

Presidential Search Committee Update

BY: CRAIG MONTUORI AND SONIA TIKOO

In addition to the many changes impacting the Caltech community, such as housing renovations, budget crises, and the construction of a new astrophysics building, Caltech also faces an impending change in leadership. The search for a replacement for the current university president, Dr. David Baltimore is underway.

In an e-mail sent through the Caltech Directory dated October 3, 2005, Baltimore, announced his intention to retire from his

presidential office of nine years on June 30, 2006. Baltimore will remain in office until a successor is appointed, while continuing in his position as Professor of Biology at Caltech and serving this year as the president-elect of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

In the meantime, the Presidential Search Committee (PSC), composed of Caltech faculty members, was formed to search for the Institute's next leader. In

January, many of the PSC met with then-ASCIT BOD members Warner Leedy, Peter Foley, Ryan Farmer, and Parvathy Menon to obtain undergraduate feedback regarding what the PSC should look for in a presidential candidate.

With regard to the undergraduate meeting with the PSC, Leedy commented, "Our own views on the topic pretty much coincided with the feedback we got, so we expressed them in a pretty heartfelt manner and they were well-

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The President's House, which will soon have a new resident.

Photo by Matthew Glassman

Rudds Work Hard for a Successful Interhouse Party

BY: MARISSA CEVALLOS

Behind the giant elephant, windmill, and bright lights at Saturday night's OPI was two months of intense preparation.

"We had a house meeting in December to decide the planning team and the theme, and then started construction during the first weekend of the term," said Mike Woods, sophomore in Ruddock and one of the main planners.

Every weekend during second term, Ruddock members were up at 10:30 in the morning working on construction: nailing floorboards, painting murals, and paper-macheing the giant elephant.

"At 11 AM, we'd bang on peoples' rooms with hammers and talk them out of working on problem sets. Sometimes there was free food, but we were generally just obnoxious," said Woods.

Though people were generally amenable toward working, the construction was not without blood, sweat, and tears--three people were sent to the emergency room during the course of the construction.

"First, Mike Kolodrubetz hit his finger with a hammer," said Woods. "Another time, our president [Ricky Jones] dislocated his shoulder holding up wallboard. Later in the day, Michael Betancourt slipped on dance floor and fractured his finger--Ricky saw him in the waiting room as he was leaving the ER."

The construction crew ran into a few problems while building the party--for example, Ruddock's courtyard is not flat, so



Rudds diligently work on the elaborate construction needed for the latest party, which was themed on Moulin Rouge.

the legs under the dance frame had to be measured individually to account for the tilt. With less than 30 minutes before the start of the party, some people noticed that the nose of the elephant was not secured.

During a panicked 15 minutes, Rudds reinforced the loose PVC pipe in the elephant's nose. This work paid off, enabling the nose to shoot out confetti at thirty-minute intervals.

"We also meant to have 120-130 light bulbs for the lit Moulin Rouge sign," said Woods. "Instead, we only had 99 ten-watt bulbs, but that was because we bought out the entire stock at the store."

Photo by Matthew Glassman

Inequalities Remain for Women in Science

BY: MARENA LIN

Kicking off Women's History Month, the Caltech Women's Center sponsored a talk by Dr. Deborah Rolison of the Naval Research Laboratory on the use of Title IX to affect change for women in the sciences.

Rolison's talk drew great interest from the Caltech community. Even despite busy schedules, the Hall of Associates was filled Wednesday afternoon. Citing re-

cent results of Title IX, Rolison brought up the fact that in schools across the country, women comprise roughly 42% of all athletes. To lay out the current situation, Rolison showed the audience a photograph of faculty at a university. She commented, "This is the predominant photograph you will see of academic faculty; everyone in this picture is white, male--and old." Rolison quoted the statistic that women have had to have

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NCAA Update from Campus Leaders

A JOINT STATEMENT OF THE BOD AND THE IHC

To the Members of ASCIT,

Last week IHC Chair Craig Montuori published an article in the Tech suggesting that Caltech was considering dropping all NCAA sports. The conclusions he drew in his article and some of his supporting facts were not completely accurate, so we would like to clarify a few points. Furthermore, the tone of the article implied more than the facts actually supported, so we feel that an explanation is necessary.

Sharon Borbon, an assistant to the provost who is carrying out a special assignment for Vice Presi-

dent Margo Marshak, initially met with the IHC, at the invitation of Dr. Marshak, on Thursday, February 24 to get informal feedback about the importance of NCAA participation to students. In fact, Mrs. Borbon is meeting with many members of the Caltech community at Dr. Marshak's request in order to assess aspects of our athletic program. It is commendable that Vice President Marshak and Mrs. Borbon went out of their way to contact. Their willingness to be open with students is precisely the type of interactions that students have demanded, and it is regrettable that Mrs. Borbon was

criticized for her openness. While the administration has gone about things incorrectly in the past, this is definitely a case when they did everything perfectly.

Following the initial IHC meeting, Mrs. Borbon met with the Vice Chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and a concerned member of the IHC. She also recently met with the ASCIT BoD and the GSC. During the meeting with the BoD it was made very clear that Caltech would not even consider cutting athletics in general. Rather, Mrs. Borbon is researching the level of interest in each sport in order to ensure that the level of fund-

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Editors' Note: Last week we were alerted to the NCAA story shortly before our printing deadline. We did not have time to send a reporter to gather information from all perspectives, and we were forced to chose between neglecting to cover a potentially major story as it broke or presenting a potentially biased account.

We apologize to both our readers and anyone whom we have personally inconvenienced, in particular Margo Marshak, Sharon Borbon, and the rest of the Provost's Office.

The Outside World-National and Foreign News



BY: HAMILTONY FALK

Bush Visits India, Pakistan

President Bush visited India and Pakistan this week in an attempt to decrease tensions between the two nations and improve U.S. relations in South Asia. Security was heavy in both places, and some protests and riots occurred, despite the fact that both nations are considered U.S.-friendly. The Pakistani government has allied itself with the U.S. in the 'war on terror' and 71 percent of Indians reported a favorable perception of America. The protestors are primarily Muslims upset with Bush for his actions in Iraq.

