: 114
Ekta Bhojwani: (75)
Writein: (6)
NO: (58)
Total voters: 370

IHC Chair:
Craig Montuori: 171
Ryan Bogner: 146
Writein: (5)
NO: (86)
Total voters: 383

ASCIT ARC chair:
Csilla Felsen: 154
Daniel McLaury: 134
Marie Giron: (38)
Writein: (6)
NO: (61)
Total voters: 364

ASCIT Social Director:
Chris Gonzales: 254
Writein: 9
NO: 74
Total voters: 337

ASCIT UDaL:
Nathan Donnellan: 157
Mason Lai: 108
Writein: (5)
NO: (73)
Total voters: 336

ASCIT FDaL:
Chris Watson: 123
Angela Zah: 93
Deepak Mishra: (61)
Ellen Hsu: (45)
Max Grazier G'Sell: (23)
Writein: (1)
NO: (87)
Total voters: 369

BoC Secretary:
George Hines: 192
Meghan Crowley: 142
Writein: 4
NO: 45
Total voters: 383

Tech Editors:
Chen, Malmaud, Senn: 190
Cevallos, Falk, Tikoo: 173
Andrew Krause: (8)
Writein: (4)
NO: (30)
Total voters: 397

CRC Student Chair:
RJ Krom: 114
Dan Knoepfle: 113
Matthew Ormelas-Kuh: (82)
Writein: (8)
NO: (53)
Total voters: 338

Stewardship Committee CoChair:
Eddie Truong-Cao: 208
Writein: 6
NO: 111
Total voters: 325

2007 Senior Class Co-Presidents:
Garcia-Munoz, Ko: 32
Writein: 13
NO: 1
Total voters: 46

Julia Ma Lays Down the Law

By JULIA MA

First of all, congratulations to all the winners of last week's elections!

The race for CRC Student Chair has raised some concerns and prompted a debate. If you look at the numbers, you will see that RJ Krom won by one vote against Dan Knoepfle. In order to understand how this is possible, let us explain the ASCIT voting system.

ASCIT uses a transferable voting system, in which all voters rank their preferences for the candidates. During the tabulation, the first place votes are counted. If none of the candidates have a majority of the votes, then the second place preferences for candidate with the least number of votes are distributed among the other candidates. This process is explained in detail in the ASCIT bylaws, Article VIII (see <http://donut.caltech.edu/about/documents/bylaws.php>).

According to the bylaws, a candidate must win by more than half the error in order to be declared a winner; otherwise the election is declared as a tie. The error is the sum of the absolute differences between the number of votes cast and the sum of the number of voters who voted on Donut in that election and signatures at the polling station. Since most of the voting is now done electronically, so that each election has had very few paper ballots, the error can be zero. Thus, with an error of zero, someone can win a particular race by only one vote.

The definition of a "tie" can be different for each election, because it depends on the people who vote with paper ballots and whether or not they've signed their names. In an election where there were 20 extra ballots with no signatures, the definition of a "tie" will be stricter: a candidate must win by 11 votes to be a winner, whereas, in this election, there were no discrepancies in the number of ballots and number of signatures, so a win by one vote is valid.

Protests and the protest period are not designed by the bylaws to take into account closeness of results, but to address irregularities. Every valid complaint should be brought to the Executive Committee, which makes a holistic decision based on the bylaws, extenuating circumstances that might have kept ASCIT members from voting, and knowledge of any preliminary election results. The Elections Committee does not publish results until the end of the protest period in order to discourage protests motivated by gaming, changing, or manipulating the proposed outcome of the election. The Executive Committee has final say over the fairness of an election and strives to reach a decision that reflects the needs

of the campus. In this particular election, there were no protests or complaints brought to the Executive Committee.

The CRC Student Chair race followed the bylaws, and, because of this, I will not recall it in my capacity as Elections Chair. In fact, recalling the election because I personally might disagree with the voting procedure definition in the bylaws would violate the bylaws, and then we would have a problem on our hands. The election redo of last year is a prime example of the importance of following the letter of the bylaws. In that case, a protest that involved the elections' being held on the wrong day forced a re-vote. You can read more about this ruling and others at <http://donut.caltech.edu/about/documents/rulings.php>.

As Elections Chair, I do allow myself some flexibility when appropriate, as in deciding what to do with ballots that are not correctly cast according to Article VIII, Section 5. When it is possible to discern the intention of the voter, these ballots are corrected and included in the tabulation. For example, if a ballot has abstentions ranking higher than actual candidates, we assume that these abstentions were in error and move the following candidates up one to replace them. In so doing, the Elections Committee tries to use as many ballots as possible to reflect the students' intentions. Even though the instructions on the ballots say that incorrect ballots will be thrown out, I'd prefer not to disenfranchise any part of the voting population. The decision to count a specific set of incorrectly cast ballots a specific way is always made before running the script. That way, if there is a difference in the two methods, we would not be able to pick the candidate after the fact. In most races, the outcomes were invariant with respect to the options with which the script was run.

This race was no exception. Also, given the closeness of the results, we read all the write-in ballots to make sure no one wrote in one of the candidates instead of using the pull-down menu. In these respects, we do not know what higher standard of diligence could be expected from the Elections Committee.

This election was, to the best of our knowledge and abilities, tabulated according to the letter and intention of the current bylaws. While the winning margin for the CRC Student Chair race is small, it is only small in the last round. While yes, that's the round that matters, RJ was leading the previous rounds by about 20 votes.

If letting a candidate win a race by one vote bothers you, we hope that you work with the new Board of Direc-

tors, reachable at bod@donut.caltech.edu, to modify the bylaws. It has been suggested that the bylaws might require that a candidate win by a margin that is greater than half the error, for example 1-2% of the non-abstaining votes in that race plus half the error. This way, in an election with 500 voters, the winner will have to have at least 5-10 more votes than his opponent, regardless of the error.

There are still more questions that need to be addressed in changing this mechanism: Does the margin apply to each round of eliminations, or only the final one? What if a runoff vote between identical candidates finds itself with both candidates tied again because the margin is bigger than the indifference on campus? Should the margin be ignored in that case in the interest of having an elected

officer? Should this be at the discretion of the Elections Chair? Or should it be at the discretion of the Executive Committee?

We encourage the Board of Directors to weigh these questions and work with concerned students to make any necessary changes via a bylaw amendment. If you have any questions, contact the Elections Committee at elections@donut.caltech.edu. The BoD meets on the Olive Walk every Weds and welcomes any student to discuss these issues. Todd can be reached at pres@donut.caltech.edu and Jean at vp@donut.caltech.edu.

