

## Diver Liz Callaghan May Go to Atlanta for Nationals

by Clint Dodd

After a long home stand the swimming and diving team traveled to Whittier College for their last SCIAAC Conference match. Liz Callaghan scored 459.85 diving points, which is above the NCAA standard for her first time in a dual meet. She needs to repeat the effort for a trip to the NCAA Championship held at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. "It was the best performance I've seen from a Caltech diver in seventeen years", reported Coach Dodd.



Diver Liz Callaghan takes the plunge during Ditch Day '95

Callaghan scored 45+ points on her last five dives. The high point was her second to

last dive, a massive 55.20 points for her Inward Double Somersault which scored 7.5, 7.5, 8. Liz finished the three meter diving with a Front 2 and a half Somersault for a straight 7.5 across the board for 49.50 points and 459.85 total. Diving coach Cathy Trachok was elated with Liz's performance and the way the whole group of divers scored on their first "full list" meet. Eleven dives needed to be thrown and all of the divers stepped up to the challenge. A mild upset for second place occurred as Ben Taskar out scored (284.00 to 269.15) teammate Mike Fisher on the one meter board. James

Honaker scored well, out distancing the lone Whittier diver and placing fourth on both boards. Winning both boards for the men was Phil Rodriguez with a season high score 335.55 points on 1m and 342.60 points on the 3m board. Liz's effort seemed to pull everyone along. Phil threw a back one and a half somersault, pike for scores of 6, 7, 6.5 for 42.90 points and his highest score this year. The first swim race was the 200 yard medley relay. Mike Greene, Jim Pierce, Wesley Tanaka, and Sooketto Bhuts were pressed close to the school record of 1:46.09 to win the race. The

team received the first wins of the season from Colin Humphries in the 1000 and Casey Huang in the 200 freestyle. Greene continued his great season with a fast 50 yard sprint time of 22.60 and followed it up with a fine 5:12.76 effort in the 500 yard freestyle. Another member of the team pulling in a fine season is Jim Pierce who won the 200 I.M. and a quick 200 yard backstroke with 2:06.53. Both swims would rank him high within NCAA Division III teams. Other outstanding swimmers were turned in by Brian Collins, Ben Wu and

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## Clinton Signs Bill to Censor Internet, WWW

by the TechnoGeeks

gress with surprising ease after child porn was discovered

WASHINGTON, D. C. — This past week, Congress passed, and the President signed into law, the Telecommunications Decency Act, more commonly referred to as the CDA. Since that time, there has been a great deal of public outcry and discussion about the law.

This law was designed to protect minors from "indecent" on the Internet. The proposed bill's main supporter, Senator Robert Exon (D-Nebraska), was able to push his brainchild through the normally severely bipartisan Con-

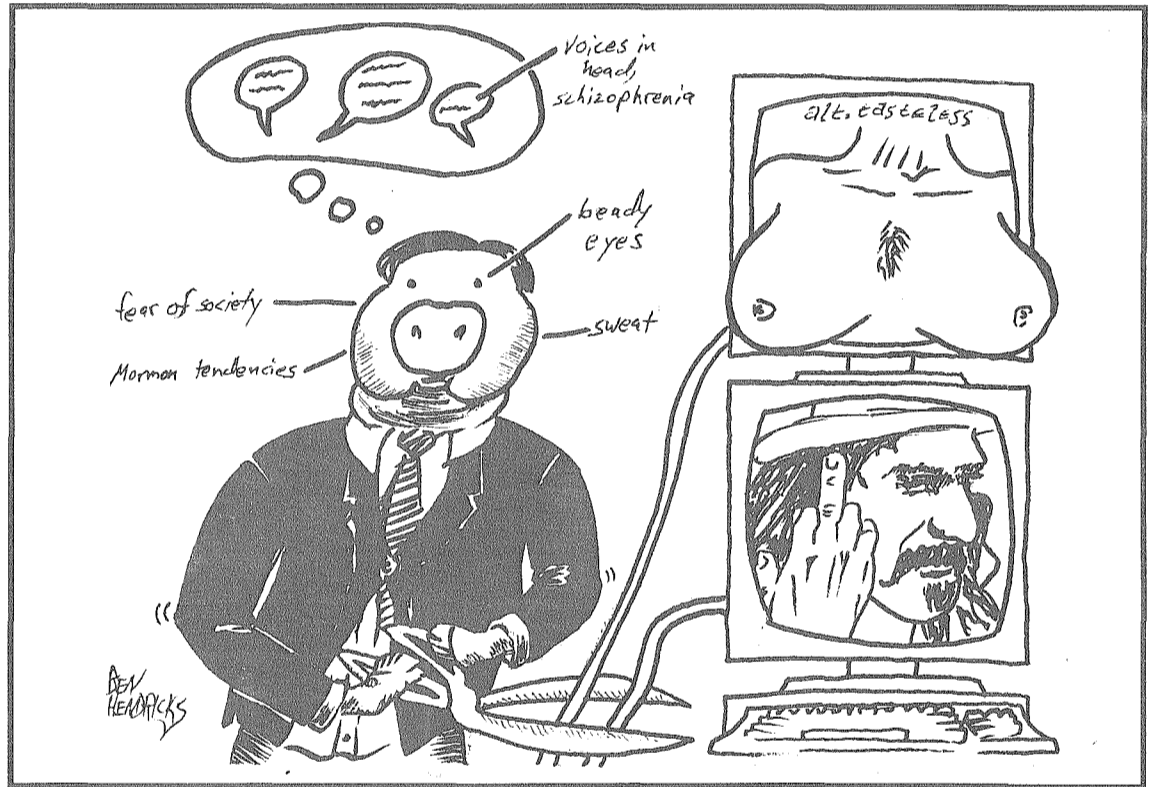
### Section 1462. Importation or transportation of obscene matters

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gress with surprising ease after child porn was discovered on another Senator's computer. This law prohibits "indecent" material from being transmitted through the network to any site which minors could conceivably gain access to.

Refer to the box for the details of the law; below are the seven words which you cannot say on television and are therefore extended into the "broadcast" medium of the Internet:

- piss
- shit
- fuck



- cunt
- cocksucker
- motherfucker
- tits

When asked about this, one Techer said, "It is pretty stupid." While many used other terms, that was the general feeling echoed on campus in respect to the new law. Another Techer stated "I don't feel that the majority of

America agrees with this law, it seems that Congress has gone off and passed what they wanted instead of what the general United States citizen wants..."

A person on the Trinity Broadcasting network echoed the belief that God had guided the Congress to protect the young people of America. He also felt that smut has no place in a decent godfearing society.

With the issue so polarized,

and such a large nationwide public outcry, it is unclear whether this law will be overturned in the Supreme Court or the in Congress. Many have protested the law on the WWW by changing the color of their pages from the normal grey background to black. The idea behind this protest is to show the widespread dissent against the CDA.

## Children's Center Seeks Nominations for Board

The Children's Center of Caltech (CCC) was founded about 23 years ago by a group of women from Caltech and the surrounding community to provide a quality education for their preschool children. The CCC has prospered since then because of the strong commitment by a dedicated staff and the enormous help by a number of volunteers. The Board of Directors of the CCC plays the important role of establishing policy for the CCC and of monitoring the implementation of the policies, both financial and educational. There are

15 members of the Board, each of whom serves a two year term. Seven of these positions are to be filled at elections to be held next April or May. The term of office starts in July but new Board members are expected to participate in an orientation meeting in June. The Board meets for about two hours once a month (third Monday at 7 p.m. in 151 Braun).

Only the CCC staff and par-

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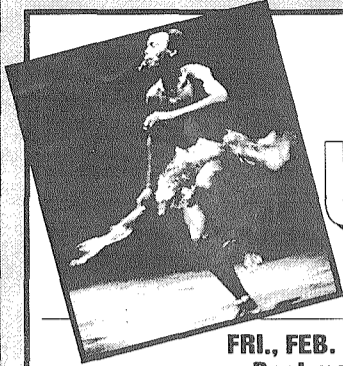
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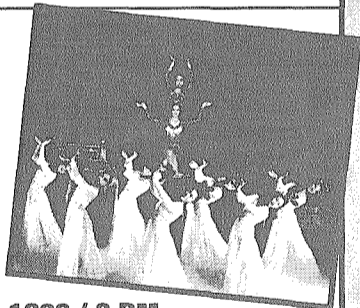
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So Much for the First Amendment...

