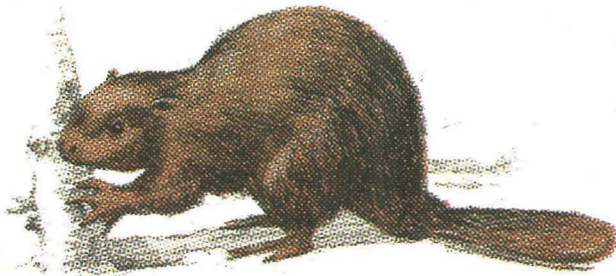


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Two records fall at KELROF

BY TOM DMUKAUSKAS

The 20th annual KELROF was certainly the most prouidigious of the '90s. The all-time records for both the 1-man and 2-man teams were broken and the 47 participants and more than 909 miles run were the most in this decade.

This year's winners were Crash & Burn with 204 miles 1730 yards. The team started off at a hellacious pace, averaging sub-6:00 pace for the first 95 miles. Tragedy struck shortly thereafter when Brian Barris and Cailin Henderson were forced to drop out due to pulled muscles. It appeared that this team was in ruins as Dan Kleiman putted a golf ball during his next mile and Leonard Sung dribbled a soccer ball. These two dropped out on the next rota-

tion leaving a 6-man team with 12 hours to go.

After a couple of rotations of laboring around the track, this bunch regrouped and focused on getting 200 miles. Mile splits came back down and though the team suffered another casualty, Tom Collier chafing himself to death, the hearty souls plodded on faster and faster finishing with the longest distance since 1992.

Team SOPS, Dave Polidori and Bill Goodwine, broke the 2

year old 2-man record by running 101 miles 756 yds. The team hit 50 miles in 7:55 and had a nice cushion to work with for the rest of the day. After tying the record at 4:20am, they continued on through one more rotation before retir-

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Perhaps the oddest mile of the day was Travis Maron playing violin while walking to a 15:42 mile.



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And they're off....

Kiewiet will remember years as Dean fondly

Rod Kiewiet has been Dean for as long as most of us have been here, but around July 31 a new faculty member will step in. While we can only anticipate who the new Dean will be, Dr. Kiewiet is readily accessible, so the TECH arranged for me to interview him about his experiences in the office.

Of the Dean's many actions over the last four years, perhaps one of the most visible has been the overhaul of the core curriculum and freshman grading scheme. In Dr. Kiewiet's words, "It could be that the new curriculum we came up with is not radically different than the old one, but I think we have a better sense of why we're doing what we're doing, why we're teaching what we're teaching." He also expressed a great deal of hope that the Curriculum Committee will continue to act as a steering and advisory force for the core so that students get the most benefit from the core classes.

Dr. Kiewiet also feels that the "grading reforms are playing out... along the lines I had anticipated." Shadow grades second term seem to have given freshmen a much better idea of what areas they needed

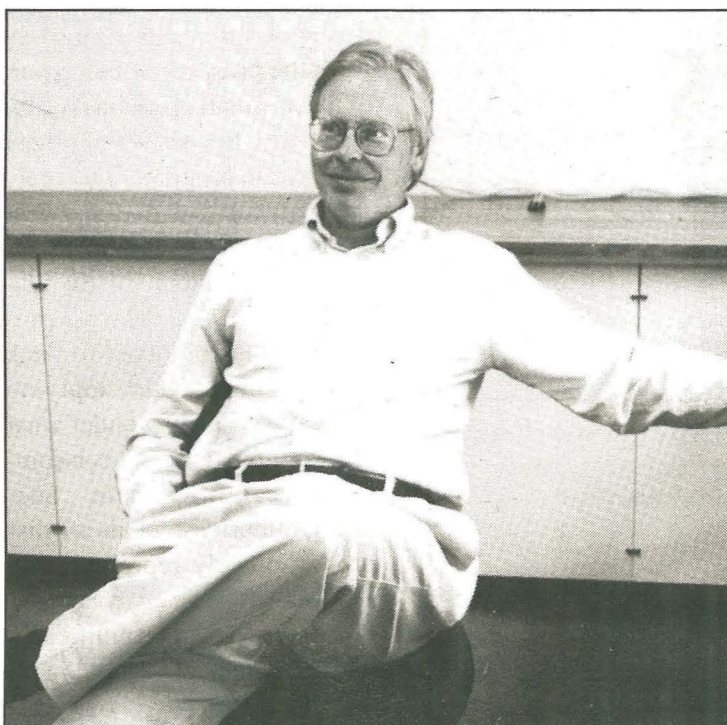


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Dean Kiewiet in a contemplative moment

grades third term, the Dean says that he has seen fewer overload petitions than in the past, and overall freshmen seem to be taking fewer units and concentrating more on those classes they do take. This is actually the main thrust of his changes in this area, since he feels that many freshmen saw their first year of Caltech as an opportunity to take as many units as possible on Pass/Fail, and then arrived for their sophomore year with a poor understanding of the material they had been ex-