During Bush's visit, the U.S. and India approved a plan to open some Indian nuclear facilities to inspectors and increase economic ties between the two nations. India has not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and refuses to limit possible production of nuclear weapons.

Hamas rebuffs Russia's call to recognize Israel

Hamas, the militant group that recently won control of the Palestinian parliament, sent a delegation to Moscow to meet with Rus-

sian leaders this week. Previously no nation had recognized Hamas, which is considered a terrorist group by Israel, the European Union and the United States. Russian President Vladimir Putin did not meet with the Hamas leaders in order to limit protests by Israel. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and other Russian lawmakers, as well as Russian Orthodox Patriarch Alexy II will meet with the group. Hamas refused the Russian request that it recognize Israel as a sovereign nation. Many nations are concerned that Russia has stepped forward and recognized Hamas as a legitimate political organization, breaking the international front against the group. On Thursday, South Africa also invited Hamas for talks, further weakening the international stance against Hamas.

Bush's approval/disapproval ratings near all-time lows

Polls showed Bush had a 38 percent approval rating and a 60 percent disapproval rating this week. Nearly sixty percent of those polled thought Bush wasn't managing the government effectively, and that he was not paying attention to what his administration was doing, and 73 percent

believed big business had too large an influence on President Bush.

The recent internal disturbances in Iraq, which inspired a ban on all civilian vehicles, contributed to doubt about Bush's plans in foreign policy. Reports that Bush was unaware of a deal to place a Dubai-based company in control of several American ports, as well as disapproval of the plan by most citizens has also hurt Bush's numbers.

Congregations leave Episcopal Church due to ordination of Homosexual Bishop

Episcopalian congregations have been leaving the Episcopal Church, the American branch of the Anglican Church of England, due to its acceptance of gay bishops. The Episcopal Church, a Protestant sect that allows priests of both genders to marry, elevated Bishop Gene Robinson, who has a same sex partner, to lead the diocese of New Hampshire. Two of the five candidates for Bishop of California are also openly homosexual. Churches have been changing their allegiance to African and South American branches of the Anglican Church that condemn homosexuality as immoral

and banned by the Bible. So far more than 36 churches have left, but the national Episcopal Church is not worried, comparing this exodus to the situation 30 years ago when the church decided to accept female priests.

Congressmen Randy "Duke" Cunningham sentenced to 8 years, 4 months in federal prison

Congressman Cunningham of California received the highest sentence ever given to a former member of congress for taking 2.4 million dollars in bribes from at least three defense contractors. The charges were for conspiracy to commit bribery, mail fraud, wire fraud and two separate cases of tax evasion. The maximum sentence would have been 10 years, but was reduced somewhat due to Cunningham's age, health and military service, and could be further reduced should he continue to cooperate with authorities. Cunningham received cash and gifts to in exchange for influence in his decisions on a powerful subcommittee that approves spending for defense programs. He bought a mansion, yacht, Rolls-Royce and condominium near Washington with the money.

Renewal of Patriot Act Passes Senate, receives strong support in Congress.

The extension George W. Bush's anti-terror law, decried by some as an attack on civil liberties, passed the Senate and is likely to be approved by Congress on Tuesday. The USA Patriot act would expire on March 10 without renewal, but with some minor changes it seems likely the bill will pass. The approval of the bill indicates that Bush still has strong support in Congress, despite some conservatives speaking out against the President as midterm elections approach. The renewed version of the bill includes three changes, allowing individuals to challenge a requirement to not tell anyone if they have been subpoenaed in a terrorist investigation, eliminates a requirement to tell the FBI about any lawyers consulted about National Security Records, and states that most libraries are not required to give up information about suspected terrorists.

Compiled from the BBC, CNN, MSNBC and Yahoo News.

Speaker Explains How Title IX Helps Women in Science

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"2.5 times the productivity of a man to get the same grant." In a study where identical applications with different genders were sent to several university graduate school departments, the male versions had a much higher acceptance rate.

She also noted that awareness of gender biases extends even to the youngest members of society: in a study where several thousand Michigan elementary school students were asked about how they envisioned their futures if they were a member of the opposite sex, 40% of the girls stated that as boys, they would receive

"more money and better jobs." From the other end, 95% of the boys "saw no advantage to being a girl."

Dispelling the misconception that Title IX is limited to athletics, Rolison noted that recently mandated Title IX compliance reviews have been pivotal in affecting change for gender equity in academia. In this day and age, few research universities, private or public, are completely exempt from heavy federal funding—and the threat of having that taken away has pushed universities toward addressing gender equity issues.

Despite the fact that undergraduate populations have a roughly

one to one male to female ratio, the composition of university science faculty has yet to come near to reflecting an equivalent ratio. One step toward change that Rolison called for was a re-vamping of the reward system. In her 2004 article, "Title IX as a change strategy for women in science and engineering . . . and what comes next," she states "It is past time to stop demanding so much of STEM faculty and re-

turn them to—and reward them for—the primary reason they are in academics: educating independent thinkers and critical scholars in pursuit of new knowledge. In my view, tenure should be abolished."

Rolison also called for grassroots activism: in addition to federal funds being withheld, private donors should consider withholding funds from poorly diversified departments. Though many peo-

ple argue that such undiversified departments are already turning out good science, Rolison's response is that there is no reason to believe that science will not be benefited by the inclusion of women. "It is not coincidental that the world we seek to create—one in which we can do our science to the best of our abilities—will be one in which men flourish, too."

Rolison is an active lecturer on ethics in science and issues involving women in science. The next Women's History month event will be in the Avery Library on March 9, at noon in the Avery Library: "Afghan Women's Ongoing Struggle for Liberation."