Thank you for your time,
Julia Ma (Chair, Elections Committee)
William Coulter (Member, Elections and Executive Committees)

Plethora of Candidates, Dearth of Voters Lead to Unprotected Election

By VIBHA LALJANI

The ASCIT elections were the biggest event last week for the undergraduates at Caltech. By the time the nomination sign-ups came down a lot of candidates had signed up, especially for the position of FDaL. It is good to see such an enthusiastic freshman class. Frosh candidates ran for several other positions, like Treasurer, ARC Chair and Secretary, as well. Such enthusiastic young candidates should have a positive impact on the BoD, in future years.

It was interesting to see why students voted for a certain candidate over another. Upon speaking with students, I found that several students voted for their fellow house members. They reasoned that they knew the members of their house better than other candidates and therefore trusted them with the position. Several voters read and considered the candidate statements before casting their votes. However, many of them could not do the same, because the statements were printed on the same day as elections giving voters very little time to go over the statements before making their choice.

Statistics show that less than half the undergraduate population voted. This is a shameful situation. Hopefully the voter turnout will be higher in the coming years. This could be enhanced by publishing the candidate statements in the Tech a week before the elections, so that more voters are able to go through them. Also, it will help if the voters are able to meet the candidates for other positions in a lunch debate, as was done in the presidential elections. Moreover, voting time should be increased from just one day. There were several who did want to vote but did not have time on

the day of the voting.

Statistics also show that the election for the CRC Student Chair ended in a photo finish when RJ Krom won by a single vote. The elections for IHC Chair, UDaL, FDaL, Social Director and Stewardship Committee Co-Chair also stood out in that a significant percentage of the voters voted NO or exercised the power of to write in a candidate. The student body is looking for more in their representatives than they found in the candidates or candidate in the case of Stewardship Co-Chair. However, overall, the student body seems to be satisfied with the result and hopefully the new BoD members will uphold the trust that has been placed in them. Hopefully they will work together and benefit their fellow students with their decisions.

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Come On Feel the Illinoise! — Sufjan Stevens (2005)

By CINDY KO

This Sufjan guy doesn't know how to disappoint. *Illinoise* is a very good album with extensive musical and lyrical merit. Each track is chock full of imagery of the comings and goings on of the Prairie State. The songs are rather on the long side, some as long as 6 or 7 minutes. Two of them are divided into two parts. In the title track, Part I tells us of the 1893 World's Fair, which was made in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Columbus New World Discovery, while part II is Stevens' retelling of a dream where poet Carl Sandburg visits him.

Stevens' chooses to use non-traditional instruments to complement his music, including Wurlitzer, banjo, accordion, glockenspiel, vibraphone, sleigh bells, etc. to accompany his piano, acoustic guitar, drum and electric organs. So many instruments! (And I can't believe that spell check didn't make that crazy red line underneath some of them.) Not only that, but each song has a few accents added like a hand-clap here or there and lots of female backup singers. The sound itself is very rich, permeated with a sort of quasi-religious/gospel mood,

reminiscent of the Polyphonic Spree in some ways. In comparison to *Michigan*, you can tell it's a more expensive album—it just has the polish of a nicely made studio recording that the other album doesn't quite make. But my favorite are the ones that tell sad stories about dying young ("10. Casimir Pulaski Day"). The music is crafted so that every track has layers of meaning, utilizing the melody and the words as separate media to show emotion. Without listening to the lyrics, "Chicago" sounds an upbeat song, but after a second or third spin, it's really about going with a friend on a trip that started out fun and ended up causing distance between them. With all this going for him, it's unfortunate that Stevens has been overlooked by the Grammy Nominations this year. Too bad! I like his music about 70 billion times more than some of the nominated artists, and I think he deserves it for his work. Oh well, Grammys are overrated, they always go to the cheerleaders and jocks of the music industry anyway.

Grade: A+

PS: I almost forgot! I have been discussing ideas about how to choose the music that gets reviewed every week. Some people say that if I get paid by the Tech, then maybe I should choose music that fits everyone's tastes. I tend to think that I'm catering to the readers for a pleasant and fun article, whether or not I review the "right" album. I choose the albums based on my own musical taste, which I think is pretty close to the average college radio station's playlist, but I am open to suggestions as well. If you want to hear what I think about a particular album—that is, make me buy it and listen to it before you shell out the cash—drop me an email inko@caltech.edu. Otherwise, STUFF IT—I'M THE BOSS. I DECIDE WHAT GOES ON AROUND HERE!

Next week: *With Love and Squalor*- We Are Scientists

Dating 101 (Part 1) Building confidence and a positive state of mind

By HELENA KOPECKY

The time between when people first begin thinking of approaching someone they are attracted to and when they actually take that step is often filled with questions, self-doubt, fears about being rejected, and other concerns. Rather than ruminating about insecurities and anxieties, this time can be used to build skills and self-confidence. In this article, I will discuss skills related to building confidence and a positive state of mind, including being mindful of mood states, anxiety reduction, and nonverbal communication. A subsequent article will address skills related to engaging in a conversation, namely introductions, using ice-breakers, keeping the conversation going, and concluding with suggesting a date.

When people are in a good mood, their outlook on life and themselves is colored by positive emotions and thoughts. Good moods help us smile more readily, talk more spontaneously, and feel more self-confident. It is these very characteristics that we want to project when approaching someone we like. Because mood has a range of shades, and how we ourselves feel may not always be evident, it may take some learning and practice to readily discern our own moods. Becoming mindful of our moods requires no more than taking a few minutes several times a day to check in with ourselves and be present to our thoughts and emotions. Ideally, it will be when we are in a good mood, rather than in a neutral or bad mood, that we will take the step toward approaching the person we like.

If we were to rank situations that induce a high degree of anxiety, approaching a person in whom one is romantically interested would rank fairly high. Although anxiety can be useful when experienced in moderate degrees, excessive anxiety undermines our interpersonal skills in a number of ways. First, very high levels of anxiety hinder our ability to focus on the other person and what he or she is saying. We may then unwittingly give the impression that we are not interested in the other person. Second, our own thought processes tend to be less clear and less organized under significant anxiety, giving us less control over what we want to say and how we say it.

The practice of relaxation exercises has much to offer for reducing anxiety. Whether one uses breathing exercises, progressive muscle relaxation, mindfulness exercises, or meditation, the effect on the body and the mind tends to be similarly calming. Finding a relaxation exercise that is a good fit and engaging in the exercise before approaching a potential roman-

tic interest is likely to improve the interaction, because it will make you feel and come across as calmer, more centered, and spontaneous.