The Dean has been involved in undergraduate life during his tenure in more than a strictly academic sense. This year he was asked to judge a slip-n-slide contest as part of Jason Trevor's Ditch Day stack. Along similar lines, he judged a lip-synching contest a few years back, and was interested to see how good some Techers are at that sort of thing. He has also acted as something of a buffer between undergraduates and Pasadena's fine local law enforcement organs; Dr. Kiewiet

The Faces of Caltech

BY MYFANWY CALLAHAN

If you took a look at the student body picture taken yesterday, you would see many types of people among the crowd of faces. Among the students you would see several from minority groups, but on the whole, it cannot be denied that the "typical" Caltech student is a white or asian male. Over the years, Caltech has tried to create a more diverse population through outreach programs, recruitment, and colorful brochures. The open forum held in Winnett Lounge two weeks ago gave the Caltech community a chance to hear about the challenges and successes associated with the struggle towards diversity.

The meeting was in the form of a panel discussion with representatives from the undergraduate and graduate student body, the admissions office, and faculty. The crowd was packed

in, filling the chairs and spilling over onto the floor. Soon we heard the good news. Next year's freshman class has a higher proportion of underrepresented minorities than in the recent past. The class will include 31% women, four Native Americans, two African Americans, and ten Hispanics. Statistically, we still have fewer minorities than other schools of the same caliber, but the trend shows improvement. The admit rate for the class of 2000 was lower than last year, so standards have certainly remained the same. Though the numbers of minority students are not large, they show the success of our recruiting over the last year.

The diversity of next year's freshman class reflects the amount of work put in by faculty, students, alumnae, and of course, the Admissions Office

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It's Volleyballeo time

BY DAVE BACON

So, frosh, you think you've finally conquered your first year. You think that with all the work you've put in, all of the Chem/Phys/Math you've hammered out, you're perfectly ready to become a sophomore. In fact, you probably think that you're a sophomore already. Guess again, lowly frosh! The sophomores have something to say to you...VOLLEYBALLEO FROSH!

Yes, it's that forever recurring Caltech tradition MUDEO reincarnated in the new and improved tradition VOLLEYBALLEO! Gone are the days of the five man MUDEO contest!

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According to recently unearthed documents (found stuffed in the foundation of Dabney House), Caltech frosh are forever locked in their freshman year until they can success-

fully conquer the Sophomores in a Frosh-Sophomore competition. This "curse of the frosh year" dooms all freshman who do not participate in the competition to an endless repetition of finals weeks (without decompression). The only way in which the frosh can shed their lowly status and rise up to the meager status of sophomore is to beat the sophomores in a fierce "to-the-death" competition: VOLLEYBALLEO!

That's right, this Saturday, June 1st at 1 p.m., come join your fellow classmates in the Court O' Mann for a volleyball game like none you've seen before.

Gone are the days of useless mud-soaked clothes!

That's right, come see a frosh (aided by the juniors) versus sophomore (aided by the seniors) battle. Come out to participate, come out to root your class to victory, or just come out to soak up some Southern California sun rays and munch on some of the free food (Eerf Doof!), but just make sure you're there, or forever face your freshman year, over and over and over and over and....

EDITORIAL

Why there are no donuts with your Tech

The Dean of Students Rod Kiewiet has unilaterally decided to confiscate the keys to the ASCIT van. The van, used for many student activities, including ASCIT donuts, has been placed under administrative custody pending review by the institute.

Somehow there has been confusion in the administration as to the responsibility and ownership of the ASCIT van. ASCIT is a corporation of students of the California Institute of Technology, but both financially and administra-

tively distinct from the Institute itself. By taking that van from the Corporation of students, the administration has committed an act on par with confiscating a student's car if that student had been in an accident. The Institute has no financial responsibility for the van; therefore, it should have no jurisdiction over it.

Why were the keys confiscated? During Ditch Day a stack took out the van. One person, who will remain unnamed to protect his identity, **goofed up** and crunched the tail light of another vehicle. Then there was an exchange of information and the owner of the stack offered to pay the damages incurred. This is where the administration stepped in and removed the van from circulation.

Concerned students should contact the Dean as well as your house Presidents and the President of ASCIT. As always, comments are solicited for publication in The California Tech.