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- Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972

ASCIT Board of Directors Minutes from the Olive Walk March 1, 2006

Present -

Officers: Todd Gingrich, Jean Sun, Vickie Pon, Csilla Felsen, Chris Gonzales, Nathan Donnellan, Chris Watson, RJ Krom, Craig Montuori, Jonathan Senn
Guest: Sharon Borbon, Assistant to the Provost for Faculty Administration
New Social Team: Mary Wahl, Ekta Bhojwani, Michael Inadomi, Sarah Stokes (absent)

I. Caltech Athletics and the NCAA

- Sharon Borbon, an Assistant to the Provost, detailed Caltech's stance on the NCAA in response to Monday's Tech article:
- An investigation in currently being done to find out which athletic programs Caltech students have the most interest in and which programs carry the most enthusiasm. This way, funds may be appropriated according to what programs need them most. Overall, the purpose of this investigation is to find a balance between recreational and NCAA athletics according to what students want and need.

- Sharon made it clear that "Caltech will not compromise anyone's choice" to participate in NCAA or other athletics, and there will continue to be communication with both students, the

SAAC, and administration about what will work best.

- It seems SCIAAC is leaning towards a more proactive role in recruitment and competition, but Caltech will maintain its emphasis on participating in sports and other athletics based on choice and wanting to participate for fun.

- The BoD will work with Sharon and the SAAC (Student Athlete Advisory Committee) to create meaningful surveys and other means by which to facilitate determining exactly what students want for athletics.

- More information on this will be communicated to the student body in the following weeks.

II. New Social Team

- Chris G. introduced the BoD to the new Social Team! We're going to have a fun year! Congrats to Mary Wahl, Ekta Bhojwani, Michael Inadomi, and Sarah Stokes.

III. Bulletin Board

- Each BoD member needs to send pictures to Chris W. so we can post them in the ASCIT bulletin board.

- Vickie will organize getting the bulletin board will be updated on Wednesday, March 22, with any BoD member who is around during spring break.

IV. Installation Dinner

- The installation dinner for the

old BoD to pass on their duties to the new BoD will be on Tom Mannion's House on Thursday, March 2, 2006.

V. IHC News

- IHC Secretary nominations will go up on Sunday and come down the following Wednesday. Food Chair and IHC Ath Man nominations will be posted in 2 weeks.

- The IHC is meeting with Admissions to create material to present to new students and parents to help better explain the House system. They are also working on getting future Prefrosh Weekends back to 3 days.

- Tom Mannion is the official go-to man for CDS concerns. Joey is the IHC Liason with CDS, so communicate with Joey any thoughts and concerns about CDS.

- Jon said weekly information on CDS will be reported in the Tech.

- Next week, Eddie will give us a report on the Stewardship Committee to the IHC and explain his position

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VI. Committees

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- Nathan is working on improv-

ing committee-BoD communication for the committees under ASCIT, making sure that people on the committees are meeting and communicating what they are doing with the student body.

VII. Alumni Board Meeting

- The BoD is invited to attend the Caltech Alumni Association Board Meeting on Friday, March 10, to discuss the most pressing student concerns. The CAA can act as powerful advocates for students. These issues include tuition increases, financial aid decreases, health care, board, and other issues.

- EVERYONE is encouraged to email Todd with any personal concerns about budget cuts or anything else, especially for smaller areas that are experiencing cuts that we don't readily know about, such as RA budgets.

VIII. Elections Bylaw Revisions

- A meeting to review, discuss, and vote on the proposed Elections bylaws amendments is tentatively set for Sunday, March 12.

IX. Budget Meeting

- The BoD will meet at Tom Mannion's House at 10:30 am, Sunday, March 5, to review this year's budget.

X. Movie Library

- The entire video library has

been located! Chris W. is looking into using space and a computer in Chandler for the Movie Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Pon

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Don Gabor Teaches Techers the Skills for Cheap Talk

BY: JOHN MCNAMARA

Joe Techer is at a party. After four Caltech cocktails (4 part water, 1 part ice) he finally works up the courage to talk to that cutie from USC across the room. He makes his way through throngs of people, trips over some black plastic and lands at her feet. She helps him up. Their eyes meet and flicker for what seems like an eternity. She smiles affectionately at him. This sounds saucy if not for the part where he has no idea what to say and chokes on his own tongue.

The Counseling Center, noticing the dire situation at Caltech, invited Don Gabor to give

a talk last Tuesday titled "How to Break the Ice, Make Friends and Start a Romantic Relationship."

Gabor, a "small talk expert," spoke to a group of mostly graduate students at lunch about the finer points of idle conversation. "What I am teaching you today, most of you already know—how to make contact with people."

Gabor, dressed in a pink shirt and black pants makes his way across the room to

"Non-verbal signals account for more than 70 percent of your total communication. The tone of your voice and the words you say add up to the remaining 30 percent"

greet everyone who walks in with a handshake and a smile. He remembers each person by name and develops a dialogue during the talk.

Gabor's methods focused on

the two needs people have in a conversation: attention and approval. From there, he progressed to starting a conversation, body language and topics of conversation. "It's about making connections," he remarked.

According to him, to make these connections, you start with body language. "When you show interest in people in a positive way, people will see you in a positive way." Subsequently, standing with your arms folded and avoiding eye contact does not show interest in a positive way.

"Non-verbal signals account for more than 70 percent of your total communication. The tone of your voice and the words you say add up to the remaining 30 percent," Gabor writes in his handout.

Once this barrier is breached, Gabor's next step involves connecting in the ensuing conversation. "People feel more comfortable when they are exchanging information" he adds as he discusses



Photo courtesy of dongabor.com

Don Gabor

tending the talk. "It solidified things that work."

The event was brought by the Counseling Center as part of their "Work, Play, Sleep: Finding Balance" series. Dr. Helena Kopecky, staff psychologist, indicated that they are "hoping to continue the series" into next year with additional speakers on the topics that are pertinent to the mental health of the Caltech community.

Topics remaining for this year include "What Your Professors Want You to Know, But May Not Have Told You: A Workshop for Female Graduate Students" and "Understanding Attention Deficit Disorder."

For additional information about Don Gabor and his books on conversation, visit his website at www.dongabor.com.

As for the effectiveness of these talks, Nam remarked: "I'm talking to somebody right now."

the topics for making a connection. However, this advice comes with a warning. "If you think about what to say next, you are probably not listening."