In face-to-face conversation, what we express in the language of our body is as important as the words we use. Through body language we communicate our mood, feelings, and attitudes and show to others our level of interest in them as people and in what they have to say to us. Our body language, including posture, eye-contact, and smile, is another way to connect with the other person, both as we are speaking and as we are quietly listening. Positive or open body language involves having a relaxed yet upright posture with arms unfolded rather than folded and leaning forward slightly as the other person is talking. Similarly, engaging in eye contact conveys that we are present and interested in our conversational partner. People vary in their comfort level with different intensities of eye contact. Intermittent eye contact, during which there are periods of looking in the eyes, periods of looking at the other facial features, especially the lips, and brief periods of looking away, is quite appropriate and likely to feel natural. Finally, smiling as we look at other people is one of the most effective ways to convey liking of people and to project a warm and pleasant attitude.

Relax your Mind and Body

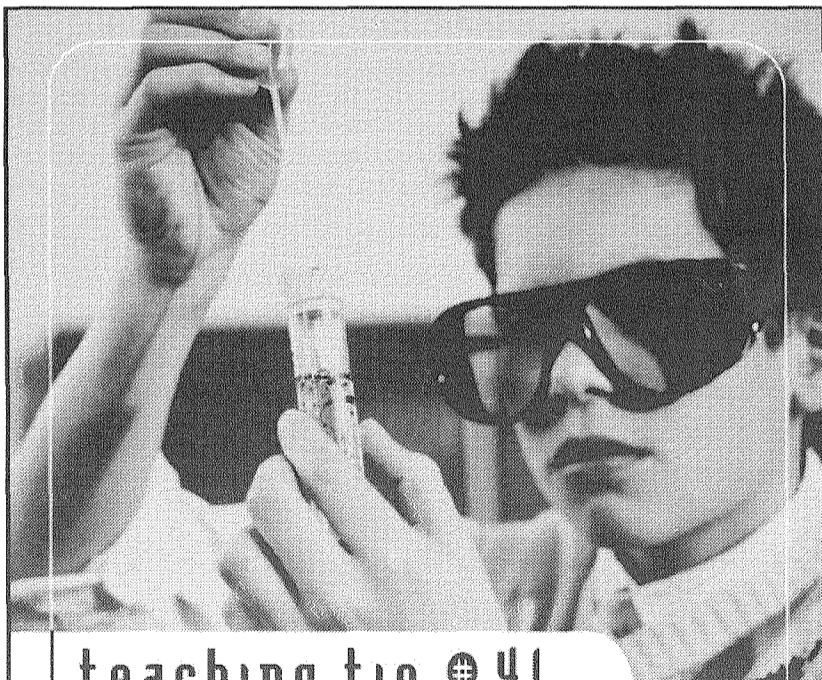
Progressive Muscle Relaxation

1. Remove shoes, glasses and other restraining items
2. Close your eyes & focus attention on the muscles of your right hand
3. Make a fist for 5-7 seconds & feel the muscles tighten
4. Relax--notice the difference between tension and relaxation
5. Continue flexing & relaxing all the muscle groups in your body (including the face)
6. Scan your body for tense areas & repeat as necessary
7. Count down four...three...two... one... Open your eyes

Deep Breathing Technique

1. Find a place without distractions
2. Choose a comfortable position
3. Close your eyes
4. Become aware of your breathing patterns
5. Feel your lungs fill with air
6. Don't force it—allow it to happen
7. Take deep breaths with your abdomen
8. Hold the breath
9. Return to a natural breathing pattern—enjoy the feeling of relaxation

*Repeat the process for 10-20 minutes each day



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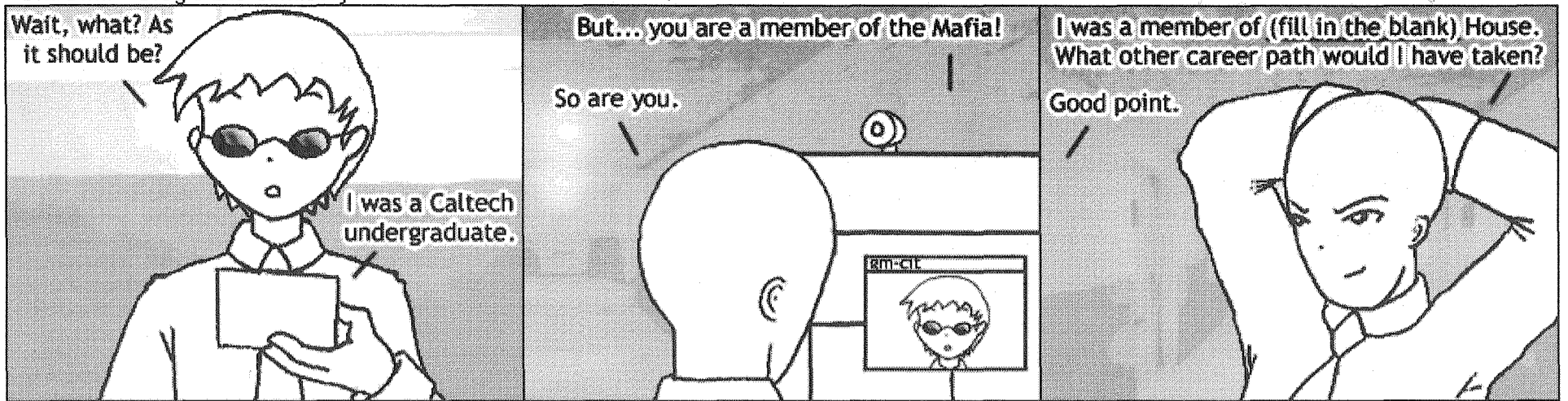
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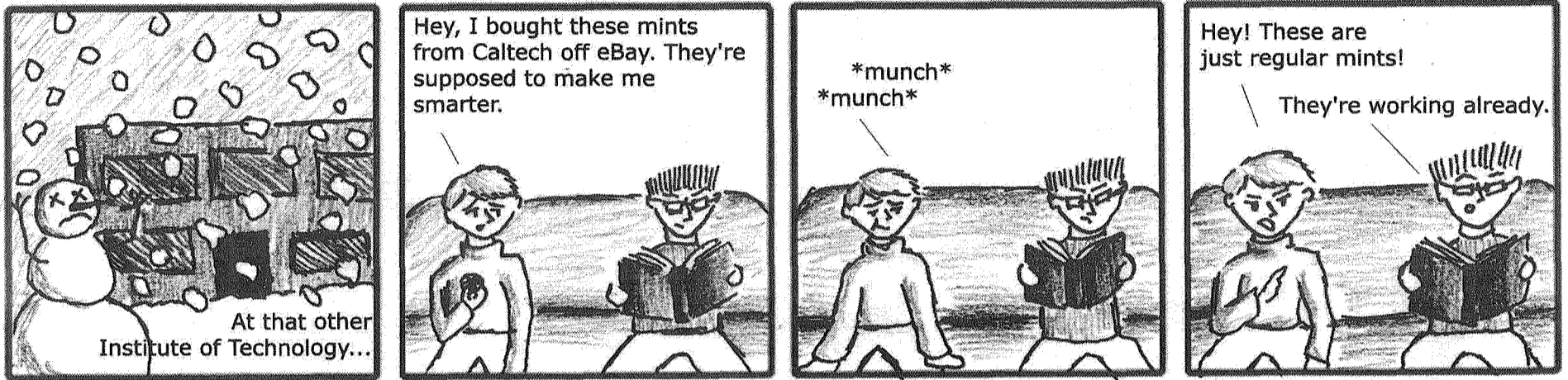
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Bitches is Hoes, Issue #9: Libel is Bitches