Ted Rivette

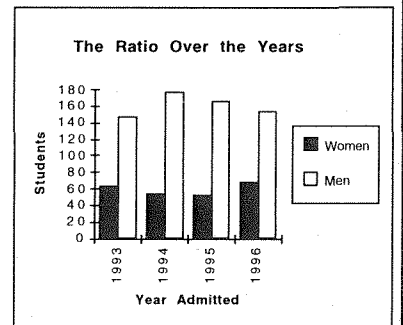
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this year. This year each admitted student was called by an alumnus, each admitted woman by a current woman student, and each underrepresented minority student by a current minority student. Some students were visited personally by current faculty members. Students working with Minority Affairs went to local schools in an outreach program to encourage applicants. Pre-frosh weekend was a resounding success. All this convinced many of the admitted

CLASS OF 2000 STATISTICS

Ethnicity	Count
Native American	4
African American	2
Asian	52
Latino/Hispanic	10
Caucasian	146
Other/No Response	1
International	7



students to come to Caltech.

Some difficulties still stand in the way of further increases in the numbers of minority students and women at Caltech. First, is the obvious dearth of minority students and women in the current student body. Many potential applicants turn away from the prospect of being part of a very small group in the student body. Because of our sheer size certain programs are barely able to keep going. Last year when no African Americans enrolled, our chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers almost dissolved for lack of members. Some applying students seriously wonder what kind of support the Caltech community can offer them. Secondly, minority students are disproportionately represented in school districts that may not supply the same opportunities as private schools or schools in a wealthier area. Many schools may never have had a student attend Caltech, so it is of great importance to inform college counselors and prospective students of the chance to come to Caltech. Simply dispelling misconceptions about Caltech is very important.

What does Caltech offer to minority students? Throughout the year there are a number of events sponsored by Minority Student Affairs, the Multi-Cultural Task Force, and other organizations to focus on diversity at Caltech. During Black History Month, a number of speakers were brought to Caltech,

including Mae Jamison among others. More recently, there was Semana Latina that brought together most of the people in the

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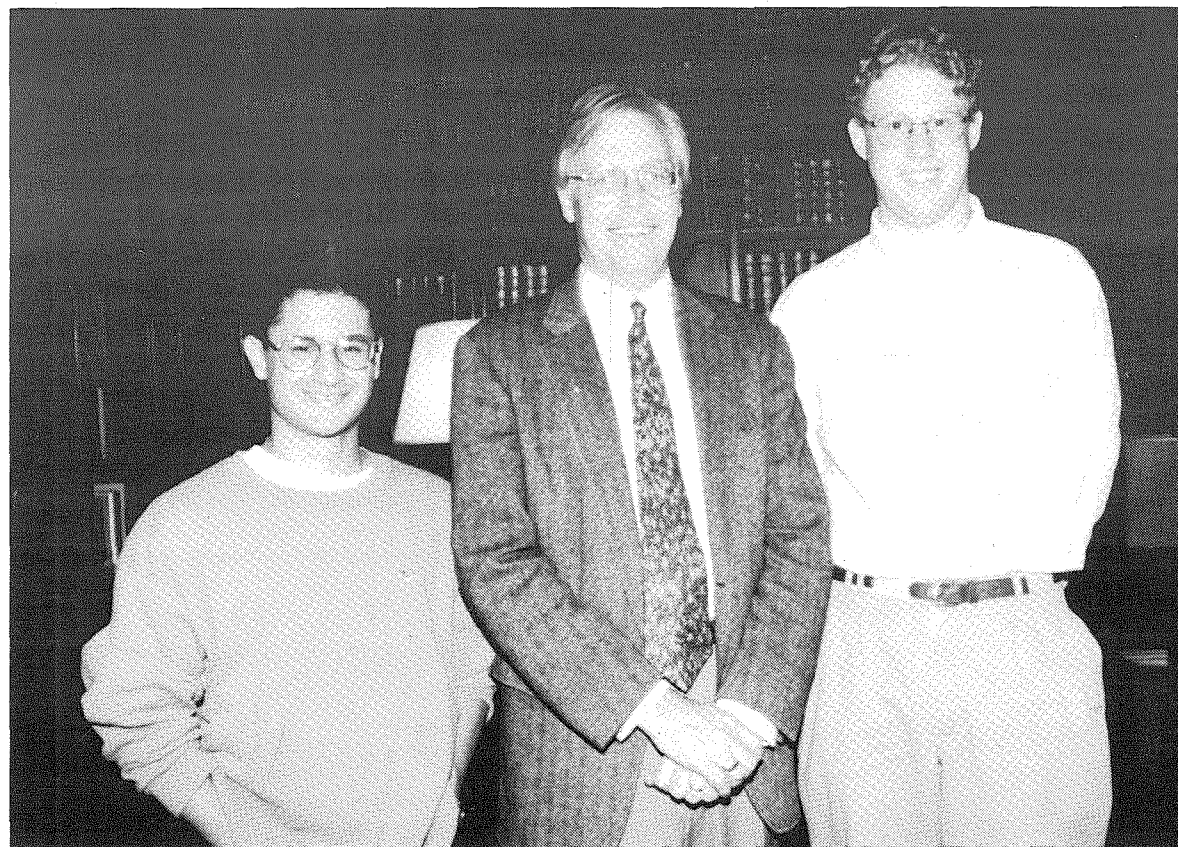
FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