An open letter to President Clinton:

I, like many of my peers whose main line of communication is the internet, feel both invaded and taken advantage of by all of the bureaucrats who have no idea even what it is exactly that they are censoring. This is a blatant invasion of my first amendment rights. I have the right to express myself as I so choose, according to the Constitution, which I have no doubt you have read, but may have, perhaps forgotten. To censor what goes out over broadcast media and anything else which goes out over any medium for public access can be seen as acceptable, as in the case of Gopher sites, URL's and FTP sites, web page text, and the like, but to extend this blatant disregard of our constitutional rights to e-mail, well, you might as well say that I can't discuss abortion or bodily functions, or use those "seven words" in my own home. E-mail is a private means of communication, just like mail delivered by the US Postal Service. It is not meant to be posted, discussed openly, or be read by anyone but the receiver. To say that you are putting restrictions on that which I say via e-mail is like unto censoring that which I send on paper through the US postal service.

If you think that this is a way to protect Americans from that which is offensive or corrupting,

then you are wrong. The internet is not solely of the United States, as implied by the prefix "inter" meaning international. To regulate only one part of the internet (a small one at that) does nothing to stem the tide of offensive and corrupting material that may be contained therein. And, as I'm sure you're well aware, the US has

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no jurisdiction to censor internet sites under the government of various foreign countries. This is, by itself, ineffective, and therefore useless.

If you think that such an action will help you garner votes in an election year, I say you're wrong. If you can remember back to four years ago, you will remember that many of the people that got you elected in the first place were college students who voted and encouraged others to vote for you, as well as high school students who could not yet vote, but spent many hours answering phones, passing out flyers, and telling their parents and voting-age friends to go out and vote, and to vote for you. We (my peers and I) got you elected, and you turn

around and censor what is one of the most important things to us. It has been shown by survey after survey that it was my age group coming out to the polls and voting that was the difference in the election of 1992. Let me say that it will be the difference once again, but if I were you I wouldn't count on as many votes from the

18-25 age group, regardless of how many times you walk on MTV. Most of us don't even watch MTV any more. The people that do aren't old enough to vote....

The high school and college students who helped you out last time are the college students, grad students, and newly employed intellectuals of today, and we depend on the internet as the fastest, cheapest, and most reliable source of information and communication we have available to us. To deny us free access to it is to deny us the right to communicate with each other as we please and seek out the information we desire. Even about abortion. The Constitution is on our side, why won't you be? There are millions of us who can and will vote for our rights to express ourselves freely in a global network of information and communication, a global network known as the Internet.

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Why do we park on driveways and drive on parkways? Who do I remind you of a therapist? Is it just because my name is Luka and I live on the second floor? (Yes, I think you've seen me before.)

The countdown has now reached three! Hopefully, we can survive that long. To help us, please send monetary contributions to the Help Save the Tech Editors From Themselves Fund. Your donation may save as many as six lives.

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# DIVE: Callaghan Has Chance at Nationals

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Brian Bircumshaw. All of the swimmers have been improving greatly and should be a positive impact at SCIAC Conference Championships in two weeks. Final score Caltech 134.5 to Whittier 66.5.

The Techers put in a great effort against Whittier but were up against a very quick team. The only wins were from Liz on the boards, but each of the members of the team dropped big time off their swims and are beginning to peak close to the championship. Keri Ryan took second place and 4 seconds off her best 100 breaststroke with a 1:24.56 while Heather Dean is on pace to break into the 29 second mark in the sprints. A nice surprise was the backstroke of Kristie Armentrout, 1:19.31, followed closely by Jen Holland, 1:31.59. Mina Leung again dropped 7 seconds in the 100 yard freestyle and scored important points in the rest of her swims. Final score Caltech 53 to Whittier 137. Athlete of the meet was Liz Callaghan for her outstanding national level performance and Ben Taskar for his quick improvement on the boards for a second on the 1m and a third on the 3m board.

# CHILDREN: Caltech Children's Center Seeks Board Nominations

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ents of CCC children vote; however, members of the Board are selected from the Caltech community and beyond. It is particularly important that the Board collectively contain members with knowledge of education (including Early Childhood Education), management, law, accounting, and fund raising and that its members are sensitive to the needs of the entire Caltech community. Thus Faculty, Staff, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, and undergraduates should all be represented. In addition qualified persons from the surrounding community are also wanted.

The Nominating Committee for the Board is soliciting nominations for the next board election. Currently underrepresented are regular faculty, students, males, and experts in law and financial management. What we want most are

people with a strong interest in helping the CCC provide quality care for our preschool children at a reasonable cost.

You can nominate yourself or someone else that you believe could make a valuable contribution (in this case you indicate whether you have talked to this other person about serving). Please include information on how to contact the nominee (day and night phone numbers, email address, mail address, fax number). Also include information about special qualifications of the nominee (a curriculum vitae, if available).

Please send suggestions to William A. Goddard, III Charles and Mary Ferkel Professor of Chemistry and Applied Physics Beckman Institute (139-74) email: [wag@wag.caltech.edu](mailto:wag@wag.caltech.edu) Phone: 818-395-2731 FAX: 818-585-0918

It would be most useful to have these nominations by Feb. 20, 1996.

## Alumni Association Announcements

The Alumni Association is sponsoring lunches for small groups of students (1-3) interested in meeting alumni and having lunch with them.

The Alumni Association has funding available for student organizations that encourage interaction between students and alumni. To be considered for funding an application form must be completed and returned to the Association no later than **March 15, 1996**. Decisions on funding will be made in April by the Student/Faculty/Alumni Relations Committee of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

To receive an application form or if you are interested in organizing a lunch, call Kerry at x6852 or email her at [kerry\\_etheridge@starbase1.caltech.edu](mailto:kerry_etheridge@starbase1.caltech.edu).

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# The Outside World


by Myfanwy Callahan




**Goma, Zaire** - (follow-up) About 250 Zairian soldiers surrounded a refugee camp Tuesday to persuade Rwandan refugees to return home. UN officials will begin an intensive campaign to close the 40 Rwandan refugee camps in Zaire.



**Jerusalem, Israel** - The Israeli government closed off the West Bank and the Gaza strip Monday night after reports of planning for Muslim terrorist attacks. Palestinians are outraged for this prevents thousands of them from worshipping at the Al Aksa mosque in Jerusalem during the last week of Ramadan.




**Pale, Bosnia and Herzegovina** - The two Bosnian Serb leaders that had been arrested by the Muslim government were extradited to the international war crimes tribunal in the Hague. Bosnian Serbs suspect that the government arrested them in expectation of the extradition.

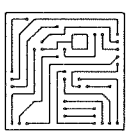


**Boulder, CO** - Paladin Press which brought to us *Be Your Own Undertaker: How to Dispose of a Dead Body*

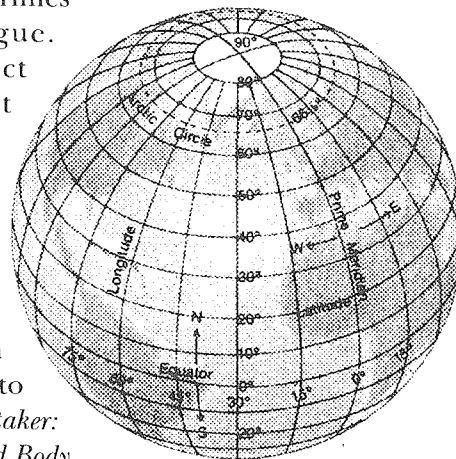
and *Counterfeit ID made easy* is being sued for the book *Hit Man: A Technical Manual for Contractors*. According to prosecutors the book incited a man to triple murder.



