



Fleming House Flag and Page House Portrait Stolen

By Michael Lauria
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Last week, sometime during the Fleming House ski trip, the outsized flag that hangs across the wall of the Fleming dining hall was stolen.

Only a small post-it-note with an uppercase "F" remained. In a matter of days, then-president Alex Lapidès issued an ultimatum to the thieves: return the flag by midnight of the 24th or... well, or else. However, the whereabouts of the flag remain a mystery, and the bare wall of the Fleming dining hall serves as a constant reminder of its loss.

Then, late on Wednesday the 27th, a portrait of the venerable James Rathwell Page was stolen from Page President Jenny Xiong's dorm room.

Speculation has risen that J.R. was the victim of Flem retaliation, but among Flems, the consensus is that it was not the work of a member. "People would be bragging about it," said Monisha Dilip, a freshman in Fleming. The portrait, which was about to be sent out for restoration, is extremely important to members of Page House.

"James Rathwell's wide stance is sorely missed throughout Page House," lamented Treasurer Andy Zucker.

In the last issue of *The Tech*, former president Alex Lapidès decried the prank against the flag and pled for its swift return. Yet the "assailant or assailants" remain unknown. As Fleming House Social Chair Brice Nzeu-

kou put it, "they must have been really sneaky." Indeed there is little evidence as to the identity of the hooligan or hooligans who have misappropriated the portrait of the late James Rathwell Page, a former president of the Caltech Board of Trustees and prominent member of the community.

No organization has yet taken responsibility for either prank, yet rumors are beginning to filter through the hallways of Page and Fleming House. "We've heard it might have been Harvey Mudd or PCC," said Nzeukou, "They've been trying to get into the pranking game."

Trisha Guchait echoed this sentiment, saying of the flag, "There's a rumor going around that someone from Harvey Mudd took it." Freshmen of Fleming House have been made accountable for finding the flag.

"I was doing my laundry, and Alex Lapidès asked me if I had found the flag yet," said Dilip. However, this task may be more difficult than most people think. "I am convinced that al-Qaida is involved," pronounced Genesis Lung, a freshman in Page.

Questioning members of other houses has elicited mixed responses.

Some were entirely clueless: "I had no idea these things happened," said Lloydie and social Pageboy Sei Masuoka.

Others seemed to find the entire matter laughable.

"The Flem flag is non-RF-able, therefore I am very much in support of its theft," said Joseph Torres, a freshman member of Lloyd.

"It's a quasi-prank," said Skurve Nic Woodward, refusing to elaborate. On the other hand, members of both Page and Fleming are less amused.



"This series of despicable crimes reflects poorly on Caltech as a community," said Junior Pageboy Geoff Beck.

"There's a lot more potential for pranking than just theft," said newly elected Fleming president Dan Sexton,

"This is bush-league. The flag was nice... big and red instead of just having a wall."

He also mentioned the possibility that MIT removed it from its rightful place.

Some members of Page accept this view. "MIT loves picking on Fleming, man, they took their cannon, now their flag," said Troy Sandberg.

Jenny Xiong, Page House president, declined to comment.

ASCIT president Adam Khan says he "has confidence that the emblems will be returned if a Techer is responsible."

Yet obviously there is no consensus as to who is culpable, and planned recognition expeditions to Harvey Mudd have not yet been mounted.

Business has gone on as usual in the two victimized houses, though, in spite of the past weeks' disturbing occurrences.

Members of the other houses have some worry that their own house items may be next.

"It all seems like something out of Harry Potter," said Averite Sarah Marzen, "I'm pretty sure that this isn't where the string of thefts is going to end."

Stanford Schor, a member of Ricketts, had this to add: "If the thefts weren't committed by someone within Caltech, then I think that the culprits will wait until they've finished collecting whatever else they're looking for before revealing themselves."

Additional questions remain: Who took these hallowed items? Will they be returned? And will other Houses be next?



On Tuesday, February 25th, the Winter Career Fair saw multitudes of Caltech undergraduates and graduate students milling about various booths in Brown Gym. A number of the booths were manned by recent Caltech alumni who drew students in with the promise of a fulfilling career after Caltech. Other booths used anything from donuts, to toy robots, to t-shirts in order to attract potential employees. Most opportunities were geared towards engineering and Computer Science majors, though a few chemistry- and biology-related companies joined the throng. New employers included General Electric, MindJolt, D. E. Shaw Research, QuorumLabs, and Teach for America.