The Green, Froehlich, and Haagen-Smit Awards were presented on May 16, 1996 at a luncheon in The Athenaeum. Jose Hurtado, Senior in Geology, and Dave Bacon, Junior in Physics/Literature received the George W. Green Prize. The Green Prize is awarded to an undergraduate student in any class for original research, an original paper or essay, or other evidence of creative scholarship beyond the normal requirements of specific courses. The Jack E. Froehlich Memorial Award is for outstanding juniors in the top 5% of the class. Sebastian Maurer was selected this year. Gina Serraiocco won the Arie J. Haagen-Smit Memorial Award, which is given to a chemist or biologist who has shown academic promise and has made recognized contributions to Caltech.



Gina Serraiocco, left, winner of the Arie J. Haagen-Smit award, with Mrs. Haagen-Smit.

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Jose Hurtado, left, and Dave Bacon, right, winners of the George W. Green Prize, with Dean Kiewiet, center.

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The Outside World

by Myfanwy Callahan

ASHKELON, ISRAEL — The Israeli election hangs in the balance, with both candidates very close in the polls. Incumbent Shimon Peres and Benjamin Netanyahu spend their last campaign day seeking the support of the educated Russian immigrants that make up over 12% of Israel's population.



MOSCOW, RUSSIA — Yeltsin will travel to Chechnya's capital in an ambitious campaign trip. A peace treaty, just completed as of Tuesday, will hopefully bring about the end of the war that has cost as many as 40,000 lives.



PASO DE CORTES, MEXICO — The volcano Popocatepetl, that awakened from dormancy in January 1994, has shown renewed activity. The clouds of smoke and occasional minor explosions has led the Mexican Center for Disaster Protection to close the peak to tourists and request that residents reinforce their roofs.



TIRANA, ALBANIA — Opposition protesters were beaten by riot police just a day after elections for a new president. Many

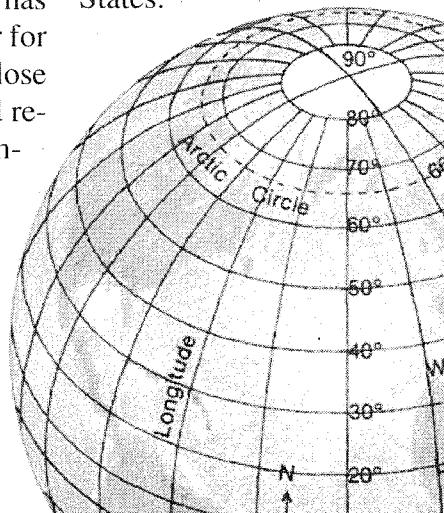
international observers say the elections were fraught with voting violations.



LITTLE ROCK — In the first White-water trial this Tuesday, President Clinton's former business partners were convicted of fraud and other crimes in association with a savings and loan scandal in Arkansas. Clinton's former partners include the current governor of Arkansas, who promises to resign.



LOS ANGELES — State Assemblywoman Paula Boland has proposed to state legislature that the San Fernando Valley be allowed to vote whether to form their own city. The bill has met approval in the Assembly and now awaits decision in the Senate. If the Valley secedes from L.A. it would become one of the six largest cities in the United States.



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Page House Ditch Day stacks: fun in the sun and the sewer

BY HEATHER DEAN

Well, it's third term, and school is getting pretty stressful, so when tomorrow finally came, it was time to relax and enjoy life for a while. The Enjoy Life stack by Laura Verhoff and Jason Trevor let underclassmen accomplish just that. It began with breakfast and BEVERages and watching cartoons with friends. The cans were then used to build pyramids, and the number of cans on each tier was used to find the combination to a locked compartment. By following the clues given and finding the keys or combinations to each compartment, we were led first to an office, where we were stuffed with more food, and then to the gym to work it off in a weight-lifting contest with

Vince and Larry. We enjoyed these trips around campus by taking a Daihatsu rather than walking. At the gym, we were given a quiz about that enjoyable part of life called sex and the clue given led us to a boat race with the Waiters' Stack in Page. It was here at Page when I was left to guard the Daihatsu that some Scurves stole it with me still inside and gave me a wild tour of the campus that I will never forget. I guess everyone was enjoying life that day. After the boat race, we were told to enjoy the hot day by playing on a slip-n-slide with Rod Kiewiet as one of our judges. The scores of the judges allowed us to obtain from the gym the sound equipment needed for us to give a noon concert in the quad.