At the end of the conversation, Gabor reminds us "how you end the conversation is crucial to leave the impression for future contact."

"It's good because it's the kind of thing you relate to," said Nam Nguyen, a freshman at-

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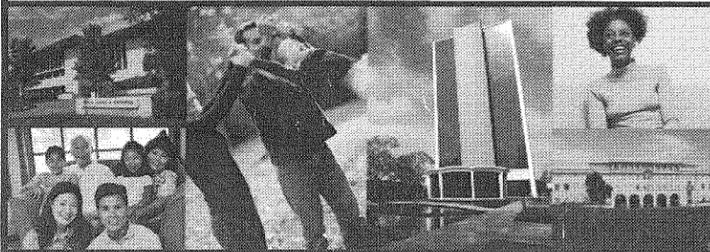
On Wednesday March 8 at 4PM in the auditorium Guggenheim 101 (building 45 on the campus map), refreshments at 3:30PM.

Speaker: Eric Weisstein, Wolfram Research Inc. and Caltech Alum (MS 93, PhD 96)

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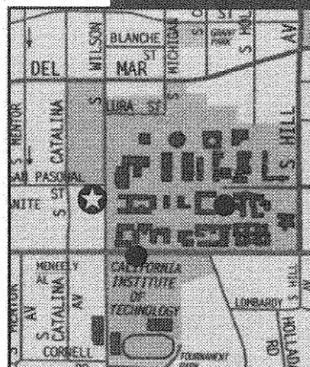
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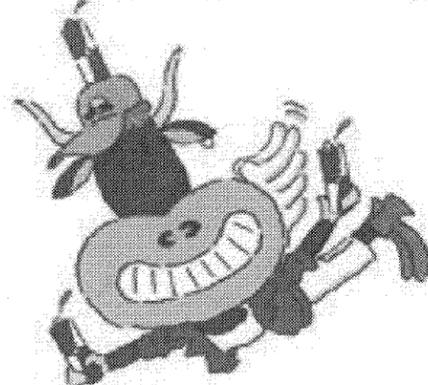
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Cinema

Munich: A Masterpiece, Almost

BY: HARRISON STEIN

Imagine a world where there is no conflict in the Middle East. Imagine a world where eight Palestinians don't ruthlessly slaughter eleven Israeli athletes in response to a botched terrorist negotiation at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany. Imagine a world where the Israeli government doesn't respond by ordering the assassinations of 11 men responsible for the heinous act. In this made-up world, Steven Spielberg's new epic *Munich* is an important movie about the lengths one man goes to protect his country at the expense of his soul. In this imaginary world, *Munich* is a masterpiece but in the real world, it is not.

In 1972, eight members of Fatah, Yasser Arafat's faction of the Palestinian Liberation Army, stormed into the Olympic Village of Munich and killed two Israeli athletes while holding nine others hostage. The story became breaking news across the globe, as every channel carried live footage of the bizarre situation.

Ultimately, the Palestinians agreed to fly the hostages to a local airport so they could make a getaway to Cairo. Of course, the airport was a trap by the resourceful, yet poorly organized German army who was hardly prepared for the ambush. What followed was a miserable battle where the German snipers misfired enough to give the terrorists an opportunity to riddle the blindfolded hostages with bullets and grenades. In the end, three of the terrorists

survived while all nine hostages were killed.

The plot follows the journey of Israeli Mossad field agent Avner (Eric Bana), who is instructed by Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir to head a team of five to assassinate terrorists responsible for planning the attacks. His teammates include a bomb expert, a documents forger, a crime scene fixer-upper and a getaway driver played by future 007 Daniel Craig.

Utilizing an endless budget, Avner purchases valuable information about many of the terrorists from a French contact whose ulterior motives are unknown. Avner and his team expertly assassinate their targets with an array of booby traps, including a phone bomb and a bed bomb. However, midway through the movie, Avner becomes desensitized to the violence and predictably becomes a killing machine, and even more predictably, grows to despise his actions. This morality power play is clearly the central theme of the movie, and unfortunately, it's where the movie falters.

Spielberg tries as hard as possible to be bipartisan by humanizing and dehumanizing both the terrorists and the Mossad hunters, but in doing so, he creates a film that is both anti-Israeli and anti-Palestinian, and lacks a soul. Spielberg never gets his opinion straight and as a result, the last third of the film is largely an incoherent mess. By the end

of the movie, we can't begin to comprehend Avner's wide gamut of emotions because, frankly, we can't relate to him. And this is not Eric Bana's fault! After the twin catastrophes known as *Hulk* and *Troy*, Bana totally redeems himself with a mesmerizing performance.

It's too bad because *Munich* is really a wonderful film. With the exception of Daniel Craig, who appears to be on auto-pilot for the whole film, the actors are exemplary in very tough roles. Spielberg began production in June and finished merely two months before the release of the film so it's a shock that the movie is edited perfectly, with stunning cinematography and a score that always complements the action. The first scene is simply impeccable and the real television footage leaves indelible images. Even the best long movies can be a real bore if they aren't properly paced (*King Kong* and *Lord of the Rings* are perfect examples) yet *Munich* glides through its 160 minutes.

The film is a real accomplishment and if the backdrop were any different, *Munich* could have lived up to Spielberg's other historical masterpieces. Instead, I find myself wondering, "What could've been?"

3.5/4 Stars

Pranks

One Fish, Two Fish

BY: HERSCHEL MUKHERJEE

It all started when Brian walked into my room and asked if I could lend him a hand going out shopping.

"What for?", I asked.

"To carry fish."

That was all he said, and since he'd been taking care of cooking on Thursdays so we wouldn't have to deal with smoke filled rooms, I figured he was talking about frozen fish. But when we pulled up to Petco, I became slightly suspicious. It was then that the plan became clear.

John McNamara was out of town for the weekend, and we couldn't leave his room alone. So we were to buy a hundred fish, which would be placed in cups covering his room floor. A side trip to a nearby store was also needed as a bribe to discover his room combination—guarded judiciously so that his tissue consumption is always uninterrupted. Luckily, most Pageboys have a weakness for a certain elixir, and we soon gained access into his room.