-Caroline Yu

Caltech students bring Tardis prank to Berkeley

By Jonathan Schor
STAFF WRITER

As a follow-up to the TARDIS prank executed in early January, a group of Tech students, aided by two MIT graduates who attend grad school at Berkeley, transferred the TARDIS to UC Berkeley.

The group began on Friday, January 28, and consisted of Alex Rasmussen, Issac Sheff, Raymond Jimenez, Alex Mouschovias, Jesse Salomon, Liz Decolvenaere, Julie Jester, and Greg Izatt.

They first packed up the disassembled TARDIS, which was housed in the Lloyd courtyard, and then set out on the long drive to Northern California.

The BBC provided the group with a U-Haul, driven by a BBC representative, and a second BBC reporter who interviewed and filmed the pranksters as they set about their work.

Each of the team members was asked how they felt about being involved in the prank, whether

they were nervous about being caught, and other such questions.

The BBC allowed the students to keep the camcorder, and will notify them of when and where the pranking footage will be aired.

Berkeley security was notified of the prank beforehand, and thus the group was able to build without interruption.

They began at night shortly after the janitorial staff exited the building.

Due to "shoddy MIT craftsmanship," the TARDIS sustained some damage during transportation, but this was temporarily repaired with the help of wood glue.

Rasmussen explains that the Berkeley students who move the TARDIS to its next location will have to first do more extensive repairs.

A sibling of one of the students who helped with the prank will likely be leading the Berkeley effort, possibly with further consultation with the Caltech group.

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Mother sent to jail for fraudulently sending children to elite school system

By Sandhya Chandrasekaran
STAFF WRITER

The United States of America is a capitalistic society where you get what you pay for. Suppose I want to buy an energy drink (which I desperately need at the moment); I would have to exchange some money in return. If I am currently in the library, too tired to move, I cannot simply take someone else's because they are closer and happen to be sleeping. That would be considered stealing, and I would no doubt be in the wrong.

Treating education as a similar commodity would blur this black and white distinction. Literacy and knowledge is what our country prides itself on. However, when it comes down to it, education never gets the attention and recognition it deserves. Money is often cut from the public systems first and redistributed to infrastructure and other public projects, when the school systems are what quite literally mold the minds of the people of tomorrow. With all of these cuts from what matters

most, only people with sufficient income can afford to send their children to good schools, while the rest are left with sub-par facilities with underqualified teachers.

Kelley Williams-Bolar saw herself and children in this situation, living in an unsafe neighborhood that obviously could not provide her daughters with the quality education she knew they needed and deserved. She had to make a choice: would she accept the notion that her daughters would miss out on golden opportunities for success because she lacked the monetary means to support it, or would she undertake risky, extraordinary measures to provide them with what they rightfully deserved?

A concerned and caring mom, Kelley took the (illegal) road less traveled, and falsified reports to send her children to an elite school system, Copley Fairlawn School District, in her father's neighborhood. Four years later, just this past week, Kelley was convicted in court for her decision.

It is wrong to cheat, and it is bad to steal. By slyly sending her daughters to another school without paying the appropriate amount of money, Kelley tried to evade the law, and was ultimately caught. Despite her innocent intentions, Kelley did merit a suitable sentence for her crime.

But the one she received was completely uncalled for. In addition to ten days in jail, Kelley

was sentenced to eighty days of community service and three years of probation. Judge Patricia Cosgrove openly claimed that she was using Kelley as an example to minimize the number of such fraudulent individuals in the future. And when the district demanded that she pay the \$30,500 she owed for her children's education, she refused, resulting in two felonies on her record. Not only does this mean that her daughters will lack the opportunities and resources they need for a better life, but now Kelley, an aspiring teaching assistant, will never be able to enter a classroom and fulfill her life goals.

Quite understandably, this whole incident has stirred a lot of racial and social controversy. Kelley is an African American woman sending her children to a good school predominantly comprised of Caucasian children.