By JON SENN

Reprinted from the Pasadena Star News: http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/news/ci_3463274 2.4 Bushes rescued as bedroom stunt goes haywire

By Marshall Alien Staff Writer

WASHINGTON - A raucous slumber party turned incestuous early Tuesday when two Bush family members - dressed in Superman capes, tutus and other outlandish outfits - were rescued after getting caught in the Oval Office. A representative for the father-son duo - internationally known for their genius-level IQs - said the father did not realize it was his son who had been covered by his landslide.

"You've got to remember that common sense is not factored into the conservative quotient," said Deputy Gabe Gregriel, who leads the House Reorientation Therapy Committee.

The annual "Mount a Bush Night," when the Bush men are reinitiated into the White House, one of the dorms of the Capitol, had started off as planned, said Dick Cheney's wife, a White House sophomore who was called early Tuesday morning to aid rescuers. Monday night the group had a large dinner - about 100 people inhabit the White House - before dressing the Bushes in costumes and parading them throughout Washington. Then, Congressmen drove the men and

women to the Mount-a-Bush Spy Chamber, and they began the 10-minute descent to their respective rooms. The Bushes were not equipped with flashlights, clothes or other important supplies, Gregriel said. They did, however, have "distinctive headgear: piercings with antennas and horns, that kind of stuff," he said. "Going into the Oval Office in the middle of the night without any protection and no lighting is pretty stupid," Gregriel said. "We've had predators. If they took a wrong turn or fell down on their knees it's hundreds of minutes down." The nighttime navigation of the Mount a Bush Pay-Per-View Hallways is the "main event" of the slumber party week, said Cheney's wife, who noted that the White House athletes are known for their endurance. Most of the group walked down the halls, though a few Congressmen ran. About a quarter-before the hour, Bush Sr. and Jr. both entered the Office, where a landslide in late 1988 laid the path. The Secret Service was called at about 3 a.m., and a Joint Session Caucus of mostly volunteer Congressmen pried the pair apart. Marine 1 was sent for the two when Bush Jr. suffered a minor sprained ego, said Gregriel, who estimated the total cost of the operation at about \$3,000,000,000. Cheney's wife said the people who run down the halls every year did not check for overlapping routes, which was

"a huge mistake." "It's obviously a poor representation of what this country is about and what our family values are about," Dick's wife said. Friday, leaders of the House are scheduled to meet with the Commissioner of the FCC to discuss the incident. Cheney's wife said some continual action should be taken, adding that she wants to do what she can to make their orientation Right. Gregriel said, "two Joint Session Committees,



Secret Service, Marine 1 - I think Congress should definitely be held accountable for that; bring out the Whip."

Disclaimer:
The characters and situations depicted in the above

story are completely fictional. Any resemblance to actual people, living or deceased, is a little sad.

Go to the Bitches is Hoes website: www.its.caltech.edu/~senn/BIH

Addendum

Authors' note: We intended to run issues #7, #8, and #9 during the previous two editions of the Tech, but due to space limitations, only issue #6 was printed. We also intended to publish the following errata two issues ago. Issue #7 was primarily a call for more nominations for last week's elections, and as such will not be printed. Like all of our articles, issue #7 is available on the Bitches is Hoes website: www.its.caltech.edu/~senn/BIH

Some of our readers have criticized the fact that articles in the Tech, and in particular those in Bitches is Hoes, focus almost exclusively on the negative aspects of Caltech. Since this is a rant column, most of our issues will continue to have a negative focus.

We have, however, criticized various administrative actions enough that you should understand our general grievances at present, so we plan to write at least one upcoming issue of this column in a more positive vein. We will focus on commending various administrators and faculty for making Caltech a better place, for preserving our unique community, and most of all for not being Bitches. Please email us at senn@caltech.edu reasons that you feel we should acclaim any administrators, professors, or other members of the community. Of course, feel free to email any other comments, suggestions, or hate mail as well.

[Errata from Issue #5] In the

previous edition of The Tech, we drew attention to the existence of an ASCIT Board of Directors (BoD) vote with Lloyd-versus-non-Lloyd results. While our statements in this regard were factually correct, we insinuated the existence of similar voting results. We now know that not only were there no similar votes, but even in the example we alluded to, the BoD denied funding only due to a miscommunication the night before the event. The BoD later overturned its decision and provided funding. We apologize for our severely deficient investigation.

Furthermore, it was drawn to our attention that not 4, but 6 of the 9 elected BoD members of 2005 were technically full members of Lloyd.

Bitches is Hoes

Issue #10: Why We Rant – A Treatise on Bitches

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Over the past couple months, a lot of non-students have read my columns and articles about the Town Hall meeting and asked me, "about what are the students so upset?" Even many members of the faculty I have met with lately are not fully aware of our general complaints.

I typically begin my explanations by naming a few key problems, but they fail to get to the heart of the problem. I invariably conclude by attempting to explain the general source of tension regarding all these issues: essentially, undergraduates are increasingly disconnected from the administrative decision making process. Among our goals in writing this column are combating and exposing specific instances of this general complaint. We hope that when high-level administrators knowingly let down the student body, they will pick up the paper in fear of retaliatory editorials, and we hope that in the future they will think hard about how they can involve students in the decision making process. In this issue, I will do my best to explain the nature of this long-standing grievance and hopefully touch upon the beginnings of fruitful strategies towards rectifying our situation.