Luckily, we didn't have to do this alone since Fleming's Stack Fiction joined us for our concert after we joined their twist contest. Next it was time for pizza and more BEVERages for lunch. We were supposed to be able to sit on the Lloyd-Page bridge and throw water balloons onto the Olive Walk, but after finding other Pageboys streaking up there, we decided it was best to just eat on the other side of Page. After lunch, we used clues about ultimate frisbee and The Little Mermaid to find the combination to another shelf which contained a tape of old Saturday Night Live skits, engraved shot glasses, and two liters of the bomb, a popular Page drink, and instructions as to how to play the game. This led us to a clue for a dog race with shopping carts with the Waiters' Stack. Unfortunately, they were not available and we did not have enough people, so we skipped this step and ice cream with Denise at the gym, and



Tim Yarnall hits the skids on Ditch Day

making paint prints of body parts, and just went to the residence life office for our next clue. Here we were given noodles and instructions to beat people with them as a stress reliever. In

particular, we had to find Gina and beat the final key out of her. Once we opened the last compartment, we found hammers and screwdrivers and were able to take down the stack and get into the room, where we found plenty of snackies and beverages. Even though we had to skip some steps and finish early, the day was very enjoyable for each of us, and ended by sharing a keg with the Waiters' Stack in the Beer Room in Page.

Some other interesting stacks in Page included a Terminator stack in which the underclassmen had to go back in time and stop a murder and an Egyptian stack with a 20 foot pyramid which had to be entered through the sewer.

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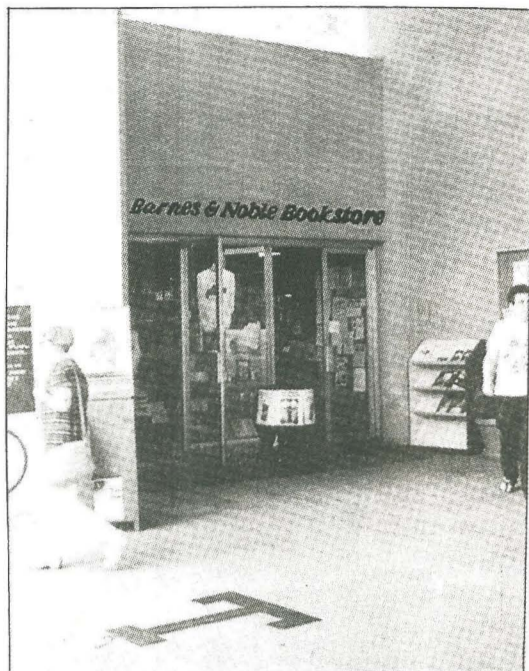
feels that one of the most memorable events he has had to deal with was the Dabney bonfire incident, and the ensuing effort to prevent felony charges being filed. He says that he was quite pleased with the student participation in the fire safety class which resulted from this, even though it was held at 8:30 Saturday mornings.

Dr. Kiewiet has also played a large role at Frosh Camp for the last four years. Actually, one of the few concrete bits of advice that he has for the new Dean is to not underestimate the amount of effort involved with new student orientation Caltech style. Whereas many other schools have an entire segment of their Student Affairs department devoted to preparing orientation activities, much of the work here is done by Suzette Cummings. Frosh Camp is therefore a year-round concern, and since the new Dean will take over very shortly before it begins it is easy to be caught off guard.

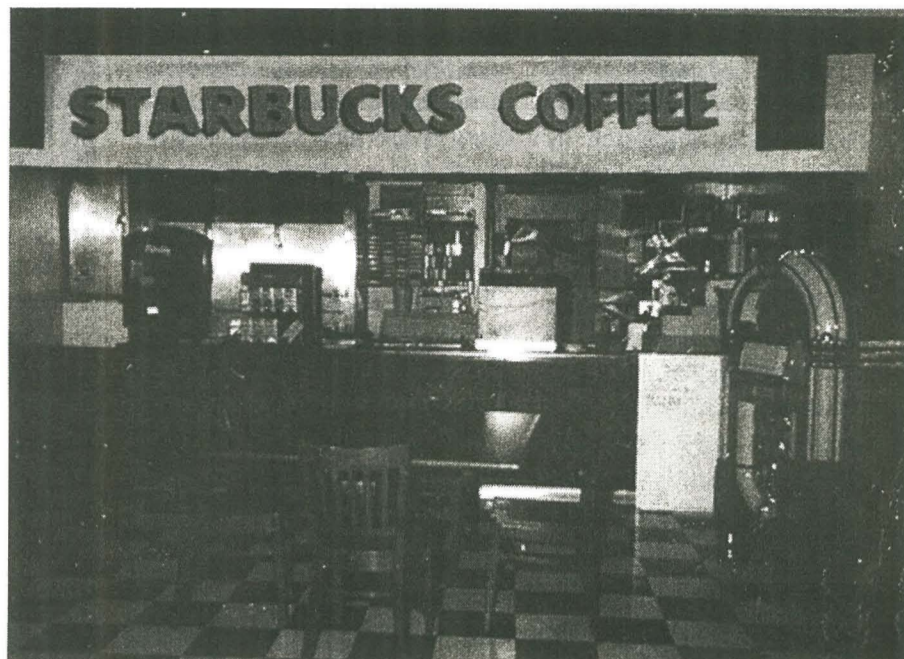
He has also volunteered to be one of about twenty Avery Associates drawn from the Institute faculty. In this capacity he will have lunch at Avery Center a few times each month, and so will remain involved in student life. Although he has little idea of how Avery will turn out in the long run, he anticipates interesting times. "A year from now, people in Avery House will have traditions . . . but we don't know what they are yet."