Josh obtained a supply of 16 ounce clear plastic cups, and we commenced gluing them to a plastic sheet which spanned his room. Time was short, since we had no idea what time John was expected to arrive. A short bit later we had finished—343 cups, about 357 pounds of water, 100 fish (well, only 71 had survived by the end of the night, with one in the gar-

bage disposal and another fed to a cat.) A note left on the door only hinted at the aquarium within: "Don't fuck the fish!"

As it turns out, we had plenty of time—John's arrival came more than 15 hours later, by which time several more fish had deceased, and the room had begun to smell of rotting fish. Quite delicious. By the time our house meeting had begun the following night, the three of us had almost forgotten about the stacked room. Until John arrived—still in suit and tie from his interview.

"What the FUCK did you guys do to my room?"

In the middle of alcohol-laced elections, the effect was perfect. All those who knew what had been going on shared a hearty laugh; those who didn't were soon filled in and also laughed at John's expense. Alas, John could not be a true Pageboy, as a single drunken step would have overturned cup after cup of fish and colored water onto his virgin carpet. But like a true sport, the time and smell were forgiven. What was the worst part of the ordeal? "I wasn't able to masturbate for at least two hours you sick fucks!"

Note: Several fish were suffocated, starved, and otherwise maimed during these events. However, they were feeder fish and going to die anyway, so frankly, it's hard to feel sorry about it.

Film Reviews

Reviewing a Classic

BY: BRIAN HANLEY

[Editors' Note: WARNING, the following review contains explicit language. If you are easily offended, read no further. Seriously, it's graphic and downright dirty.]

There are many movies that are deemed "classic." Often, these movies have great plotlines, spectacular cinematography, or immense appeal to some group of people. These films may have won awards and received critical acclaim. Who am I to review such masterpieces? I am but a simple man, a simple man with an obsession. I strive to know all I can because deep down, I hunger to know more, to see more, to hear more. I must feed the hunger.

There is a "classic" overlooked by many. It is a standard that may belong in everyone's DVD collection, but a timeless film that is disregarded by many. To borrow from a friend of mine, this film is possibly the "greatest bildungsroman of the modern era." Found in the shady basements and dark curtained sections of your local movie store, *Debbie Does Dallas* is not a film you should ignore. It may be old—it was made in 1978—but it survives as a classic.

A simple story about a young girl who wants to be a great cheerleader, *Debbie Does Dallas*, follows Debbie and her friends as they raise money to go see Debbie cheer as a Texas Cowgirl. Not a terrible plot, but that's only part of the appeal.

Debbie Does Dallas, if you somehow missed it, is porn: cock-sucking, cunt-licking, ass-fucking, uterus-pounding porn. It has

a wide variety of material with the archetypal 70s porn soundtrack, "bow-chicka-wow-wow." There's some naked women running around, some blowjobs, some ass-fucking, a little something for all tastes. There's even some ménage a trios, both ways. As this is 70s porn, the scenes are much shorter than scenes from a new release from say a day or a week ago, but still, adequate wank material is provided. You may miss out on the fake tits and the overuse of makeup, but still Averites should have little trouble painting the halls white.

Video and audio quality is somewhat dated, but again, I must say that this of a different era and deserves some leeway.

Overall, compared to porn of today, *Debbie Does Dallas* is much less focused on getting the viewer hard and more focused on showing people naked and fucking. Bonerific. Even with the camera work sometimes blocking what needs to be seen, I would give this movie a rating of 6 specimen cups. Accounting for the fact that this is a landmark piece of porn history, I would have to change that to 7 specimen cups, but no higher, I just can't fill that many with the material provided.

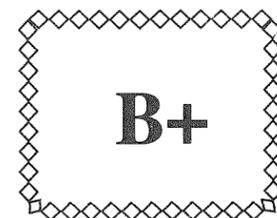
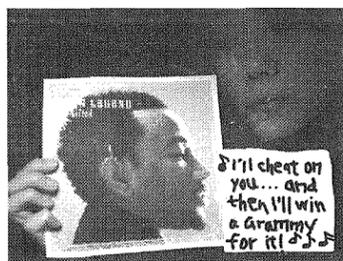
So add this film to your collection, because whether or not it's your kind of movie, you can't pass up a classic.

(The rating system provided is in specimen cups, those little plastic dealers that hold your sample when you make a donation. Films are rated from 0 to 10 cups, 10 of course being the best as in: woah that's a lot of jizz.)

Music

Get Lifted- John Legend (2004)

BY: CINDY KO



I got a request earlier this week to review some music in the R&B genre, as most of my reviews have come from the alternative category. I think it's a great idea to mix things up, and there is plenty of good R&B out there, but by no means am I an expert. Please bear with me, as I give my humble opinion on Grammy winner John Legend this week.

If you don't know who John Legend is, it's not a surprise. He's a relatively new artist on the scene, and before this studio album debut in 2004, he was mostly featured as a guest pianist and vocalist on other artists' albums (e.g. Kanye West's *The College Dropout*, and one of my personal favorites, Lauryn Hill's *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill*). According to the brief bio on Wikipedia, among his great achievements is his start as a musical prodigy (aren't they all?) who began playing piano and singing gospel at the age of five, and later, his degree as an English major from the prestigious UPenn. Legend stacks up to be a very impressive artist, to say the least. His album, *Get Lifted*, has received a lot of attention at this year's Grammy awards, earning him 4 awards out of the 8 he was nominated for, including Best New Artist.

Upon first listen, you can defi-

nately tell why there's such a buzz surrounding him. Legend's sound is smooth as chocolate milk, and he skillfully mixes the sounds of older R&B generations with the new. Probably the catchiest song on the album is, "Number One," which is actually *not* the song he was nominated for in the Best Song category at the Grammys ("Ordinary People"). In a way, this song works as a good synecdoche for the rest of the album; bringing out its best and worst parts. First, the good: The track has a great bounce to it, with a style very reminiscent of Motown joints. There's a considerable amount of talent in his work—they don't call him 'Legend' for nothing. I hesitate to use the words "instant classic," but they say that every hit song in the industry has its 'money note,' and *Get Lifted* is like an album made entirely out of money notes. It's first-rate musicianship.