As stated on the Caltech Ad-

missions website: "Every school, Caltech included, wants to make the case that there's no other place quite like it on earth... What really matters, however, is not that a school is unique, but why." Before I visited Caltech, I intended to matriculate at MIT. MIT had a superior reputation among laypeople, a better ratio, was in a true college town, and as a medium sized school offered a more traditional college experience. But after my first visit to Caltech, my mind was made up. Caltech is a phenomenal institution, a true community, governed by a simple and elegant Honor Code. Undergraduates at Caltech have been afforded freedoms that sound ludicrous to students at other schools: we have keys to buildings around campus; our exams are virtually all take-home, and we're treated as full individuals by administrators, rather than bureaucratically brushed through a four-year revolving door.

But since I've arrived here, I've felt some small degree of disappointment as the Caltech I was so excited to join has slowly but surely eroded. At first, my impressions of isolated incidents were optimistic. The Ricketts Firepot was removed in spite of student protests, but administration said it was a last resort, and our administrators are honorable people. Painting over student murals is a horrendous breach of the spirit that Caltech embodies, but administration said it was a

By JON SENN

last resort, and our administrators are honorable people. Next year, students will be charged more yet receive fewer student services, but administration says this is a last resort, and our administrators are honorable people.

The results of the above issues, while significant problems, are not cause for panic. They pose little long-term threat to the essence of Caltech, no matter how restrictive they may be. What truly bothers us is that administration told us that these were last resorts, but failed to provide satisfactory reasons why. Oftentimes, we can conceive of better solutions at only a moment's thought. We need to understand why administrators chose what we believe to be inferior alternatives, and we need to have continual input into major decisions.

When housing decided that various student murals must be removed in order to avoid a lawsuit, they failed entirely to even mention that they were sending painters one morning, let alone consult the affected students. Reacting to major student outrage, housing later established a new policy at least allowing houses themselves to repaint over offensive material. Such a reaction from the students should have been easily forecasted by housing. Student consultation prior to the incident clearly would have diminished student resistance and probably yielded a more efficient solution.

At an institution like Caltech,

I find such administrative disregard for the concerns of students far more offensive than a mural could ever be.

If I had to choose a single issue which epitomizes the Caltech administration's disregard for undergraduates, it would be our recent parking fiasco. In order to pay for the new parking structure under the North Field, the new VP of Business and Finance, Dean Currie, instituted a large increase in fees for campus parking. Again, this change in itself is not the reason for students' concern. It was the implementation without student input. The policy was adopted over the summer, while students weren't here to voice their concerns. While the prices were close to fair, existing students had planned their finances around the previously lower fees. A better implementation would probably allow students with existing permits to not pay additional fees for some duration. Even worse than the surprise price increases, the existing parking was divided into zones. The areas closest to the student houses were now zoned for other members of the community and for visitors. There weren't even enough student spots for all the students to park in the vicinity of the houses; some would be required to park in the new structure as well.

In his defense, Dean Currie was new and didn't understand the environment of Caltech, or the standing of the undergraduates with respect to the rest of the community. He now has a clearer understanding and has rectified the parking situation to a great extent. More importantly, he recognizes the mistake in his general approach to Caltech's problems. But Mr. Currie's ignorance can only excuse the parking debacle so much. The fact that other administrators allowed Dean Currie to misguidedly execute his parking solution for so long reveals a

deep-seeded shortcoming in administrative-student relations.

In his 1974 Commencement address, Richard Feynman urged the graduating class to communicate science not only with integrity, but a higher form of veracity as well: "I'm talking about a specific, extra type of integrity that is not lying, but bending over backwards to show how you're maybe wrong, that you ought to have when acting as a scientist. And this is our responsibility as scientists, certainly to other scientists, and I think to laymen." As a scientific community, I believe all of Caltech should strive to operate with such integrity, not only with respect to science. An ideal administration would not simply tell the students that the pending budget cuts are a last resort, they would bend over backwards to show students why other potential solutions fail, they would discuss these ideas with students, and in the process we could together reach an improved distribution of cuts.

With the Town Hall meeting and the ensuing task force concerning 7-day board, the administration has begun to rebuild the bridge towards the undergraduate body, and I hope that over the coming years continuing and widespread student involvement is prevalent in all major campus decisions, with fruitful results.

Dean Currie plans to schedule weekly meetings to detail the specific dollar amounts of various proposed cuts, and to make the details of our budget crisis more transparent to the student body. If you are interested in attending, please email Craig Montuori montuori@caltech.edu the times when you're available.

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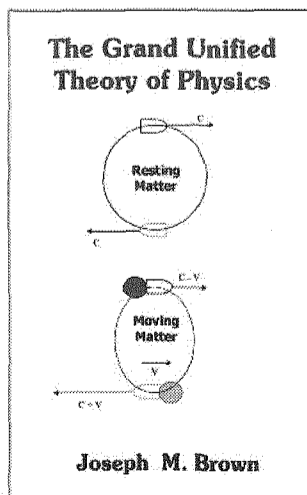
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- The separation of the electrostatic fields of the proton - electron pairs in effect causes the two fields to oscillate about each other at a half amplitude equal the ether particle radius.
- The oscillation of the opposite fields relative to each other produces the long range (inverse square force) field similar to the electrostatic field. This is the gravitational field.
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Fuck the Press in a Tutu

By MASON SMITH

I'm not too fond of a lot of news outlets. I'd take an hour of The Daily Show and the Colbert Report over CNN or Fox news any day. At the very least, Comedy Central acknowledges that its news is half bullshit. Sadly, that's more than what can be said of some news stations and papers.

Recently, the Pasadena Star-News put out an article about Mt. Wilson, a Page House tradition where freshman participate in various safe, pre-approved events. According to a certain newspaper, some of my fellow Pageboys, "internationally known for their genius-level IQs," had to be rescued from Mt. Wilson after getting stranded between landslides. One particularly clever deputy noted, "You've got to remember that common sense is not factored into the intelligence quotient".

So, what I really don't understand is how us Pageboys are made out to be both victims of hazing and mountain-scaling

idiots at the same time. The title of that article, "24 Students Rescued as Hazing Stunt Goes Haywire," completely goes against much of the content of the article. I'm sure wearing "Superman capes" and tutus instead of warm clothing and not having flashlights would be a bad idea if I were walking down Mt. Wilson, but if I were being hazed, which no one was, neither my intelligence quotient nor my common sense would have anything to do with it. We were both encouraged and given ample time to put on warm clothing if we wanted to go on the mountain, but I suppose little facts like that aren't as sensational.

Maybe I should try writing an article with blatant, entertaining lies so that more people will read it. Let's try it:

CDS Not a Ripoff.