While this situation did occur against a racially controversial backdrop, the crux of the issue is independent of color and concerns the nature of education in our country. Have we really regressed so much as to put such a high price on education? There was a time, not long ago, when the thirst for knowledge was encouraged and appreciated. While we would like to think that the door to a better life is always open, it looks like only a few members of society are wealthy enough to buy the key to unlock it. People who are unable to live successful



Image taken from <http://mandamenoire.com/tag/williams-bolar/>

At top, Kelley Williams-Bolar hears her court sentence read to her by the judge. When school officials in the Copley Fairlawn School District hired investigators to trail Williams-Bolar's children to her home, they discovered that she had falsified her location of residence. When she didn't cough up the \$30,000 required for tuition, the school officials dragged her to court. She was slapped with ten days in jail, eighty days of community service and three years of probation for fraudulently sending her children to an elite school system.

lives are forced to live that way. The poor stay poor, and the rich grow richer. The government giving education a cold shoulder leaves upward mobility simply out of the question. Though she is

now sentenced to one, Kelly was already trapped inside a jail cell. She knew exactly where the key laid, taunting her, but was bereft of the means by which to obtain it.

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Letters to the Editor

Tech Should Probably Learn a Thing or Two About Journalism

Last week, I apparently wrote two letters to the editor. One, about the Fleming Flag, I meant to see published to gain information on the whereabouts of my hoes's item. The second, about the type of athletics articles in the Tech, was an off-the-record response to a poll posed in the Tech in which I purposely exaggerated by own feelings on several points to help support a friend write his type of articles. Therefore, I would like to apologize to anyone offended by my not-so off-the-record remarks, and reassure anyone that, while I have my personal view, it is not a polar and one-dimensional as my private letter of support made it seem. I would like to conclude by expressing my disappointment in the lack of judgment displayed by the Tech with the hope that it will not occur in the again in the future.

-Alex Lapidus

In response to Evans Boney's 1/24/11 opinion, "Cultural castration promotes prudery:"

The sarcastic or misguided conclusion of "Cultural castration..." was that if the media were more sexually explicit, consumers will be likely to imitate what they see, resulting in a solution to: obesity, an infringement on the rights to basic human expression, and the sexual tension which is "killing our society."

I have many contentions with the opinion that "[c]ultural castration promotes prudery." Not with the title-- castration does seemed to be correlated with a lack of interest in sex-- but I disagree with many of your arguments, and think you omitted some important ones.

You begin your article with the premise that, "[f]or some reason, [you] hear 'g-spot' edited out on the radio, along with almost any direct or indirect reference to sexual pleasure." I agree with you, in that I've never heard such direct or indirect references on the radio.

All I hear is this "I wanna see your peacock, cock, cock-- your peacock cock-- your peacock, cock, cock-- your peacock" crap, and I wish they would play the real stuff so I could get my game on better.

You well defined what was legally obscene, but didn't describe what that actually means,

in terms of censorship.

Here is the pertinent legal bit: the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) prohibits obscene broadcasts 24/7, while indecent broadcasts ("depicts or describes, in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium, sexual or excretory organs or activities") are limited to be played between 10pm and 6am.

This time limitation is a complete sham in that it appears to be a compromise, but it really implies that there's a danger worth restricting, but people awake between 10pm and 6am can handle it. Both premises are dumb.

I also agree with your implication (with the irrelevant reference to Eric Cantor spitting on an artist's grave) that it is constitutionally debatable whether obscenity should have been the basis for the government to consider dismantling a Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery with various unorthodox religious and sexual themes.

So should we legalize mentioning sex? It's already legal, you must realize, or we are both in big trouble for our respective editorials.

Your argument would have worked better had you analyzed

these restrictions instead of repeatedly decrying society's general tendency to castrate itself. That strategy only works the first couple times. After that, we start counting testicles, get distracted, and doubt the applicability of the metaphor.

No one would be so hung up on sex if it were not a powerful subject. To some reasonable degree, one must be allowed to influence that which they experience, because some side effects of the experience can not be undone by the viewer.

For example, when someone is annoying, I can choose to stop talking to them, effectively censoring them, but also protecting myself from hemorrhaging of the eardrum.

But one can also turn off the radio, making the ban on obscenity and indecent broadcasts needlessly restrictive. If only things were different we could all bounce up and down to Jon Lajoie's "Show Me Your Genitals," and maybe more people would show me theirs.

You concluded by saying, "Perhaps we aren't getting enough... back rubs." Oh, please-- don't censor yourself!