However, the album also has serious weakpoints. The one thing I'm really big on, when it comes to a good song, is lyrics. Now, John Legend has a very nice voice, but I have some reservations about his choice of lyrics. To illustrate, the first line in, "Number One" is, "You can't say that/ I don't love you/ just because I cheat on youuuu..." TOO FRANK! I can't believe a guy would have the guts/stupidity

to say that out loud! (If you were wondering how John keeps his multitudes of women in line, well now you know it's with his strong sense of tact.) But that was just the first line in the song. Later, to add to the unbelievability factor, John cheerfully raps a little about his penis in the middle of the song. WHAT? No joke. When I listen to it, I can't help but blush a little and feel slightly put-off, which then makes me feel like an old foagie. That's not right, folks. All this time, I'm thinking to myself, 'how is he making this ridiculous song sound like a Jackson 5 track?'

To be honest, I feel that lyrics like this bring the quality of the music down a considerable measure. Sure, they're meant to add to the lighthearted feeling of the song, but this borders on a little *too* tongue-in-cheek. The melodies and instrumental work could easily make this album a classic hit for everyone, including older generations that miss their Motown, but instead they narrow down the listening audience exclusively to the younger generations. On the other hand, it could just be a testament that John Legend is so talented that he can make a subject like adultery sound like a happy time for everyone.

On the up, I still enjoy the album and appreciate the incredible talent that Legend has to offer. He definitely deserves those Grammys that he won last month. But here's to the hope that someday, Legend will make new music that has all the heart and soul of *Get Lifted* without all the preposterous proclamations of love to the girl he repeatedly cheated on, and without offending the old foagies in all of us.

Restaurants

Fu on Food: Young Dong Tofu

BY: MENG-MENG FU

Don't let the name scare you off: Young Dong Tofu House serves more than just tofu and it offers a true feast of hearty Korean cuisine. The sheer variety of foods makes a meal here feel like a culinary adventure. You'll have to drive

brought out, there were 12 small plates of banchan crowding the table. There is also free ice water or wheat tea (though sometimes you have to request it).

When it comes to ordering your entrée, gluttony is key. Young Dong specializes in two things: sundubu jjigae (stew made with

the lingering sweet aftertaste stays with you long after you finish eating.

There are a large number of tofu stews to try, including beef, seafood, and mushroom. For those brave enough to order a spicy stew: the "extra spicy" option will make your mouth feel on fire. Though my stomach is a veritable burial ground for chili peppers, the overwhelming taste of chili drowned out some of the other flavors in the tofu stew. With your kimchee, the waitress will give you a couple of eggs – do not crack them open until you get your tofu stew! These eggs are raw and for poaching in the stew, which will arrive still boiling.

Every entrée also comes with an unordinary rice – Young Dong serves their slightly glutinous rice in an incredibly hot stone bowl (do not touch it!). I prefer to soak my rice in the tofu stew. For those who are adventurous, the trick is to scoop out all your rice immediately, leaving a very thin layer of rice in the bowl. At the end of the meal, when the rice cools, you can lift out a crispy layer of rice that tastes like a cracker. You even dip it like a chip into your kimchee or whatever sauce is left.

Every time I walk out of Young Dong, with my box of leftovers that will last me another one to two meals, the first sentence out of my mouth is always, "I am sooo full." Young Dong is one of my favorite restaurants; it gets a 6.5 out of 7 day board.

Pros: the sheer amount and variety of food, and the tastiness!

Cons: service can be slow at times.

Have a restaurant you want me to review? Email at mfu@its.caltech.edu.

Photo by Meng-Meng Fu



Galbi and Bulgogi, Oh My!

to San Gabriel, but the 10 minute commute is more than worth it. Besides, it is fairly easy to find: go east on California, make a right on San Gabriel, a left on Las Tunas, and it is a block or so away on the left, next to the Pizza Hut.

One of my favorite things about this restaurant is the number of free banchan (side dishes). First, everyone receives a small bowl of salad with a refreshing, vinegar-based dressing. Then, the waitress bring out three varieties of kimchee (cabbage, cucumber, and radish), two cold dishes (bean sprout and seaweed with ample bits of minced garlic), and pajeon (pancake made with eggs, flour, and green onions). In our small group of five, even before any of the food we ordered was

soft tofu) and galbi (beef ribs or what is typically referred to as Korean BBQ). The beauty of the combo special is that you can try both for about \$14 (not including tax and tip). In addition to galbi, other meat entrees include bulgogi (sliced marinated beef), chicken bulgogi, and pork bulgogi. For the seafood fan, there is also the shrimp and scallop sizzler, which is a stir fry dish made with bean sprouts, onions, and peppers. All of the meat entrees are served on iron plates with a wooden base and they sizzle!

Young Dong's galbi and bulgogi all have a similar, savory taste. Initially, the soy sauce base to the marinade and the generous amounts of chili hit your taste buds. Then, a hint of garlic and pepper can be detected. Finally,

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The Grand Unified Theory of Physics

by Joseph M. Brown

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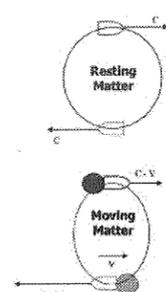
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Club o'the Week

One Act Theater

BY: KIM POPENDORF

One Act Theater (OAT) was formed in 2004 by three ambitious students who wanted to create alternative opportunities at Caltech for students interested in being involved in theater. By doing entirely student-run productions the plan was that students could be involved in every part of the theater experience, from acting to directing, producing, and running all of the technical aspects of the show.

In addition, by doing multiple one act plays the idea was that more students could be involved in leading roles, and the lower time requirements would allow more people to be involved. This plan has worked out well and OAT produced successful performances of one act plays in April of 2004 and 2005. We'll be doing it again this year!