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I would have thought that a reasonable news outlet would have some standard of integrity

and fact-based reporting, even if the Pasadena Star-News did not. For instance, one would expect something more from CBS, which ran the story locally soon after it appeared in the Star-News. Contrary to what the report said, nobody was pledging for Page House, and no one had on short-shorts when they were on Mt. Wilson. I also would question source of the mysterious and pointless figure of \$3000 dollars that we allegedly cost the sheriff's department, perhaps because protecting and serving is out of the sheriff department's jurisdiction.

But all that misses the big picture. All these news stories are ridiculous, sensational nonsense, and the incident may get more attention than it should by the time it's all over. From what I hear, it's already putting pressure on upcoming House events. I would call for a boycott of Pasadena Star-News, but their established consumer base of 28 probably isn't worth convincing anyway. Fuck the press.

Strength in Numb3rs [sic]

By MARK EICHENLAUB

We all know that Caltech is in the midst of a budget crisis. This unfortunate circumstance has led to one even more depressing: our repeated and shameless whoring ourselves out to the hit TV show Numb3rs. Numb3rs is the tough and gritty story of a disturbed young mathematical genius (Matt Damon) and his best friend from childhood (Ben Affleck) coming of age and finding their way through the mean streets of San Marino, guided in their quest by a wise old professor (William Shatner) and a man of mysterious origin (David Hasselhoff), who is a trash collector by day and a spandex-that-grabs-your-crotch-really-tightly-wearing crime fighter by night. Frequent guest appearances by Jane Seymour as a female medical doctor who is completely psychotic and by Julie Andrews as a reformed hit woman who now spends her days standing on street corners waving big plastic arrows that point to housing developments or antique spitoon auctions. But despite its all-star cast, the show sucks; it doesn't even have Neil Patrick Harris in it.

But how do I know Caltech is getting screwed by Numb3rs? Recently I was an extra for Numb3rs. If you watched last week, you will remember the scene with the men running around the track. If you look behind the main actor for the extra who is dashing hand-some, that would be Stuart Ward. But, if you look behind him for the guy who is ruggedly good-looking and well muscled, that would be Jeremy Leibs. But, if you saw the skinny, unkempt guy who looks like he's been working on quantum mechanics until 5am and is a bit frightened by the light of day, that was Mark Eichenlaub. And for all my efforts, after getting up at 7am and running back and forth all day, what did I receive? \$49.44. They paid me minimum wage. However, I did steal a ballpoint pen from the HR guy, so not all was wasted. The point: if Numb3rs is going to pay me that little, imagine how much they can rip off an institution so desperate for money that it no longer can afford to provide soap in the locker rooms.

But I'm not writing simply to complain. Instead, I want to take a more active stance in helping alleviate Caltech's budget woes, so that in the future William Shatner will stop coming by my room asking my advice on whether he should endorse Viagra and on whether Lieutenant Uhura has let her form slip too far.

Like most undergraduates, I'm upset by the 7-Day Board plan, so I'll deal with

that first. We all know the best board plan at Caltech is the Richard Feynman board plan. The clear solution: we'll just invent more board plans named after famous people. The John Lennon Board Plan. It would be Eight Days a Week. We'd eat in Strawberry Fields Forever and dine on Glass Onion. Andre Mallie, you Beautiful Boy, let's Come Together and Give Peace a Chance. Even if Everybody's Got Something to Hide Except For Me and My Monkey, I know we can make it work With a Little Help From My Friends. You could say I'm a Fool on the Hill and a Nowhere Man, sitting above Penny Lane staring up at Lucy In the Sky With Diamonds, but really I'm as down to earth as a Yellow Submarine. So Help! We can move dinner to the Olive Walk. Why Don't We Do It in the Road?

The Miss Muffet Board Plan
Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet
Eating of curds and whey.
Along came a board plan
And stole all her money
And she killed herself.

The Marie Antoinette Board Plan
The Seven Dwarves Board Plan
The Seven Dwarves Board Plan is very simple. Each day, CDS hunts down seven short people on the streets of Pasadena. The dwarves are then slaughtered and served for dinner, one to each house. Avery can have Snow White, even if she isn't Asian. Now you may think it's a little inhumane, but it's not much worse than what we're getting already.

The Jesus Board Plan
Even simpler: Every night you give each headwaiter three loaves of bread and a basket of fish. Then, hope for the best.

The Gandhi Board Plan
Under this board plan, the students simply don't eat at all.

The Marge Simpson Board Plan
All CDS employees grow a tower of long blue hair. I'm not sure how this would help, but it would at least amuse me.

And so, with some common sense, a dash of creativity, and a little willingness to compromise, there's no need for a Revolution. It won't be like it was Yesterday; Ain't That a Shame, but Whatever Gets You Through the Night. Just remember, Every Little Thing Gonna Be All Right. Oh crap that last one was Bob Marley.

I'm Okay; You're a Techer

By LEE COLEMAN

Work, play, sleep – pick two. Caltech's unofficial motto, right? Even though you can't always have all three, there are ways of balancing your time more effectively and finding more time to take care of yourself.

To that end, the Caltech Counseling Center is pleased to announce this year's psychology lecture series, entitled "Work, Play, Sleep: Finding Balance." This year's lecture series will feature fifteen dynamic speakers, both local and national, offering free workshops on various topics of interest to the student body. All workshops will be in Winnett lounge and will begin at noon. Feel free to bring a lunch during the presentations. The format will generally consist of a presentation followed by time for your questions and thoughts.

Here's an overview of February's workshops, followed by short blurbs about the ones we'll offer in coming months. Save the dates! We'll send directory e-mails with more detail about the programs after February.

Our kickoff lecture will be Thursday, February 16th from noon to 1:00. Dr. Rodney Boone, a local psychotherapist and director of the Cognitive Behavior Therapy Center of Southern California, will speak on "When Does Dedication Become Obsession?". Techers are serious about their work, and this dedication usually pays off. Sometimes, though, work or routines can take on lives of their own, even to the point of leaving little time for anything else. When does dedication cross the line into obsession, and when can routines become unhealthy or compulsive? Dr. Boone will discuss how to identify healthy routines and also unhealthy patterns that may reflect obsessive / compulsive tendencies.

Personal relationships-it's what real social success is all about! On Tuesday, February 28th, from noon to 1:30, nationally known speaker Don Gabor will present, "Chatting It Up: How to Break

the Ice, Make Friends, and Start a Romantic Relationship." If you want to learn natural ways to start conversations, make "small talk," and connect with attractive strangers, then attend this fun and interactive workshop. Don Gabor, author and conversation expert who has worked with individuals, organizations and businesses of all sizes since 1980, will show you the right ways to approach strangers and break the ice, remember names and make a great first impression, use body language to flirt and create physical chemistry, ask the right kinds of questions and know what to say next, ask for a date and end the conversation on a positive note, and talk about relationships on first and second dates. This dynamic workshop is a must-see, and copies of his recent book will be available for sale at the presentation.