**New York, NY** - Compuserve Inc. announced Tuesday that it would restore access to sex-related computer data bases that have recently been blocked. They favor software which the subscriber can tailor for selective blocking over a government ban.



**Philadelphia, PA** - Gary Kasparov and chess computer Deep Blue came to a draw in their 3rd of six matches. The man and machine are even at 1 1/2 - 1 1/2.



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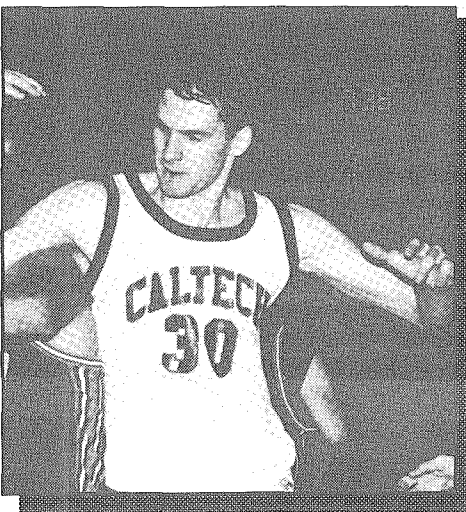
## CHRIS BISBEE & KATIE STOFER

We are running for ASCIT Ath Man as a team to make the Ath Man more available to you, the students. As a team, we hope to be able to attend the BoD meetings more easily, be more flexible for meetings with the House Athletic Managers to resolve conflicts, and make ordering of varsity jackets and letters more expedient. This job is perfect for us because we both like to be involved, are good at ordering people around (House Athletic Managers), and interested in seeing more people with varsity jackets, especially those fencers from five years ago who don't even have their letters yet.



## BEN TURK

I'll keep this short. I am very involved in athletics at Caltech, mainly through the basketball team and Interhouse sports. I know just about everyone in the athletic department, as well as most of the people on the house ath teams. I feel that I have the experience and enthusiasm to do the job well. Thanks.



## Y.E.S.S '96

Positions for the Young Engineering and Science Scholars Program (Y.E.S.S.) are available for Summer '96 in the following areas:

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Applications are available in the Caltech Y and are due on Friday, February 23rd.

Contact Athena at x3180 or email at [castroa@starbase1](mailto:castroa@starbase1) for more information.

## Pass Bylaw Changes 1, 2, 3

Due to a protest of the bylaws election, we have to re-vote on all the Bylaws changes. Many, many, MANY people asked me why the previous BOD wanted to pass these changes (especially the dues increase), so I thought I'd write a short list of reasons for each one.

- There is inherent (mathematical) error in the elections procedures. The error should be corrected, as it almost affected both the Senior Class President and the ASCIT Secretary elections. Here's why the current bylaw is wrong: Math proof: The bylaws say the winner is the person who receives a majority of the vote plus the error. In other words, if A wins and B is the runner up: A gets  $x$  votes B gets  $N - x$  votes. so  $x > N - x + e$  This means if person A has 42 votes and person B has 40 votes, an error of one makes neither one win ( $41 + 1 = 42$ ) nor tie (as the election bylaws are written). This never really happened. Not once. Really. One person's vote doesn't change the outcome ( $42 > 41$ ,  $43 > 40$ ,  $41 > 39$ , and  $41 > 40$ ). To fix the problem, start with the definition of a tie. A tie is defined as the difference between the vote totals plus the error:  $2x > N + e$  or  $x > (N + e)/2 = N/2 + e/2$  The winner should thus be the person who gets half the total votes plus **HALF** the error.

- ASCIT needs a dues raise. Why should you give money to ASCIT? (about 50 people asked me this...) Last year, ASCIT really stretched its budget to pay for club funding, house social events (almost every big party that the houses throw), and everything else (van, Big T, Little T, Clue, the UROH, prefrash party, etc.). ASCIT could only afford to give clubs less than 1/2 of the total amount of money they requested. ASCIT was also forced to (again) decrease

the amount of multihouse money (from \$200 to \$150). Multihouse money has been halved in the past few years (\$300 to \$150) and it would be nice to bring it back to \$300 (or more). ASCIT also should set aside \$30000 for a new van fund. Dues haven't been raised in 10 YEARS. \$5/term would give us about \$12000 a year. We need it, and if you can't afford it, I'd like to know how you're paying for Caltech.

- The ASCIT President is laden with too many duties. I wrote an explanation of this long before I became president, but now that I'm president, I'll just restate what I said. *The ASCIT president has too much to do.* It would be nice to have somebody to make sure that all of the organizations under ASCIT (publications, movies, etc.) as well as all of the ASCIT officers and subcommittees and blah are running smoothly. The ASCIT Vice-President would make sure no problems arose and would alleviate much of the pressure from the President (allowing the President to represent student issues to the Faculty WITHOUT having to remember the phone number of some woman trying to contact "somebody in Movies or maybe publications... (she doesn't know).") (This also never happened. Really.)

- Elections are annoying, but we need to do this one (plus there's an ASCIT Ath Man election). These changes will let the BOD run with much less hassle, and houses and clubs will get a lot more money. If you want more explanation, I'll be around campus (and at parties, but if you bug me about bylaw changes while I'm at a party, I'll kill you). Thanks.

*Dave Relyea*

ASCIT President Elect

## Defeat Bylaw Change 1: Keep the BoC Chair on the the BoD.

ASCIT Bylaw proposal #1, Separation of the offices of ASCIT Vice President and BOC Chairman, is up for (re)vote in Monday's election. While the concept of separating the office into two has merit - and has been proposed in the past - this specific proposal suffers a significant flaw and should be defeated.

*In the process of separating the offices, the BOC Chairman is removed from the Board of Directors.* Such action will do serious damage to the capability of the student government to represent undergraduates to the administration.

My viewpoint comes from personal experience. When I served on the BOD in 94-95, the BOC Chairman was an essential resource as we discussed issues such as a new master key for the campus, the administration plan to move the MOSH out of Steele House, and the proposed changes to Freshman grading and the core curriculum. Almost everything we handled had some relation to the Honor System. The BOC Chairman, as the expert on the Honor System, was

able to give us valuable input on how the system was applicable to these issues, and the manner it should be used in deciding and defending our position on each issue.

As a BOD member, the BOC Chairman also kept us informed of potential trouble areas (e.g. lack of faith in the Honor System by some faculty or staff) so that we could use our connections with the administration to straighten out misunderstandings, and defend the Honor System as a team.

The BOC Chairman must not only be present at BOD meetings, he should remain a full and voting member of the BOD so that he can present his ideas and viewpoint in full equality with the other Directors. As the *little t* points out, the BOC is ASCIT's most important committee. The BOC Chairman's input is vital to the operation of the student government. In this interest, Bylaw proposal #1 should be defeated and sent back to the BOD for revision.

*David Derkits*

ASCIT Secretary '94-95

# A.S.C.I.T. Minutes

FEBRUARY 12, 1996

Present: James, Dave, Kanna, Tom, Greg, Laura, Melissa, Maria, Kristie Armentrout, Dave Bacon, Kohl Gill, Emily Ho, Alexis Johnson, Kara Swedlow, Grace Yang, Albert Lee, Gavin

The meeting started at 10:09 p.m.

- Albert Lee came to request funding for the KSA & CCSA formal dinner and dance. They are holding it with other schools. Albert presented a budget that requested \$200, but then verbally requested \$150. ISP, the Deans and the Caltech Y also are funding this. ASCIT approved to give them \$100.

- Gavin asked for the Tech editors' and business managers' salaries. Due to a complaint from two of the 4 Tech editors about passing the salaries from last term without unanimous approval, so ASCIT didn't want to give them the money just yet. So, Gavin modified his request. He just wanted enough funding so that the business managers could be paid. ASCIT approved.

- The subject of increasing the ASCIT dues came up. Increase is needed to support the ASCIT van. Student Affairs won't be able to give us an interest-free

loan on the van next time.

- Kohl introduces himself and presents the problem of Ken, the previous director of Academic Affairs, wanting to relinquish himself of the duty to put out the CLUE. General consensus is that Kohl should do it.