Shows will once again be in the Sherman Fairchild Amphitheater (outdoors), at 7pm on Thursday, April 20th (bring your prefrash!), and Saturday, April 22nd—admission is free. If you'd like to try out the stage this year, AUDITIONS will be held this week! Come to Avery Library, Wednesday, March 8, 8-10 pm, and Thursday, March 9, 10pm-midnight.

You can come any time in the two hour block, and you do not need to prepare anything. If you'd like to get involved in One Act Theater in any capacity, get in touch with us, oat@caltech.edu. For more info, see our website at www.its.caltech.edu/~oat

Drink o'the Week

Two in the Pink

BY: JOHN MCNAMARA

3 parts rye whiskey
1 part Campari
Splash of Pernod
Splash of lemon juice
Dash of Angostura Bitters

Pour the absinthe over a sugar cube on a special spoon and light it on fire. The caramelized sugar cube and the sugar will fall through the slots of the spoon. Add cold water until it turns opaque. Enjoy with a few drops of laudanum for authenticity. While you enjoy this real cocktail, you can make a genuinely foul Two in the Pink because if you make a proper absinthe, you are having too much of a good thing. Take the absinthe—or Pernod in America—and swirl it around in a glass. Make sure the glass is coated and pour the extra down the nearest hooker's throat. In a shaker, pour the rye, Campari and lemon juice over ice.

Add enough Angostura to ruin the cocktail. Shake and strain into the Absinthe coated glass. This turns into a pink drink with green around the edges. It reeks of anise and somehow manages to taste similar to a spoiled grapefruit. It does not matter; it will be a hit with the ladies.

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Women's Polo Beats U. of Arizona

BY: LISA STREIT

Last weekend the Caltech's Women's Water Polo Team achieved an 11-7 victory over the University of Arizona in the Chapman Tournament, despite having only had four practices prior to the tournament.

All members of the team stepped up to make the win happen. Scoring was led by three birthday celebratory goals from sophomore Christine Parry and two goals each by seniors Natalie Kruk and Bekah Eason. Junior Chelsea Sharon, junior Preetha Sinha, junior Becky Streit, and freshman Katherine Zak accounted for the other four goals with one apiece. Senior goalie Ashley Grant assisted the Caltech offense with her strong outlet passes and led the defense with five blocks and five steals.

Junior Becky Streit had 11 blocks in her debut in goal in the 5-17 loss to Chapman University.

The team lost its other two games of the weekend to Fresno State (6-17) and UC Davis B (2-11).