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KELROF: Records fall as Techers run around the clock

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ing for the night.

The battle among the proliferation of 1-man teams this year was won by Brad Nakatani. Nakatani and Tom Dmukauskas were engaged in a fierce competition for much of the day which pushed them over the edge. The two were never separated by more than a lap for the first 25 miles. Each passed through the marathon mark below 3:45. Nakatani bolted to a 6 lap lead by the 38 mile mark but fell nearly a full mile behind by mile 43 when Dmukauskas found a second wind. Shortly after Dmukauskas and Nakatani passed through the 50-mile mark in 8:07:17 and 8:16:00 respectively, they mutually decided to work together for the remainder of the race.

After Nakatani unlapped himself, the two walked together for a dozen miles taking them to the 12-hour mark with 63 miles. At this point, Dmukauskas claimed to be physically and emotionally unable to continue and solicited massages from any sympathetic bystanders. Nakatani trudged onwards for another 6 hours and covered another 12 miles, setting a new KELROF individual record of 75 miles 136 yards.

Three other 10-person teams and three individuals put on a good show as well. Team ABBA (146 miles 94 yards), Lucky Strike (131 miles 241 yards) and All Fleming, All Women (112 miles 1523 yards, with help from non-Flems, but still women, Eve Andersson and Sara Beaber) had some notable and memorable per-

formances. Jim Krehl blasted his first 6 miles in sub-6:00. Dave Zito ran 10 of his miles sub-6:33, including a 6:07 finale. Chari really smoked up the track, sometimes even running, too.

Anil Roopnarine and Kara Swedlow both dribbled basketballs for a mile, π Qan juggled a mile and perhaps the oddest mile of the day was Travis Maron playing violin while walking to a 15:42 mile.

Thanks and congratulations go out to all who participated in KELROF this year. Special thanks to those of you who pitched in to make the event a success, especially Seth Blumberg, Chris Cary, Kumar Raman, Matt McAdams, Donna Ebenstein, Dave Richard, Greg Steiert and Janis Chang. Even though I am graduating, I will be back for KELROF next year. Will you?

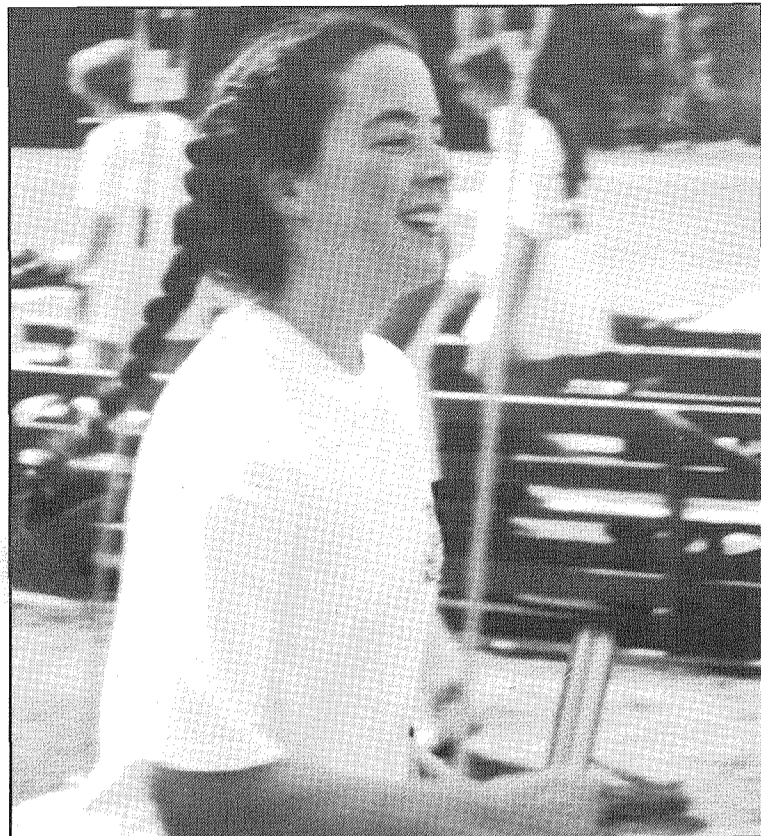


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Corinne Gilliam, of the All-Women, All-Fleming Team