- It was approved that Melissa should be paid \$100 for the UROH.

- The subject of increasing the ASCIT dues came up. Increase is needed to support the ASCIT van. Student Affairs can't help to fund it anymore.

- Officers' Reports Melissa said that the UROH was out and showed the BOD a copy. Greg wants installations on Thursday, the 22nd and at the Ath. Everyone else wants installations at the MOSH's. The exact date and place are yet to be announced. James said, "No." Tom said, "Quack." Everyone else was saying, "Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah."

The meeting ended at 10:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Grace Yang*  
ASCIT Secretary



by Donna Ebenstein

The Congregation will be performing today at noon in Winnett Quad. Bring out your lunch, enjoy the sun, and hear some great music!

Broomball signups are open. The tournament will be on Sunday, February 25. Come by the Y and sign up your team!

The Y is putting together an information sheet on camping opportunities in the LA area, and we would love to have your input. Please send any reviews of camping areas to the Caltech Y, mail code 218-51.

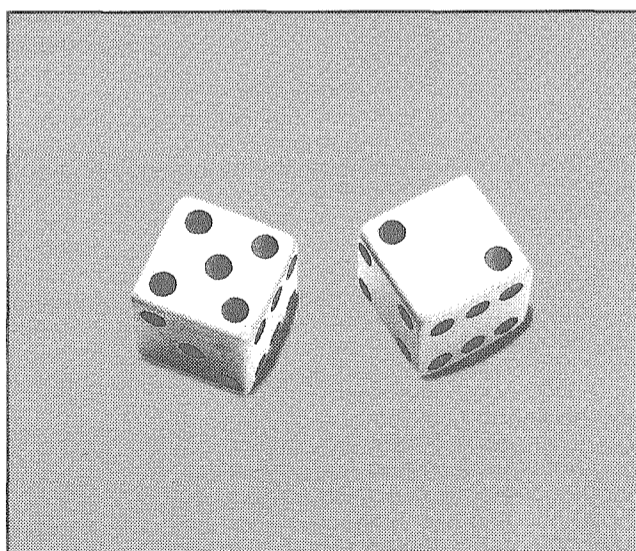
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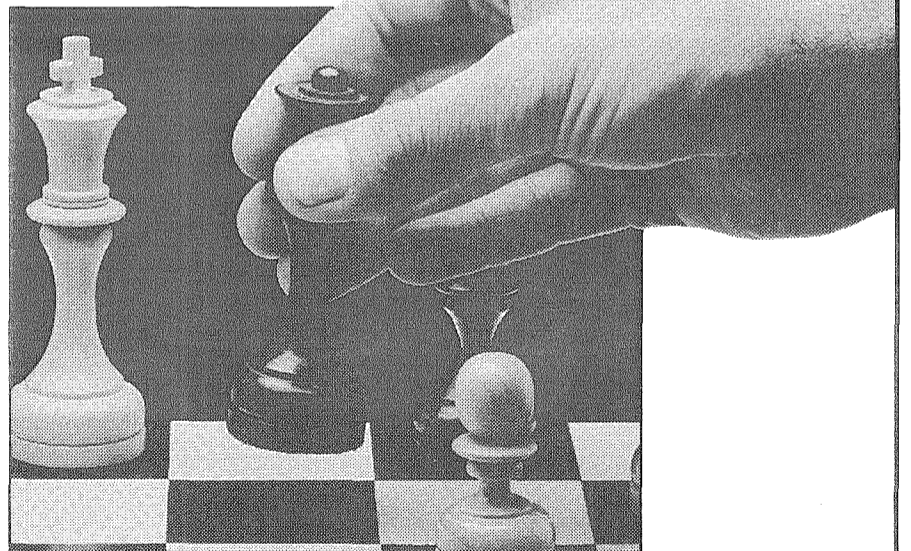
<b>Monday</b>	7:30 PM, BI Aud.	Julianne Malveaux
<b>Tuesday</b>	Noon, Winnett Quad	African Dance Group
	7:30 PM, Dabney Lounge	Affirmative Action Panel
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 PM, Y Lounge	Videos
<b>Thursday</b>	Noon, Winnett Quad	Greek Step Show
	7:30 PM, BI Aud.	Jervey Tervalon
<b>Friday</b>	Noon, Winnett Quad	Upstream
	7 PM, Dabney Lounge	Gospelfest
	9:30 PM, Dab. Lounge	NSBE/CLASES Party

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# Climb Every Mountain

*K2 rises to majestic heights in Ramo Auditorium*

by Diana St. James

A conceptual pyramid of icy slopes and jagged rocks is currently being erected in Ramo Auditorium for the production of *K2*, written by Patrick Meyers, directed by Shirley Marneus, and assistant directed by Maneesh Sahani. At first glance this play may seem more like a cliff-hanger "man against nature" plot with its daring mountain climbing and perilous stunts. But as the story unfolds between the two mountain climbers, an intense character study is revealed.

Taylor, a tough, self-centered realist, is portrayed by undergrad Phillip Rodriguez. His climbing buddy, Harold, portrayed by grad student Michael Vanier, is more of a poet and a philosopher. Together they face and conquer their fears as they tackle the imposing mountain known as K2.

The real K2 is an eight thousand six hundred and sixteen meter mountain of rock, snow and ice. It is part of the Karakoram Range, and has been critical in the history of Himalayan mountain climbing. TACIT's version of K2 is also imposing - it's a 16 1/2 + foot steel rebar structure that looms over Ramo Auditorium. Several people have dedicated time and muscle welding and/or wiring the behemoth structure, including Chris Marneus, Donna Shirley of JPL, and Chris Krok.

Although only two actors appear onstage, *K2* is really an ensemble production with numerous individuals involved in



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Howard (Mike Vanier), left, is assisted by Taylor (Phil Rodriguez) after his leg had been broken in a fall in the play *K2*, opening this weekend in Ramo Auditorium.

behind the scenes operations. Some of the special effects planned for the production of *K2* include climbing stunts choreographed by Chris Marneus, grad student Maneesh Sahani, and alum June Fujimoto; and sound effects of an

avalanche by grad student (and alum) Scott Van Essen. The stage manager, undergrad Bradley Nelson, has his hands full

trying to work out the split second timing necessary in safely running this intense production.

Be one of the first to view *K2* when it opens Friday, February 16 at 8:00 pm. Additional performances are on February 17, 23, and 24 at 8:00 pm, and February 18 and 25 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster Ticket Centers (213) 365-3500 and at the Caltech Ticket Office (800) 423-8849. General admission is only \$10 and student admission is only \$6. Group rates are available.

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## ADAM VILLANI: MEDIA GUY



by Adam Villani

The Oscar Nominations Are In

The Academy's predawn announcements of this year's Oscar nominees met with the perennial gasps and whelps of joy, and it's not hard to understand why—Australian crowd-pleaser *Babe* bagged seven nominations and Italy's *The Postman (Il Postino)* became the first foreign-language film since 1973 to pick up a Best Picture nod. Some observations:

- It's no surprise that the Best Picture and Best Director nominees didn't match up precisely—they've only corresponded once in the past thirty years, curiously enough, in a year in which the winners differed. The year was 1981, when *Reds* picked up the Director award and *Chariots of Fire* won the top prize. But this year, the three films largely considered to be the frontrunners, *Apollo 13*, *Leaving Las Vegas*, and *Sense and Sensibility*, each came up one short in the two top categories. To say that this leaves the field wide open is an understatement; my best guess is that *Babe* wins Best Picture and Mel Gibson wins the directing statuette for *Braveheart*, but I'm not putting any money on it.

- Keep in mind how the voting is done; the nominations are done by the members of the Academy's appropriate branches. Thus the actors nominate actors, cinematographers nominate cinematographers, and everyone in the Academy nominates for Best Picture. Then the Academy members all get to vote on the winners. That's just for the "regular" awards, though—the rules for eligibility and voting for the Documentary, Short Film, and Foreign Language Film categories would take a monograph to explain, and are probably only marginally more interesting to read than the complete federal budget.