-Perrin Considine

America going bankrupt

By Dan Alvarez
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

“The fact that we’re here today to debate raising America’s debt limit is a sign of leadership failure. Leadership means ‘The buck stops here.’ Instead, Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today onto the backs of our children and grandchildren. America has a debt problem and a failure of leadership. Americans deserve better. I therefore intend to oppose the effort to increase America’s debt limit.” –Sen. Barack Obama, 2006

When then Senator Obama made these statements, the Republican-dominated congress was voting to increase the debt ceiling above the \$9T mark. Now, as of January 2011, the national debt is just over \$14T and one of the first issues that the new 112th congress has to vote on is whether to once again increase the legal limit of our debt above \$14.3T. It will be the 7th time that congress votes to increase the legal limit of our debt in just four years. More troubling, however, is that the most recent increase of our debt, passed barely a year ago, was nearly double the second largest increase ever. Since the Democrats took power in 2007, congress has spent \$5.3T and increased the national debt by 60%. It took the United States 200 years to accumulate the first trillion dollars of debt. Today, it barely takes us 7 months. PAY-GO is a law most recently signed by President Obama in February 2010 that dictates new spending in the budget must be offset by cuts elsewhere. President Obama hailed the law to “get our deficit under control” at numerous town-hall meetings. Yet before the ink

had tried, the president and his democratic majorities in congress passed another \$150B stimulus bill under the “emergency action” provision of the bill. Nearly every major spending bill that followed has also been passed under the “emergency” provision. What a joke.

On the other side of the aisle, Republicans have long purported to be the party of limited government and fiscal responsibility. However, history shows that, when elected, they too have failed to cut spending or combat the mounting debt. With the massive republican victories in the 2010 election it seems that the American people have once again given the Republicans a chance to walk the walk. The first step in determining if they can once again earn our trust is to see how they will handle the vote to increase the legal limit of our debt. I strongly promote using the vote as a bargaining chip to pass a balanced budget amendment; an amendment to force our government to pass balanced budgets and replace the charade that PAY-GO has become. Republicans have a chance to stick to their brand. If they do not, they will be replaced by true conservative candidates like those endorsed by the tea party. Democrats have a chance to compromise. If they do not, I believe they will lose the presidency in 2012.

Nations can go bankrupt. It has happened in the quasi-socialist state of Greece and is teetering on the brink in Ireland, Iceland, and Portugal. In the greatest of all nations, we must find the fortitude to return to fiscal responsibility and state with true conviction: the buck stops here.

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ASCIT Minutes

ASCIT Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes
January 27, 2011

Officers Present: Adam Khan, Addie Rice, Prakriti Gaba, Chris Hallacy, Tim Black, Brian Merlob

Officers Absent: Karthik Sarma

Call to order: 12:16 pm

President’s report:

- ASCIT nominations: will be held Jan. 31st to Feb 4th.

Officer Reports:

- V.P. of Nonacademic Affairs (IHC Chair): The IHC is soon having their retreat. Tim talked with Peter Daily about the bed bug situation. According to Peter, the situation has been effectively controlled and bed bugs should no longer be a problem in the houses. Fleming, Lloyd, and Blacker have officially elected new presidents that have all joined the IHC. Tim and Will S. are meeting with admissions about having students read applications for prospective students.

- Treasurer: Hallacy is continuing to distribute the last few checks for club/event funding.

Discussion:

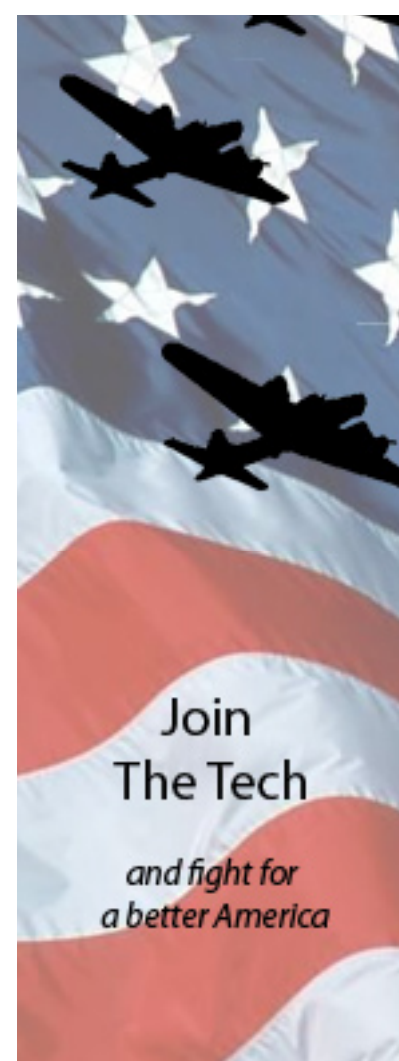
- Endowment: The BoD is deciding how to efficiently manage the ASCIT endowment.
- Bylaw amendments: RevComm is still deciding whether to approve the new changes proposed by ASCIT.