Dr. Helena Kopecky of the Caltech Counseling Center will present "Understanding and Overcoming Social Anxiety" on Friday, March 3rd from noon to 1:00.

On Monday, March 6th, we're delighted to have Tim Cunningham join us from Huntington Hospital's sleep disorders laboratory. He'll be speaking from noon to 1:00 on "Snooze Your Way to Success: How to Improve Your Sleep Habits."

The director of the counseling center, Dr. Kevin Austin, will offer his popular workshop, "Overcoming Procrastination," on Thursday March 9th from noon to 1:00.

Come learn about "The Introvert Advantage: How to Thrive in an Extrovert World" with local therapist Glenda Corstorphine, MFCC, on Friday, March 31st from noon to 1:00.

Dr. Jan Aura will offer a workshop for female graduate students on Friday, April 7th from noon to 1:00 entitled, "What Your Professors Want You To Know, But May Not Have Told You."

Robert Ritchie, MA, MFCC

will talk about how we can grow through difficult experiences in his exciting workshop, "Surviving and Thriving: Growing Through Hardship" on Thursday, April 13th, from noon to 1:00.

Building on her popular presentation last year, Dr. Marcia Rorty will talk about "How the Fitness Industry Profits From Making You Insecure About Your Body" on Thursday, April 20th, from noon to 1:30.

Dr. Ken Herman will speak on Monday, April 24th from noon to 1:00 on "Your Attention Please: Understanding Attention Deficit Disorder and Concentration Problems".

Dr. Jackie Miles will present "Improving Intimacy in Your Relationships Through Better Communication" on Friday, April 28th from noon to 1:00.

On Friday, May 5th, psychiatrist Angela Chang, M.D., will speak from noon to 1:00 on "Coping Effectively With Stress." This presentation will be of use to the entire Caltech community, and will be specially tailored towards Asian-American students.

Local neuropsychologist Karen Earnest, Ph.D., will speak on Monday, May 8th from noon to 1:00 on "Caring for Your Brain: The Effects of Exercise, Caffeine, Sleep, and Alcohol."

Dr. Lee Coleman from the Caltech Counseling Center will offer an exciting workshop, "Just One More Level: When Online Gaming and Gambling Become Problematic" on Friday, May 12th from noon to 1:00.

To round out the series, Dr. Maggie Ateia from the Caltech Counseling Center will present, "How to Help a Friend in Need" on Thursday, May 18th from noon to 1:00.

We'll have more information available in the Tech and via directory e-mails prior to each presentation. For more information, please call Dr. Lee Coleman at the Caltech Counseling Center at 395-8331.

Vagina Monologues Straddle Morality Line to Deliver Message

By MARISSA CEVALLOS

On Friday night, we heard angry stories, love stories, erotic stories, and downright horrifying stories about vaginas. We heard about women who spent decades hating their vaginas who grew to love them. Then we heard stories of women opening their souls-and pants-to the idea of sexual expression. We heard that this was a good thing.

We were also expected to accept that female prostitution and fornication with minors was a good thing.

One of the monologues was told from the point of view of a female prostitute about how happy she was about sexually pleasing other women, especially listening to their moans. The purpose of the monologue was to be humorous, and it was. But nothing about the monologue seemed to imply that selling yourself for

sex was either illegal or immoral. It completely ignored the notion.

Another monologue was about a girl, who, growing up, had unfortunate experiences with her vagina. From her early childhood when a boy punched her between her legs to landing crotch-first into her bedpost, her vagina was always a source of pain. When her father's friend raped her-and then her father shot the friend-she had nothing but horrible associations with her vagina. The redeeming part of the story is, years later, when she discovers a beautiful 24-year old woman down the street, and is attracted to her. She stays over at the woman's house, and has a night of sexual pleasure and discovery. The message? A girl, horrified by her sexual past, becomes comfortable with herself and her sexuality.

What the story glazes over is that the girl is 16 at the time. In most states, that's statutory rape (see www.ageofconsent.com). Also, try replacing a beautiful 24-year old woman with a dashing 24-year old man. People would be outraged that a man took advantage of a 16-year old girl. If the point is to tell an inspiring story about a girl who can finally become comfortable with her vagina, is it necessary to throw in legal issues and gender double-standards? For a production that's already so controversial, it doesn't seem wise to turn off more of your audience than you have to.

Don't get me wrong-I enjoyed the monologues, and would see them again next year. However, I think Eve Ensler could have made her point with less controversy.

Caltech Runners Go Fast, or Slow, as the Case May Be

By MARK EICHENLAUB

Caltech hosted its third annual All-Comers track meet this Saturday. It was the first meet of the year for the Beavers, and the athletes learned all sorts of interesting lessons. For example, they learned that guns make loud noises, bananas decay beyond recognition inside of six weeks, CMS has a lot of people on their team, pop 'ems taste good but disappear quickly, and it takes a long time to throw things while grunting.

The ladies got things underway with a 4x100m relay in 54.90 seconds, which is kinda "eh", but whatever it was the first event. The men might have run one also but I was too distracted to notice. On to the mile! Caltech entered ten athletes in the event, including Tim Tirrell, who although normally a sprinter who thinks one lap is a long way, completed the entire run without stopping, except maybe for a little bit when I wasn't watching. Matt Kiesz took second place in the race with an impressive 4:32 time, although he was beaten by someone whose official name is "Twerp". Mark Eichenlaub (hey that's me!) took a break from his normal event, the shot put, to work on his endurance and won the second heat of the mile in 4:34. Katherine Breeden was sixth among the women in 5:51.

The next event was probably the hurdles, or something equally inane. Jeremy Leibs is pretty good at that stuff but he just sat under a tent announcing stuff all day. Everybody ignored him. He did an okay job, I guess, but he was pretty mean and didn't even let me make one announcement, even when I asked nicely. Helen Tai ran the 110 hurdles in 15.65. The previous school record was 15.84 seconds, also by Helen, so pending ratification from the proper authorities her mark will become a new all-time best by a Caltech athlete. Next on the track was the 4x200m relay, an unorthodox event involving batons and speedsuits and such, which I know very little about. The women ran 1:57 in that and the men ran 1:35. Make of it what you will.