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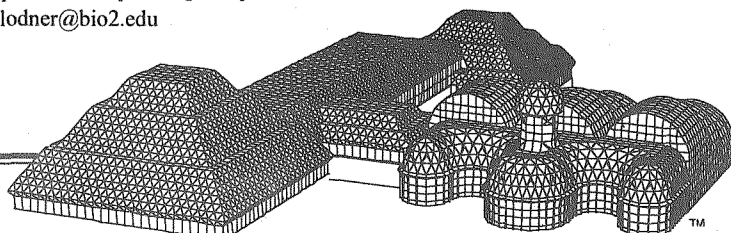
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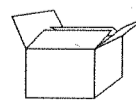
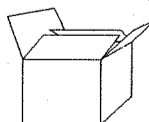
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MINORITIES: Incoming class reflects a wealth of cultures

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Caltech community for some of the events. There are chapters of the societies for black and hispanic engineers. The Bridge Program for incoming students helps minority students and students who may be less prepared for Caltech get a head start on academics. The Office of Minority Student Affairs is open for students to come and study, or just relax with other minority students, thus incoming minority students can expect some

support after they arrive.

The success of the activities such as Semana Latina comes as somewhat of a surprise when you realize how few people are working behind the scenes. Although hundreds of people came to listen to the bands and eat the food, only a handful of undergraduate and graduate students with staff were the driving force behind the events that week. The Office of Minority

Affairs has been running without a fulltime director for a full year. Sue Bunker, Director of the Caltech Y, has taken over as Acting Director, but the need for a full time director cannot be denied.

One of the best moments of the meeting on Friday was brought on when a student questioned faculty interest in the issue of diversity at Caltech. Thereafter came an outpouring of support from ad-

ministrators and faculty, including a letter which was read aloud describing one professors empathy with minority students on campus. It seems there has always been significant support of diversification efforts among faculty, yet there has been relatively little interaction with students' efforts once they get to Caltech. If we want Caltech to be more diverse, all members of the Caltech community need to

work towards it. Faculty and students who are working towards the same goal should do just that, work together. Also, there is no reason why non-minority students should not get involved in the organization of multi-cultural events. Nonetheless, the statistics for the coming freshman class give some hope that Caltech will be a more diverse population in the future

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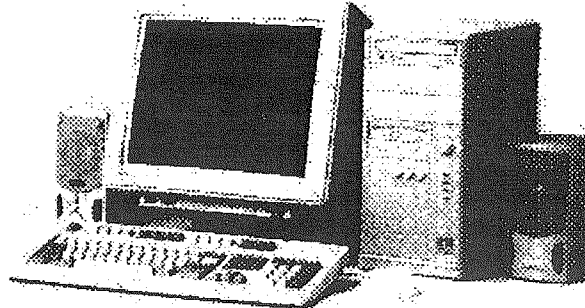
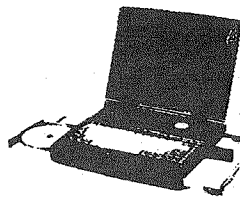
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Announcements

At the end of this academic year **Rod Kiewiet** will be "retiring" as Dean of Students to return to his research and teaching. To honor him for his 4 years of commitment and service there will be a reception at Steele House on Thursday, June 6th, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. **ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ARE INVITED!** If you have any questions about the reception, please contact the Deans' Office.

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The **Caltech Bookstore** is holding an "almost" storewide inventory reduction sale with 30% savings on all clothing, supplies, and gift items and 20% off all books. Sale excludes foods, drinks, textbooks, magazines, film processing, and special orders. Sale items cannot be combined with any other discounts or items already marked down.

The **Career Development Center** would like to remind all 1996 graduates to please get their "CDC Graduation Survey" completed and sent back to the CDC office. There will be another drawing for a \$50 gift certificate for the Warehouse, but you must have the survey into the CDC office at 08 Parsons-Gates by noon on June 3rd. If there are any questions or if you have not received a survey please call the CDC at x6361.