Scheduling:

- ASCIT info session: Wednesday 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned: 12:34 pm

Submitted by Prakriti Gaba
ASCIT Secretary



Musings on Angry Birds

Background: Angry Birds is the most-downloaded paid smartphone game, with over 12 million downloads. The game is awesome, definitely worth the dollar it costs, but their recent attempts to grow the franchise are upsetting (to me at least).



They made birds and pigs into plush
So adorable they make me gush
They should have stopped there
As if they would care
To make sweet cash, they're in a rush

A game so good it's almost holy
But a movie would be so lowly
What to do with a bird
The creators should be cured
Game movies are duds without Jolie

They added the all-Mighty Eagle
Such a scam, it shouldn't be legal
They take all your cash
But there's some backlash
The game is no longer so regal



Kristen Holtz greatly enjoys making up limericks, despite the fact that she's not that good at them.



Russia to Adopt Colorless Terrorist Alerts

By Mary Nguyen

MOSCOW – Last Friday, Russian officials had announced that Russia would adopt a primary-colored terrorist alert scale after last Monday's suicide bombing at Domodedovo airport.

This was after the U.S. government had announced that it would fade out its own five-colored scale in favor of the labels "imminent" or "elevated" after Homeland Security realized that the colors conveyed little information. The United Kingdom also had a colored system but also removed its scale.

Because of the actions of the United States and the United Kingdom, Russia announced during a press conference Sunday that the country had modified its initial idea of implementing a blue, yellow and red color scheme.

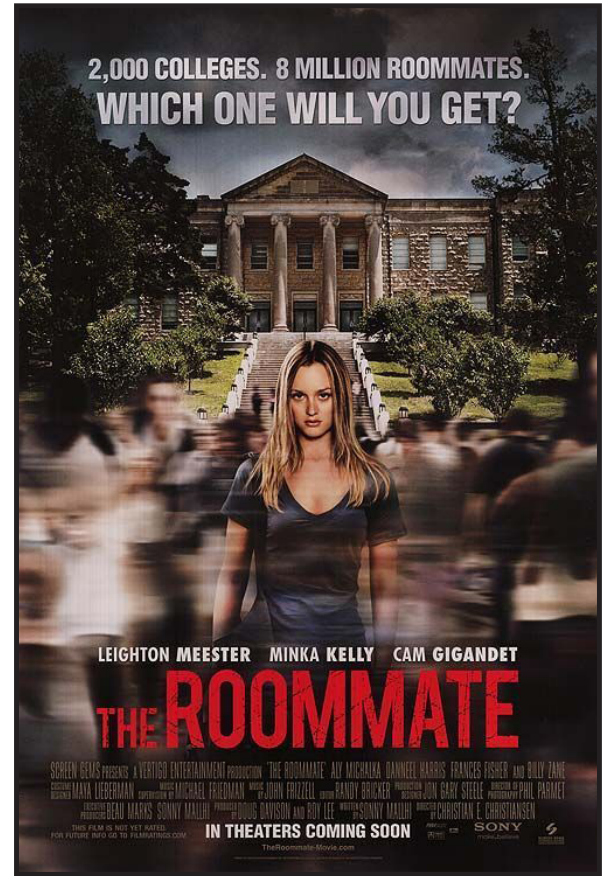
"It has come to our attention that the colored scale may not be the most effective means to tell our citizens the correct level of fear they should feel. In light of this, we will adopt a colorless system," said Alexander Bortnikov, Director of the FSB of Russia, which is a successor of the KGB. "Under the new system, white will represent absolute panic and black absolute calm. We chose this scheme because if black were set to mean danger, the government would likely spend more money on the ink used to print warning signs than the chosen alternative."