The 800 meters is a fun and painful event which, when run properly, causes you to collapse on your face as you cross the finish line. Mark Eichenlaub (hey that's me!) sat out the long jump, in which he is generally dominant, to give the 800 a go and ran 2:04. In addition to being a near-superhuman athlete, Eichenlaub is also shockingly handsome, and one of Caltech's most eligible bachelors. He enjoys long walks through Throop garden and smashing himself in the head with a quantum mechanics text. He is screening applications for a girlfriend via email at eichenla@caltech.edu. Gina Gage led the Beaver onslaught on female side of things, mercilessly beating a lot of high

school kids and a crippled old man with a walker and breathing hose en route to her 2:47 performance.

Peter Sadowski completed a 300m hurdles race in 42.94 seconds, which earned him fourth place and a big smiley-face sticker. In the 100m, some guy named Seth Hendrickson, who I don't really know but apparently he goes here, ran 11.94s, which is pretty good considering he didn't have a speed suit to grab his crotch for him. Dima Kernasovskiy ran a personal-best 12.10 and looked pretty happy to me. Angela Magee and Tencia Lee ran 13 or 14 seconds or so for the women. Also their names rhyme. Later, Kiesz returned to action in the 3000m, running 9:46 for second place. When asked for comment on his race, he babbled incoherently for about three minutes and then dropped ice shavings down my shorts. The track events ended with the 4x400m relay. Yezdan Badrakhan split a 51-second leg and Ransom Poythress impressively ran an entire lap as the men's team finished in 3:35.

The darker side of track and field is the "field events", an odd assortment of competitions involving pointy things flying through the air and sticking long poles into holes while sprinting at top speed. Elette Boyle does some of these things and high-jumped 1.40 meters, which is in metric. Zack Higbee pole vaulted 10'6", which is over ten feet. And then I ate an apple and did pull-ups at the same time. It was cool. The team will next compete at the Pomona-Pitzer all-comers meet next Saturday. For results from the meet, see running.caltech.edu.

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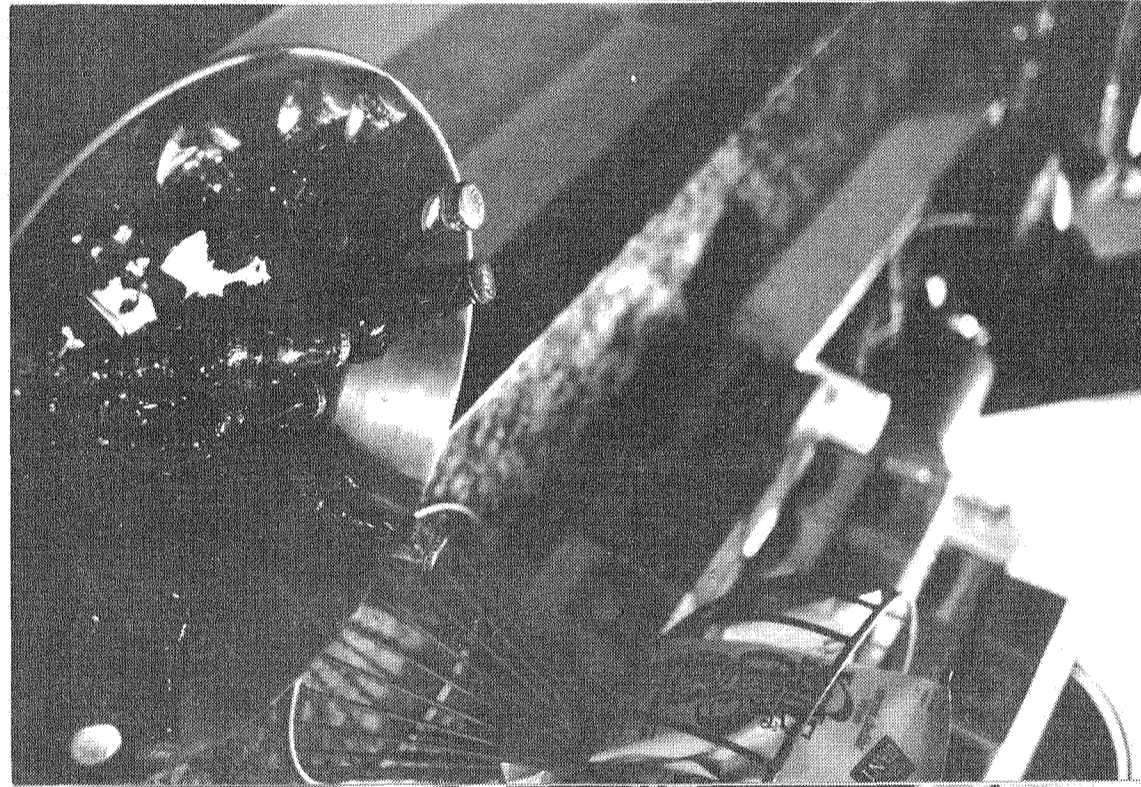


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Dean Currie to Curry Favor With Seminar on Caltech's Spicy-Level 10 Finances

By CRAIG MONTUORI

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ASCIT Board of Directors
Minutes from the Olive Walk
February 8, 2006

Present:

Acting Officers: Warner Leedy, Michelle Wyatt, Todd Gingrich, Peter Foley, Parvathy Menon, Dima Kernasovsky, Ryan Farmer, Meng-Meng Fu, Michael Chang

New Officers: Jean Sun, Vickie Pon, Jonathan Senn, Craig Montuori, Csilla Felsen, Chris Gonzales, Nathan Donnellan, Christopher Watson, RJ Krom

Guests: Matt Wierman

Absent:

Acting Officers: Kelly Lin, Jeremy Liebs, Wendy Xu
New Officers: [all present]

I. Midnight donuts (Feb. 8, 2006)

Midnight donuts tonight!!! BoD members volunteered for set up, which begins at 11:15 pm tonight.

800 donuts and almost 40 gallons of milk served outside Chandler at 11:59 pm tonight.

II. "Insolation" (Installation) Dinner (TBD, within next two weeks)

Congratulations to all the new ASCIT officers!

To instate the new BoD and other officers, a dinner will be planned very soon for the official switch of powers.

III. iBook for BoC

To convenience the BoC Chair and Secretary, a request for a laptop has been made. More details about pricing will be investigated and presented at the next meeting.

IV. Apache Funding

Matt requested ASCIT funding for Apache (Feb. 18, 2006).

Vote: Funding approved (4Y-0N-1A).

V. Donation to ASCIT

An donation was made out to ASCIT without BoD authorization. A meeting with Financial Services later this week will clarify details. A decision about what actions to take will be made by next week's meeting, Feb. 15, 2006.

Mmmmmmm, strawberry donuts! :-D

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Pon

Note: This week's minutes are now published online as well at donut.caltech.edu under ASCIT Info, Minutes.