The **Office of International Programs** is seeking applications for several Orientation Assistant positions for the Fall 1996 International Student Orientation Program. The Orientation Assistants will have the unique opportunity of working with new international students in a leadership position and the chance to gain valuable experience in working across cultures. The Orientation Assistants will receive a small stipend at the completion of the program in September. The dates for the orientation program will be the 16th to 22nd of September, 1996. Those selected as Orientation Assistants will be expected to participate in a two day training and planning workshop on July 19th and 20th, 1996. For

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complete information or an application, please stop by the Office of International Programs on the Olive Walk. The application deadline is **Today, May 31st, 1996.**

Signups for **letter jackets** will be up in the seven houses and on the side of Winnett. Any athlete who has lettered twice in the same sport is eligible for a letter jacket. The cost will be \$50 with ASCIT paying for the difference in cost.

Events

Erin Schuman, Assistant professor of Molecular and Cellular Physiology, Caltech, and **Mary Kennedy**, Professor of Biology, Caltech, will give a Biology 0.1 Seminar entitled "How do synapses function and get modified during learning?" at 4pm Today in Baxter Lecture Hall. This series is intended for nonspecialists interested in the biological research revolution of the past decade. JPL employees as well as campus and community members are always invited. Preparatory reading materials available in Millikan Reserve the Monday prior to each lecture.

There will be a Frosh versus Sophomore **Volleyballeo** competition Saturday, June 1st, at 1pm in the Court O'Mann. Come participate or root your class to victory. Free food.

T.A.C.I.T. auditions for the spectacular T.A.C.I.T. performance of **Fantasio**, a romance by Alfred de Musset to be performed November, 1996, will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 7th (7 to 11pm) and 8th (1 to 5pm) in Club Room 1, and Sunday, June 9th, in the Winnett Lounge from 1 to 5pm. For more information, call T.A.C.I.T. at 6259.

Christof Koch, Professor of Biology, Caltech, and **Richard Andersen**, Professor of Neuroscience, Caltech, will hold a Biology 0.1 Seminar entitled "Is there a biological basis for consciousness and perception?" on Friday, June 7th, at 4pm in the Baxter

Lecture Hall.

The **Organization for Women at Caltech** is forming a book discussion group to further explore the issues raised by Pat Heim at her lecture. The first book to be read will be Heim's "Hardball for Women." After reading and discussing the book we will invite in some experienced male and female caltech managers to explore their management styles and philosophies. Meetings will be held once a week, at lunch, in the Women's Center. All interested in participating in this group should e-mail Betsy Woodford at betsy_woodford@starbase1.caltech.edu, who will arrange the meeting times.

This summer, the **Caltech Ballroom Dance Club** will continue to hold waltz and salsa classes. The Waltz classes will be held Mondays from 7 to 8:30pm in Dabney Lounge (NOT Dabney House dining hall); the first class will be held June 3rd. Salsa classes, as usual, will be 7 to 8:30pm on Wednesdays in Winnett. There will be no Friday classes beginning in June. Four classes will cost \$20 per person (\$22 for non Caltech or JPL associated persons). All levels of dancers are encouraged to join; no partner is needed. For more information, contact John Carri at jcarri@ligo.caltech.edu or 7929679.

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and then moves on to the general discussion. Refreshments are served. If you would like more information, please call x8331.

Fellowships and Scholarships

From the **Fellowships Advising and Resources Office**, extension 2150, email lauren_stolper@starbase1.caltech.edu:

Applications for the **Hertz scholarship**, which is open to seniors and graduate students with a 3.75 GPA or above who are U.S. citizens or who can provide documented evidence of application for U.S. citizenship, are coming soon. If you want to receive an application when they arrive, please e-mail your name and mail code to the Fellowships Advising Office at karen_johnson@starbase1.caltech.edu. If you have questions, please e-mail the fellowship advisor, Lauren Stolper at lauren_stolper@starbase1.caltech.edu.

Applications for the **Fulbright Fellowship** for graduating seniors and for grad students seeking postdoctoral positions abroad are also coming. If you'd like to receive an application, please send the mail code or address you can be reached at through June to lauren_stolper@starbase1.caltech.edu. Students who want applications for the Marshall, Rhodes, Luce, Watson, and Churchill and who have not as yet sent their names can send them to the e-mail address above as well.

The **Lindbergh Foundation Grants Awards** support innovative ideas at their early stage of development. The grants are open to citizens of all countries and support research and educational projects that address in some way the balance between technology and the environment. Ten grants in amounts of up to \$10,580 are awarded each year. Applications are available through the Fellowships Advising Office.

From the **Deans' Office**, 102 ParsonsGates:

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The **Nuclear Age Peace Foundation** announces its **Lena Chang Scholarship Awards** for 1996/97. The Foundation will be awarding two \$2,500 scholarships to undergraduate minority students who can demonstrate financial need and academic excellence. Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office and are due to the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation no later than **July 1st, 1996.**



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