When asked why Russia adopted a discrete scale at all, Director Bortnikov said, "We considered actively announcing steps the people should take on a case-by-case basis without the use of sweeping categories. However, we eventually came to the realization that countries which adopted blanket labels were relatively successful at preventing further terrorist bombings. In the United States, for instance, it has been on orange alert since soon after 9/11, and from then on, there has not been a single successful attack on them. There is no label more generalized than one that has remained in effect for years."

Director Bortnikov added, "Ultimately, it was not the act of individuals that prevented those attacks in the United States, but the government that implemented the scale, which put all of those people on completely unyielding, constant and relentless alert for almost the past 10 years."

Source: The New York Times

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ASCIT vote reconsidered by Review Committee

By Sarah Marzen
COPY EDITOR

ASCIT's January 24 vote on amendments to increase Corporation and Big T dues may have violated ASCIT bylaws.

The Review Committee, ASCIT's judicial body, discussed the legality of the election results at a Review Committee five days ago, according to Review Committee Chairman Brock Jones. However, Jones refused to comment on any specific votes from that meeting.

According to Review Committee member Kurt Litsch, the major issue with the amendment votes was that ASCIT President Adam Khan encouraged Page House members to vote a certain way after seeing midway election results.

In his email to Page House on the election day, Khan wrote, "If you haven't already, I'd really appreciate if you could vote on the two ASCIT bylaw changes before midnight.... Both amendments are really close to passing. So, please vote YES on both of these." "It is inappropriate to send out elec-

tion results midway through the election--it's an abuse of power," said Litsch.

Chairman Jones did not say what actions would be taken, but did say that the Review Committee had discussed the issue.

Khan, who asked Avery President Dongkook Lim to send out a similar email to Avery midway through the election, said "I

"I thought it was appropriate at the time. It may have been wrong."

- Adam Khan

thought it was appropriate at the time. It may have been wrong."

Another potential issue with the ASCIT amendment votes was that technically, the ASCIT Review Committee failed to notify ASCIT members at least seven days prior to the actual vote. However, this issue is not completely cut and dry, according to Litsch and Jones.

This recent vote to change the two amendments was, in fact, two successive amendment votes. The Review Committee halted the first vote midway through the election at the request of the ASCIT Board of Directors (BoD).

According to Khan, the ASCIT BoD revised the proposed amendments to clarify how future dues would account for inflation, specifically using the Consumer Price Index.

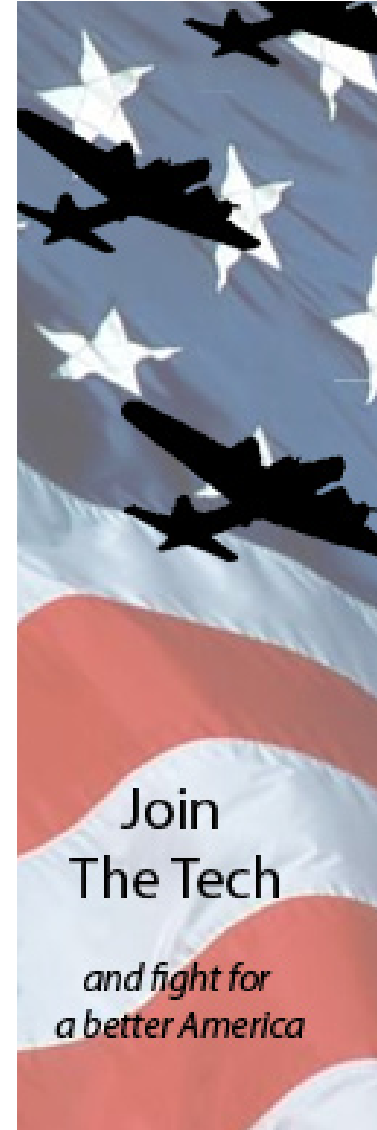
The Review Committee sent out a new notification email and held a second election five days after the notification email.

According to the ASCIT bylaws, elections must be held at least seven days after ASCIT members are notified of the issue. "Technically, this vote was illegal," said Litsch.

However, both Jones and Litsch said that the similarity between the two versions of the proposed amendments meant that ASCIT members were effectively notified of the issue when the first notification email was sent out, more than a week before the second vote was held.

"The changes were not significant," said Jones. "They just clarified an issue that the BoD brought up."

The Review Committee will notify ASCIT members as to the election results later this week.