- As always, some of the more notable results from Tuesday are in the omissions. Some of the Hollywood studios' biggest guns were left with only a single nomination—just an acting nod each to *The Bridges of Madison County*, *Casino*, and *Mr. Holland's Opus*, and *The American President* managed only a music nomination.

- Rumors of L. Ron Hubbard controlling Hollywood from beyond the grave are belied by the omission of Scientologists John Travolta (*Get Shorty*) and, unfortunately, Nicole Kidman (*To Die For*). Their respective films were completely shut out.

- Twentieth-Century Fox and Tri-Star's films didn't get any recognition at all. It's not like Fox cares, though—their *Die Hard With a Vengeance* was 1995's worldwide box-office champion.

- Harvey and Bob Weinstein, the brothers in charge of Miramax, are shameless marketing geniuses, as *The Postman's* performance shows. They had a slight Italian comedy on their hands and seized two opportunities—the untimely death of its star and Italy declining to submit it for the Foreign film Oscar—and used them as sympathy leverage points that resulted in a whopping five nominations. Incidentally, Miramax now has had more Best Picture nominees than its parent company (Disney/Buena Vista) has in its history.

- A lot of pouting gets mistaken for acting—witness Kathleen Quinlan's and Sharon Stone's nominations, Stone for a movie (*Casino*) that should have at least made a showing in the Editing and Costume categories.

- Personal favorites that were shut out include *The City of Lost Children* (not even Art Direction), *Clueless* (not even Screenplay), *Clockers* (not even Supporting Actor or Cinematography), *Exotica* (not even Screenplay), and *To Die For* (not even Actress). *Seven* only got an Editing nomination, when it should have at least been honored for Darius Khondji's sublime cinematography or the haunting sound design.

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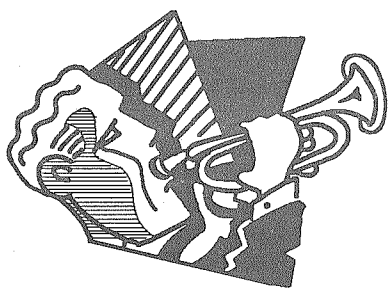
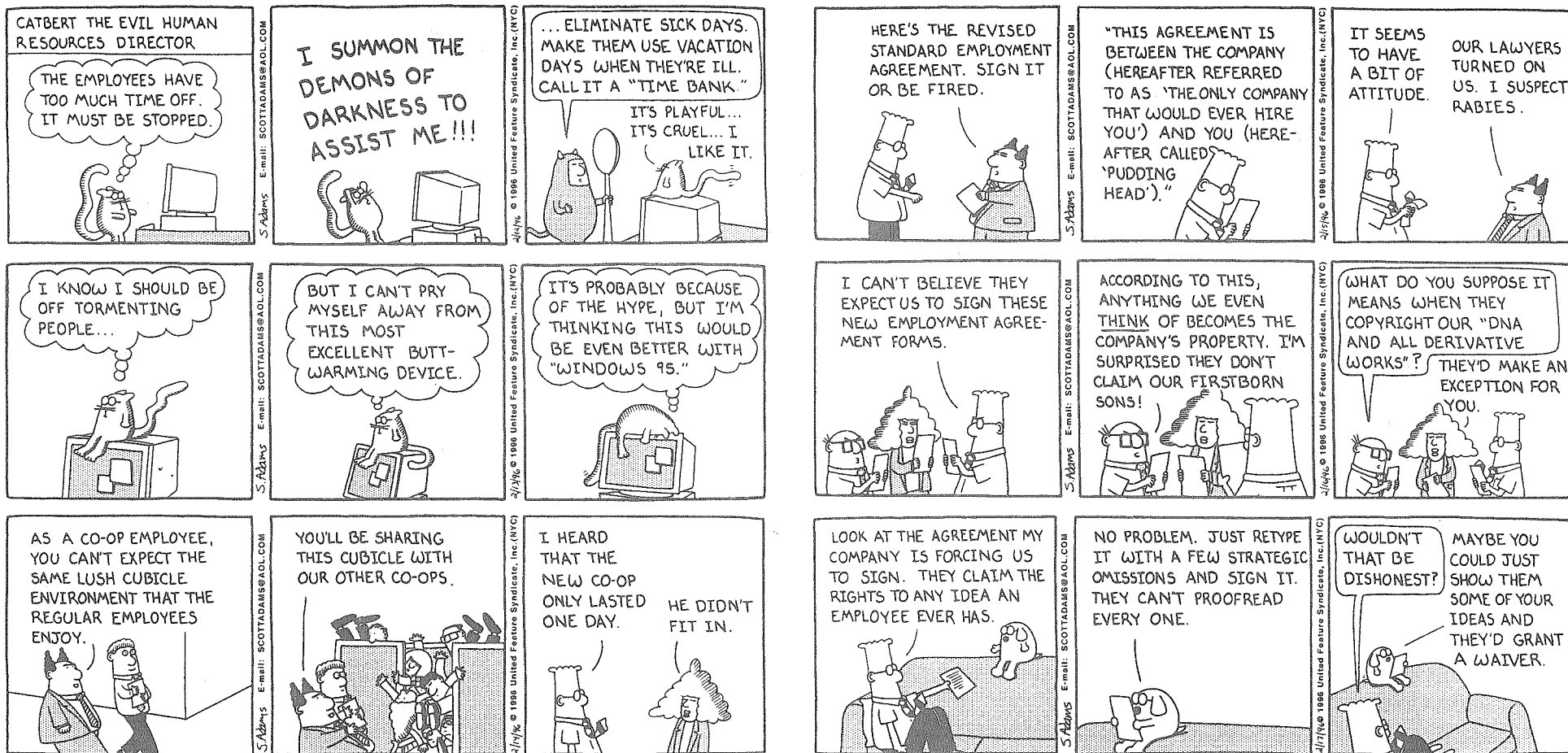
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# Jim's CD Reviews

By Jim Pierce

The CD's reviewed are all ones that I liked enough to buy, and as a result, the starring scheme is a little weird. It works like this:

- Ø - a gift, saved only to be a ride chaser
- ★ - It's okay, so I keep it around for those occasional urges
- ★★ - It's pretty good, but either not great or not my usual genre
- ★★★ - It's good, gets listened to regularly, and I plug it to friends
- ★★★★ - It's really good and spends more than its share of time in the player.
- ★★★★★ - It's absolutely awesome and I can't live without it. (note that there are not very many CDs that make it this high.

mean=3, std dev=1

The halves are because I can never make up my mind. If you want any more info on any cd, or think I should hear one of yours, just drop on by my room (Dabney 11) or email me at [jpierce@ugs](mailto:jpierce@ugs).

**J.S. Bach Organ at St. Andreas-Kirche, Hildesheim** (Michael Murry)

Michael Murray is one of the best organists of our time, and is super cool, too. He has released, under Telarc, lots and lots of organ music played on organs all over Germany, the rest of Europe, and the USA. Even if you prefer modern music, his CD *Bach's Organ Blasters* is definitely worth getting. All the organ you ever need. Bach to this album, I'd like to note that I think it is his best recording to date. Pre-

lude and fugue in A minor, BWV 543 is particularly impressive, since the prelude is played slow enough that it is hard to keep it even and, get this, the fugue is seven minutes if 5 voices. Yow! Besides four fugues, there are 4 more chorales, including *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*, BWV 731, another favorite of mine. ★★★★★

**Rob Base and DJ EZ Rock** *It takes two*

Yuk. Uh, ride chaser. It was a gift. Ø

**Ludwig Van Beethoven Piano Sonatas** (moonlight, pathétique, and appassionata played by Serkin)

Rudolf Serkin is my favorite pianist, whose technical ability is matched only by soul. He can play as fast as Glenn Gould (another goof) except he is too wise to do that. Instead, he brilliantly interprets pieces, and this album is a very clear example of that. It has Beethoven's most well known sonatas, Moonlight (opus 27 no. 2, Beethoven's rebellious sonata) which, in my opinion, is almost as good as opus 27 no. 1 (the one before moonlight. A flat, I think), Pathétique (opus 13) the hardest to interpret, and my absolute favorite piano piece ever, sonata Appassionata (opus 57), the first sonata appropriately named. Serkin leaves the listener trembling after the raw power and refined beauty of Allegro ma non troppo; presto. ★★★★★  
**Ludwig Van Beethoven. Sym-**