News Briefs: Snippets from Caltech and the globe

Protests in Egypt

On Tuesday, Jan 25, thousands in Cairo hit the streets to demand that the 30-year authoritarian regime of President Hosni Mubarak come to an end.

They protested many aspects of their oppression, including political corruption, a poor economy, and suppression of free speech.

These anti-government rallies erupted all around Africa after similar protests successfully toppled the President of Tunisia.

Tunisia had seemed like a stable police state until the police took away a fruit seller's cart in December 2010. The seller,

Mohamed Bouazizi, protested by lighting himself on fire and becoming a martyr for the protestors who rallied for weeks until the Tunisian President fled the country on January 14.

Back in Egypt, President Mubarak is trying to counter the protestors.

He has implemented a curfew from 6pm-7am, but this is widely ignored in the growing disorder. By Sunday, tens of thousands of

protestors commanded various cities in Egypt.

Egyptian security forces seemed to disappear from many areas on Friday night, requiring citizens to band together to defend their communities and properties from looters.

In some areas, protestors are regularly killed or shot with rubber pellets by the police, but in other places general lawlessness prevails, with some looters "sporting swords[...] riding motorcycles," and burning down police stations. It is uncertain whether Egypt will follow the footsteps of Tunisia in successfully toppling its own government, as Egypt is a much larger country (80 million vs. 10 million).

Simon Tisdail, world briefer for the UK's Guardian, writes, "[i]f Egypt explodes, the explosion will be much bigger" in terms of its impact on the world.

Egypt is currently one of few Middle East countries that publicly supports Israel. If the Egyptian government topples, Israel might find itself uncomfortably alone.

-Perrin Considine



President Obama acknowledges Caltech's solar energy effort in State of Union address

Head of State congratulates institution's advances with gov funding

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Caltech men's tennis team loses opener

Hope International University stuns the unsuspecting beavers



Devashish Joshi serves during the first set of his singles match while others look on in amazement.

By Amol Kamat
SPORTS EDITOR

On Saturday, the Caltech men's tennis team, energized by a long offseason and the addition of several promising freshman took on the Hope International Royals in a non-conference match at home. Last year, the Beavers soundly defeated Hope, 8-1, no doubt embarrassing the Royals into training especially hard for this rematch (insert corny montage here). It would appear their preparation paid off, as they squeaked out a

7-2 win.

The doubles team of Ben Lieber (freshman) and Karthik Narasimhan (senior) decisively defeated Christian Booher and Michael Lipert 8-1. It would be Caltech's only doubles win. Lieber would go on to defeat Booher again during singles play (6-2, 6-1), thereby accounting for all of Caltech's wins for the day. In other words, Lieber led the lineup in lambasting losers. Cool.

Freshman Devashish Joshi lost a tough match at one singles to Tyrone La Reservee (3-6, 4-6), but showed great promise, fight-

ing through leg cramps to keep the match close. La Reservee, a rather portly fellow, also defeated the Caltech one doubles team of Joshi and Mernik along with his partner Dash Kramer (8-6). I think we can all agree that Dash is a pretty cool name.

Hope's victory was certainly a shock for the Beavers, who were expecting a repeat blowout victory. I suspect the defeat could be due to the loss of sophomore sensation Amol Kamat to injury. It's either that, or Hope greatly improved during the offseason. I'm sticking with the injury thing.

Caltech women's tennis team wins opener

By Amol Kamat
SPORTS EDITOR

The Caltech women's tennis team defeated Master's College on Saturday, 8-1. The Beavers only lost one doubles match, and then cruised to victory without dropping a single set during singles play.

Freshman Rebekah Kitto won her first match at one singles, 6-0, 6-1. Freshman Jessica Yu won a hard fought battle at three singles, defeating Katie Thaxton 6-4, 7-6 (7-2). Yu graduated from Northville High School, which, quite frankly, has a reputation for producing the finest Caltech tennis players. That's a fact.

The Beavers return to action next Saturday as they take on Biola University.



Baseball Downs UCSC, Extends Win Streak to Three

And promptly ends win streak

By Blaine Matulevich
BASEBALL GUY, COOL CAT

Beaver baseball continued their hot streak this past weekend, soundly defeating the visiting UC- Santa Cruz Banana Slugs 6-1 in a 7-inning exhibition game. Although not an NCAA sanctioned team, the Slugs are UCSC's only baseball program, drawing from a

student body of close to 16,000.

Caltech's bats stayed hot all game, and senior pitcher Rob Rosenberg dominated the Slugs from the mound, picking up his first intercollegiate victory. An impressive relief appearance from Albie Lavin sealed the game for Tech.

In the second game of the doubleheader, despite a stong pitching effort by Brian Penserini, the

Beavers couldn't quite overcome the Slugs. UCSC stopped a late Caltech surge with the bases loaded in the final inning, winning the game 5-3.

Caltech looks to start their next win streak with the opening of NCAA play on Friday, February 4 at La Sierra, and at home the following day against Pacifica College.

This Week in Sports Quotes

"Did we win?"

"No."

"Was it close?"

"We lost by two."

"Yeaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah!!!"
-Two Techers discussing the men's basketball game

"C'mon cleats, get off mah feet. C'mon shoes, you know what to do."

- Techer singing after an interhouse ultimate game

"He's like Sharapova out there..."
-Techer describing a Caltech tennis player's grunts

APPLES AND ORANGES

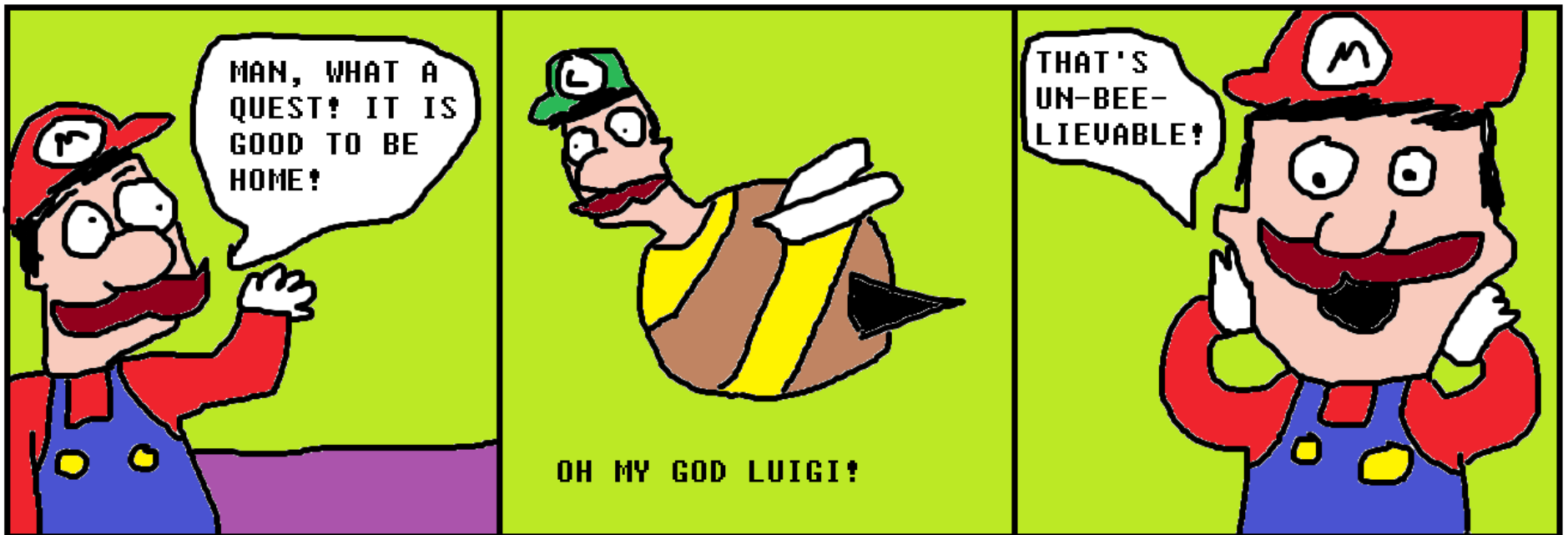
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Introducing...

MARIO ADVENTURE

BY DAVID GINOLA



JOKE EXPLANATION

When Mario comes home, he does not expect Luigi to be in a bee costume. Mario is very surprised, and calls it unbelievable, as it is such an odd scenario. The humor comes from both the wacky situation as well as the clever wordplay in “un-bee-lievable” because that includes the word bee.

Let me know if you have any questions. I am certain there is enough room on the humor page to print more than one comic, and all my friends tell me that this one is pretty funny!

-- David Ginola

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