**phony 9**  
Everyone knows this one. Do I really have to review it? "Thus we embrace the world, joy and enchantment fill the air like thunder of the clouds, like the roaring of the ocean waves that by perpetual and beneficial motion give permanent life to the earth for the joy of mankind to whom God gave the earth to be happy" - Wagner (the Ride guy actually said that). ★★★★★

**Ludwig Van Beethoven Symphonies 5 and 7**

My favorite conductor of Beethoven's symphonies is Otto Klemperer, because he takes the symphonies, especially number 5 third movement, slow enough to be majestic. Unfortunately, this isn't Klemperer. The 5th goes too fast and sounds silly and rushed. The second movement of the seventh is okay, but I think no one will ever do quite as well as Klemperer. C'est la vi. ★★

**Beck mellow gold**

I, like many others, purchased this album thinking "hey, 'loser' is pretty wierd. I wonder what the rest of the album sounds like." It's okay. Nothing great or exciting comes along, although there is that obligatory alternative 5 minutes of silence after what you think is the last song which then starts up again and is banging and honking and beeping. Not really worth it, but once in a while I feel like "loser."  
★

The B-52's *Cosmic thing*

What was I thinking? Oh yeah, rock lobster flashback. When I was a little kid, I remember hearing rock lobster and thinking it was cool. Then I heard channel Z off cosmic thing, so thinking it'd be cool, I bought it. Actually, it's not all that bad. The B-52's are totally goofy and happy, and they make songs like channel Z (the best on the album) that ask "where's my umbrella," love shack, Roam (with the video with

naked savages) and deadbeat club. It's a-little-too-happy-and-not-as-cool-goofy-as-*They-Might-Be-Giants* -but-a-good-album-if-you-can-find-it-for-\$3.98.  
★

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# ? of the MONTH

by Media Relations

## Do colors have a physical reality?

Answered by David Hilbert, Assistant Professor of Philosophy

There is a variety of opinion on this question, but I believe that color is a real physical property. Many physical mechanisms can produce color, such as thin films of liquid, like oil on water, or a tiny repeating pattern, like the grooves on a CD or the scales on an iridescent butterfly. But usually, the color of an object is based on how the molecules in its surface reflect light.

Atoms and molecules themselves are too small to reflect an appreciable amount of light, so they don't have any color as individual particles. But when enough particles get together to form an object, then this bulk material does have color.

The color you see depends on the types of molecules that make up a surface. Specifically, the outer electrons in these molecules absorb certain wavelengths of light. Different molecules absorb different wavelengths.

For example, if a surface absorbs short wavelengths, what we usually call violet and blue, then it will reflect all the other wavelengths—green, red, orange, and yellow. The resulting mixture will be seen as yellow. Or, if a surface absorbs very few wavelengths, then it will reflect nearly all wavelengths and will appear white.

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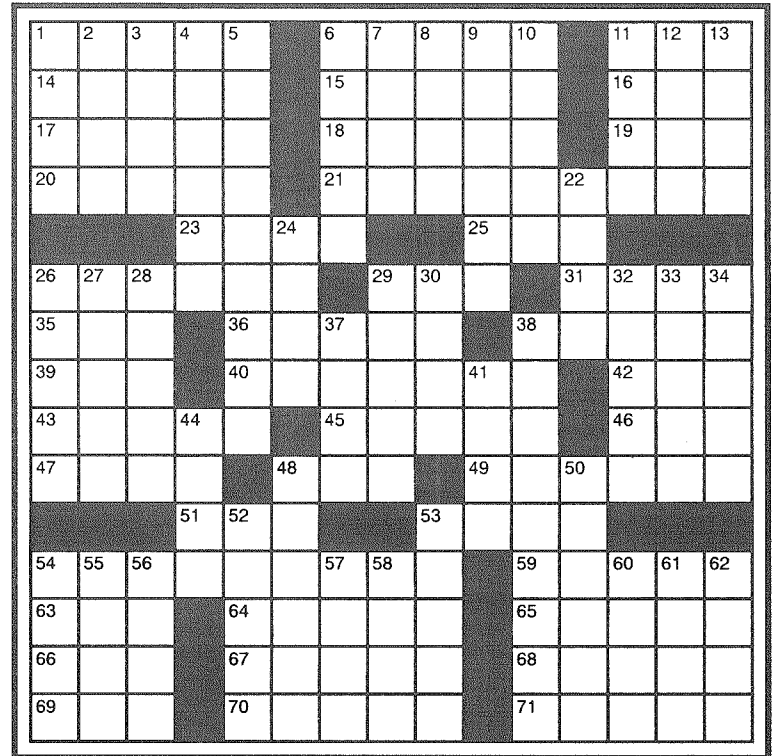
by Wei-Hwa Huang

**Across**

1. A summer place?
6. Fend
11. French name
14. Pelvic bone
15. Left and right temporal, e.g.
16. ESL publisher
17. Approaches
18. Not chemically reactive
19. Not roll over or sit
20. Mr. Drakes
21. 1956
23. Albanian dollars
25. Shower mo.
26. Follow
29. Not Era or Tide
31. Volts/Ohms
35. Biting humor
36. Depreciate
38. Utter without thinking
39. Not Crest or Colgate
40. 1996
42. Not FBI or NSA
43. Spiderman's ex-costume
45. Capp's creation
46. In vogue
47. Earliest
48. T.M. and S.C., e.g.
49. Joe Trela et al.?
51. Charged atom
53. Region
54. 1912
59. Flames up, on USENET?
63. Average
64. Two make a diameter
65. Castor's sister
66. "When do we get there?"
67. Together
68. Diligent students
69. Key next to "Ins"
70. Sweet sorghum
71. Got up

**Down**

1. Loud noises
2. Baldwin or Guinness
3. French kiss?



4. Throw
5. 1928
6. Virginia cigarettes?
7. Comes before the message
8. Galois' contender
9. Lexical
10. To stop up
11. Kan.'s neighbor
12. Porous, as in soil
13. Wizard
22. Region in Risk?
24. Guinea fowl
26. Catch \_\_\_
27. Not as damp
28. Paeans
29. Saudis
30. Abbey, e.g.
32. A lot-o
33. Previous one
34. Data analyses
37. Worn
38. 1992
41. Spree
44. Ear-related
48. Deify
50. Mender
52. Veggies
53. Pal from Peru
54. Ran fast
55. Stevens' boss
56. Not anal
57. Aroma
58. Deceased panda at the National Zoo
60. Ex-Yugoslavian leader Josip Broz
61. Anderson and Keifer
62. Dried and withered

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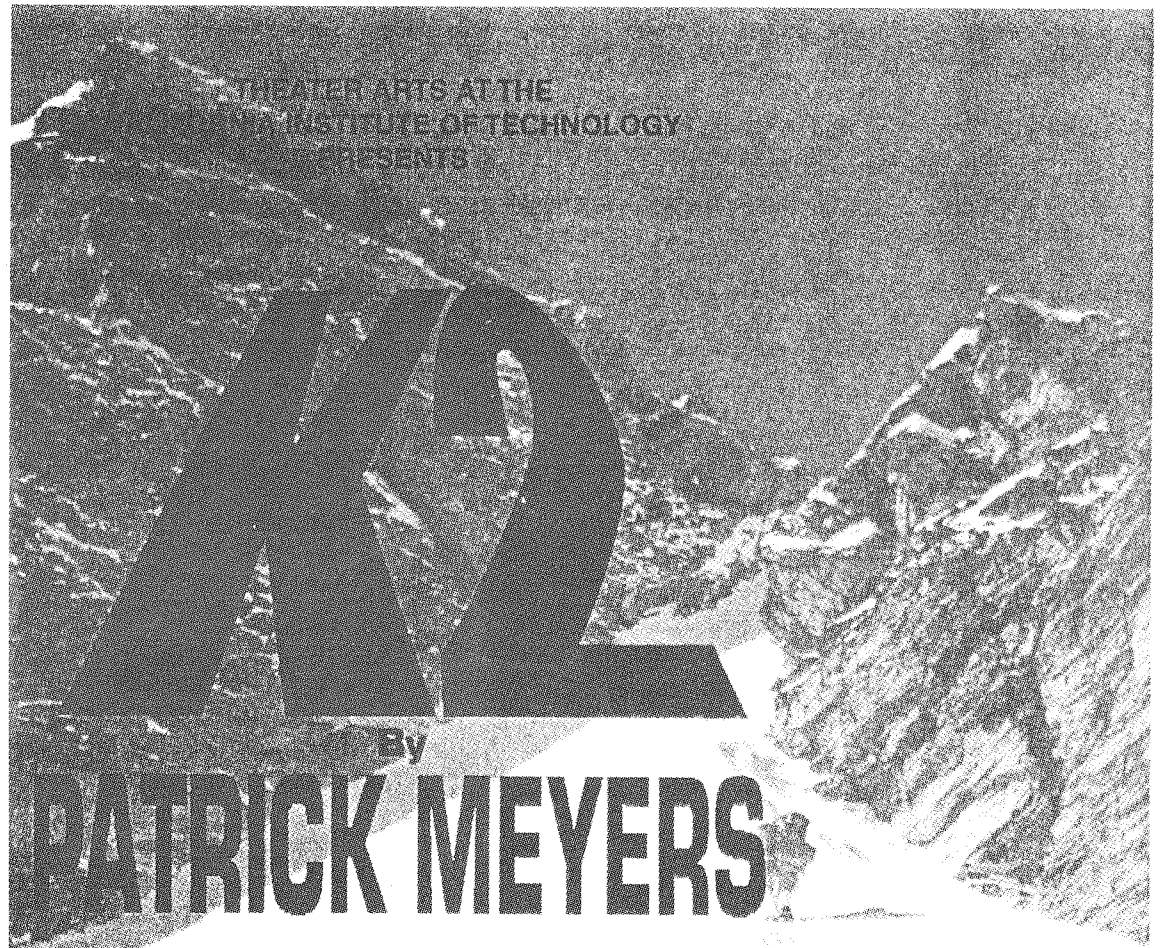
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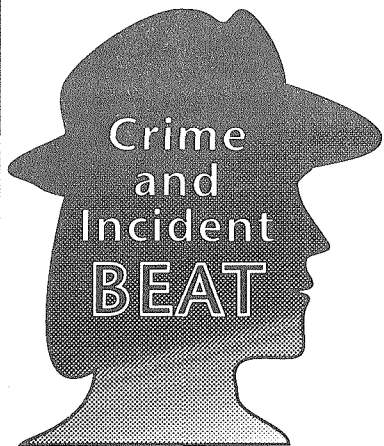
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- Bike light on the ground in front of the steps on the southwest side of the Moore Laboratory.

February 11, 1996

**Suspicious Odor**

- Security responded to a report of smoke coming from the Men's rest room in the SAC Building by the door that goes up to Ricketts House. Upon arrival, discovered that someone had put paper in one of the stalls and lit it on fire. The water from the stall put out the fire, but a smell of smoke remained in the area.

February 11, 1996

**Unauthorized Entry**

- Security responded to the activation of an intrusion alarm in Parsons-Gates. Upon arrival, discovered two students near the south doors of the building. Students were informed that only authorized individuals may enter the building during non-business hours.

February 7, 1996

**Suspicious Person**

- Security responded to a report of a suspicious person in the South Mudd building at approximately 6:45 am. Person reported seeing a black male, 5'9" in height, approximately 175 pounds with black hair. At the time of the incident, suspect was wearing a plaid shirt with blue jeans. Security spotted the suspect on the east side of the building and requested identification. Suspect had no identification and stated that he was not affiliated with Caltech. Suspect was escorted off campus.

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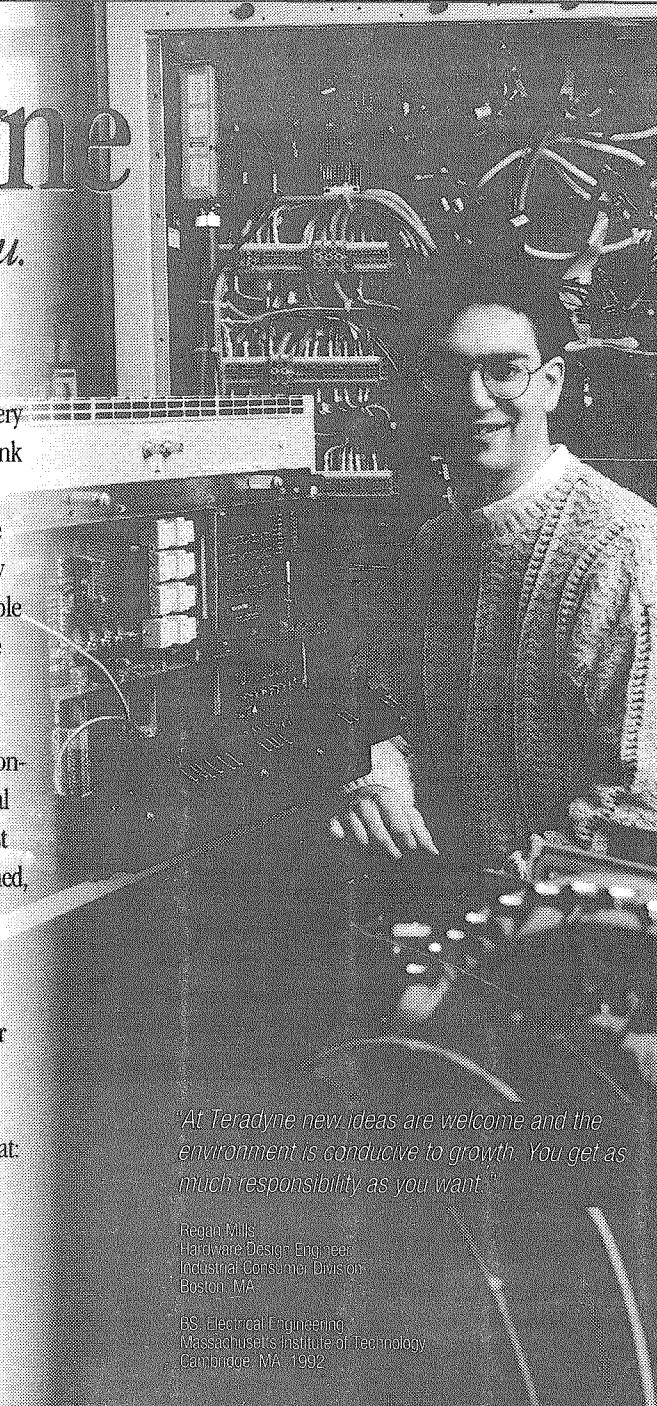
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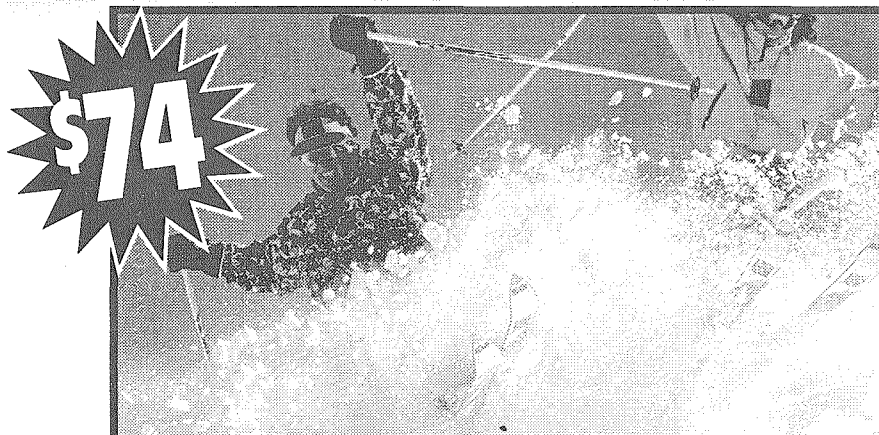
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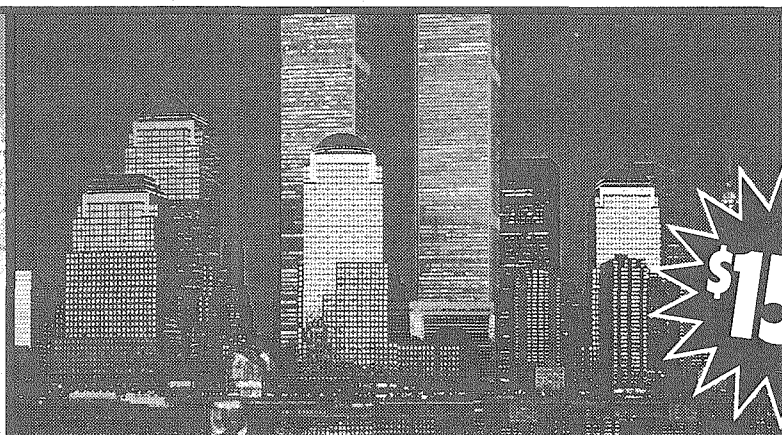
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# Caltech Fencers Conquer UCLA, USC and UCSB



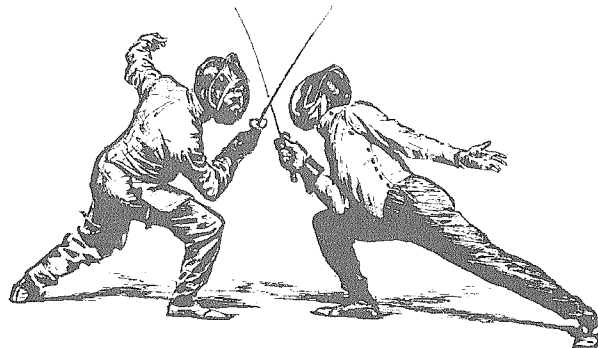
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On Saturday February 10th, the Caltech Fencing team held its annual home invitational... and they dominated nearly every weapon. Caltech finished first overall followed by UCSB, UCLA and USC respectively. But that's nothing new to the team. They win all the time. They are the most successful intercollegiate team at Caltech, and they are one of the most feared teams west of the Mississippi.

This competition displayed some unexpected performances by the team. "Despite a lack of women foilists in general on the team, the team of senior Mihoko Kato, freshman Adrienne Bourque and freshman Emma Goldberg did outstanding", stated Coach George Clovis. As a matter of fact, the women foilists lost only two of their thirty six bouts throughout the day. Captain Mihoko Kato added that "Adrienne Bourque has improved a lot since her last competition. She did a great job for us today". Bourque's individual record had been 7 and 5 prior to Saturday's invitational, but now it stands at 18 and 6. Goldberg added to her already strong record improving her record from 19 and 5 to 31 and 5. Kato continued her steady

pace towards placing at the top of the conference's women's foilists with a new record of 32 and 4 after winning 11 of her 12 bouts at this competition. Sophomore Emily Jennings was the lone female epee fencer for Caltech, but she still managed to



straight conference championship (the worst they can do is tie... which is not likely). Caltech's sabreurs are junior captain Austin Collins, Sophomore Andy Laucius, and freshman Xavier Fan. Collins noted that "the number two sabreur hasn't been competing recently so Andy and Xavier had to step up to fill the number two and three spots. Xavier was not expecting to fence in competitions this year since it was his first year ever participating in the sport. However, he has improved dramatically. He

capture 11 wins for the day and only one loss. Jennings improved her standing to 27 and 9.

The men's sabre team continued its winning ways defeating all of its opponents. This year will mark the sabre team's fifth

fenced incredibly today. His offensive technique was excellent."

Fan added 8 wins and 1 loss to his individual record bringing it to 11 and 1 overall. Laucius managed to break the blade of an

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Freshman Adrienne Bourque thrashes her opponent to shreds during Saturday's fencing match.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

by Angie Bealko

<b>Friday 2/16</b> Baseball	Claremont Mudd	HOME	2:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday 2/17</b> Diving Track Women's Tennis Baseball JV Men's Basketball Men's Basketball	Claremont Mudd Scripps Pomona Pitzer LaVerne Claremont Mudd Claremont Mudd Claremont Mudd	AWAY AWAY AWAY AWAY HOME HOME	11 a.m. 10 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11 a.m. 5 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
<b>Monday 2/19</b> JV Men's Basketball Men's Basketball	Pomona Pitzer Pomona Pitzer	HOME HOME	5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday 2/20</b> Women's Tennis	BIOLA	HOME	3 p.m.
<b>Wednesday 2/21</b> Golf	Claremont Mudd	AWAY	1 p.m.
<b>Thursday 2/22</b> Men's Basketball SCIAC Swimming	LaVerne At Cerritos	AWAY AWAY	7:30 p.m. TBA
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<b>Saturday 1/10</b> •Women's Tennis •Men's Swimming •Women's Swimming •Fencing •Baseball	Chapman Whittier Whittier UCLA, USC, UCSB Cal Maritime 2nd game LaVerne Redlands	LOST 7-2 WON 134.5-66.5 LOST 137-53 WON 1st WON 6-1 WON 24-5 WON 7-2 LOST 71-68
<b>Monday 1/12</b> •Golf	Redlands	LOST 355-321
<b>Tuesday 1/13</b> •Women's Tennis	Marymount	WON 7-2

# Fencers Defeat Giants, Look Ahead to Air Force, Stanford

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unsuspecting opponent while improving his individual record to 17 and 10 from 11 and 7. Collins added nine wins to his record giving him 25 wins and only 2 losses this season. UCSB proved to be the sabreurs toughest competition, giving the beavers several 5-4 and 5-3 bouts (for those of you who don't know...fencing bouts are scored to 5 points. However, Tech still beat them 8-1. Coach Clovis commented that "the men's sabre team is still dominating everyone. They're undefeated this season. They keep winning despite having to change around their fencers recently."

The men's foilists had a tougher time during the competition falling in all three of their match ups. Sophomore captain Dan Hennessy is optimistic about the teams chances for improvement in the near future. "Today I fenced number one and then three freshmen rotated fencing in the other two spots. Two of them got a victory a piece. They're improving dramatically but it'll take some time." Coach Clovis added that "the men's foil team has the toughest opponents. They're still learning." Hennessy captured five wins and fell four times to improve his individual record to 14 and 13. Freshman Joe Cook grabbed a win for the Beavers, as did freshman Sander Granat. Granat fenced for the first time in this competition. Freshman Juan Nuno had some strong bouts for Caltech but couldn't manage to pull out any wins.

The Men's epee team grabbed one win and lost two close battles with UCSB and USC 5-4 both times. Sophomore captain Wes Salzillo, junior John "Mad Dog" Langford and freshman Juan Carlos Chan all performed well for Caltech with records of 4-5, 6-3 and 5-4 respectively. Bourque remarked that "Juan Carlos competed for the first time in epee in today's invi-

tational. He switched from foil about two weeks ago. He's made the change look easy and did extremely well today particularly for having just switched over." Salzillo and Langford's individual records both now stand at

14 and 13. When asked why Caltech has such a strong fencing team, Collins replied "Fencing is a very strategic and intellectual sport. Caltech does well because we adapt to our opponents' strengths and weaknesses

better than they adjust to ours." From observing the team, I would have to add that they also have extremely quick reaction time to their opponents. All in all, they're simply amazing. Later this year Caltech will face the Air

Force Academy and Stanford in Westerns in an effort to qualify some fencers for nationals. Until then they'll improve their skills against Long Beach, Fullerton and UCSD in addition to Saturday's opponents.




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