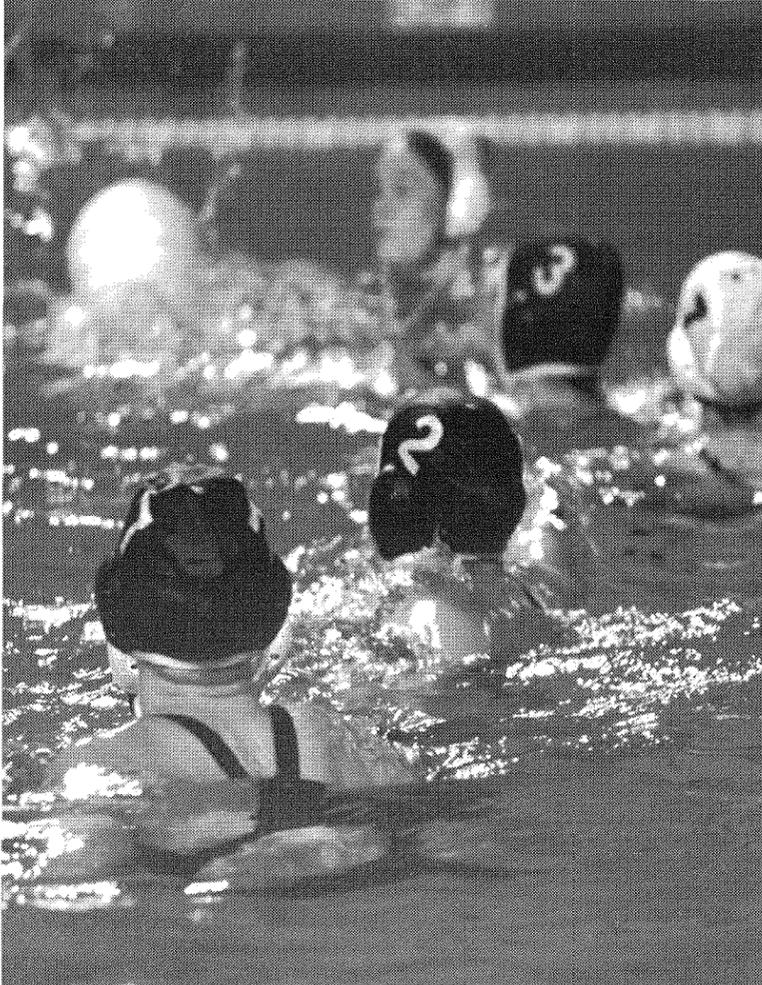


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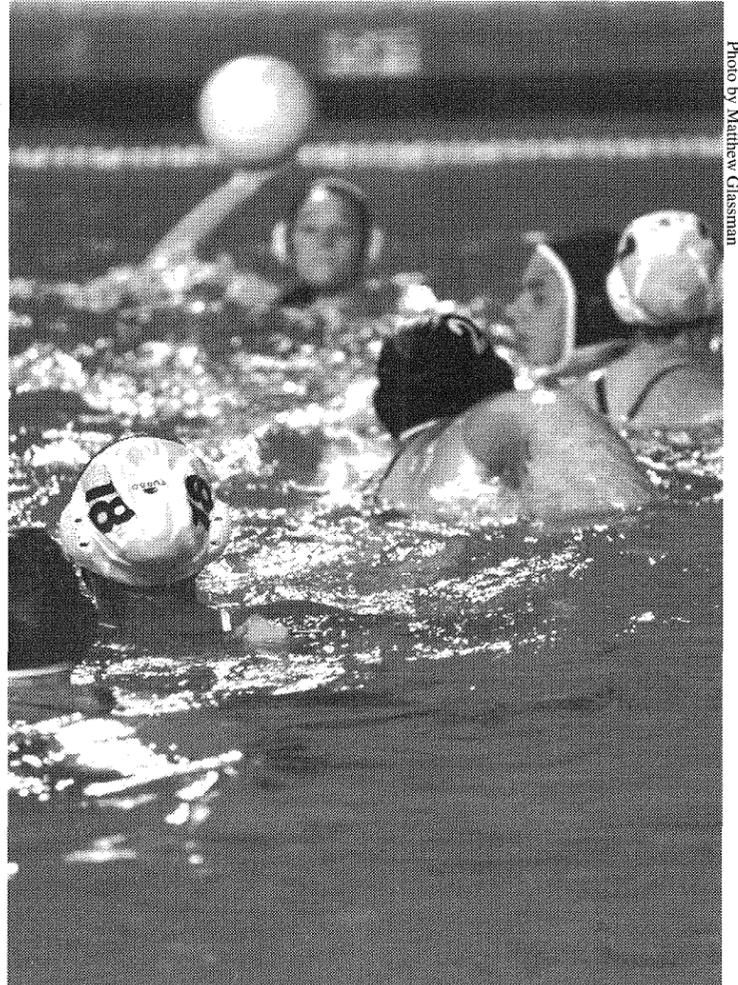


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The Caltech women practice in preparation for their match against UC Santa Cruz.

Mark Eichenlaub's Track Prattle

Techers Run Like Refrigerators

The men's and women's track teams, like a fifth grade class in sex ed, were separated last weekend, with the men running at Redlands on Friday and the women at home on Saturday. The meets were the "SCIAC Invitationals", the first of three meets this year where Caltech will compete against the entire conference. Seth Hendrickson captured the spirit of the men's cold, wet meet by getting a giant stain on the butt of his sweats. When asked for comment on the stain, Hendrickson replied, "You're not going to write about that in *The Tech*, are you?"

The men comported themselves well, getting disqualified from only one third of their relay races. The "California Institute of Techno" earned seventh place with 18 or 14 points, depending on whether you trust my personal calculations or some so-called "computer" at Redlands. Either way, the total was well over ten percent that of the winning team, CMS.

Tim Tirrell zipped around the track like a greyhound in heat to take third in the 400 in about 51.05 seconds, a rough approximation not accounting for relativistic effects. Peter Sadowski cleared the hurdles like he thought they would bite him, and nabbed fifth in the 300m-long event, running about 43.47 seconds, a rough approximation not accounting for the fact there were hurdles in his way.

Matt Kiesz, like a man driving a horse trailer at reckless speeds, hauled some ass, and banged out an impressive 1200 leg to lead off the Distance Medley Relay, putting the techers in second place. Pat Boyle then scorched a lap, retaining the position. Coach Julie Levesque next entrusted the baton to Stuart Ward, who held off the charge of the conference's top 800m runner in a heroic homestretch. He handed off to Mark Eichenlaub (hey, that's me!) still in second place. Eichenlaub, for whom wearing spikes is like put-



Sarah Stokes, Rene Davis, Natalie Szweda, Gina Gage, Tencia Lee, Helen Tai, and Angela Magee posing in front of a Caltech banner.

ting wings on a hippopotamus, succumbed to the CMS miler down the final homestretch. Caltech took third in about 10:36, a rough approximation not accounting for Coriolis forces.

The men's 4x400 team continued to improve. Boyle returned to the track like a boomerang, and ran a strong leadoff leg. Yezdan Badrakhan, legs churning like a pinwheel in a hurricane, sprinted his lap and handed off to Kiesz, who, like an electrician grasping the black wire, held his ground. Ward anchored the relay, and again was faced with an onslaught in the homestretch. He was passed only by a runner who will be competing at DIII indoor

nationals later this month. The team was fourth in about 3:27, a rough approximation not accounting for atmospheric friction or quantum tunneling effects.

That concluded Caltech's scoring in the meet. Our field event people would score some points if only the guys from other schools would stop beating them. Our distance runners, captained by Eichenlaub (hey, that's me!) also failed to score any individual points, so I probably shouldn't make fun of the throwers too much. Tony Falk does a pretty good job of that anyway. As do their mothers.

The women's team not only placed higher than the men, they

also managed to look slightly less ugly while doing it (this, however, is not to be considered any fantastic accomplishment). The ladies took sixth place of eight teams and compiled a total of 29 points, which they plan to redeem for a Sammy-The-Seal Beanie Baby and fifteen of those little plastic butterfly clickers that make lots of noise and drive your parents crazy.

Based on my observations of the event, Helen Tai's main tactic in the 100m hurdles seemed to be to go very fast. This, as many of you surely know, is considered the oldest trick in the book in track, and the other girls should have seen it coming. Still the strategy

worked, as Helen captured fourth place. In fact, Helen had fourth all to herself. It was not a "Tai". Her TAIme of 16.32 seconds was quite impressive. She bounded over the hurdles like a TAiger over jungle logs. Her TAIdy form promises to make her a strong contender at conference championships this year, unless she gets TAiphus from a ceiling TAlle, which she probably won't. She generally runs in TAights. She can even run the 300m hurdles without getting too TAired. She took second in that event.

The girls' 4x100m team, consisting of some girls, took sixth. Gina Gage, who fortunately can swim, was fifth in the 2000m steeplechase. Katherine Breeden ran a very intelligent 1500m race, using the last lap to fly past a large pack of girls (a.k.a. "clump", "horde", "pod", or "gaggle") like they were standing still, or at least like they were running a little slower than she, to secure sixth in 5:24.

Natalie Szweda tied her own pole vault record of 10' 0". However, this mark is only 3.05 meters, a much less impressive number and, I think, one of the stronger arguments against a conversion to the metric system. Elette Boyle secured sixth in the high jump by clearing 4' 7.75". It was supposed to be 4' 8", though. I was right there helping the official running the event, but he was also pretty confused by the metric system and kept messing up all the heights. And also the bar kept falling down, partially because I wasn't securing it properly but mostly because all the girls kept jumping into. Elsewhere, Rene Davis' discus soared like an eagle (before it gets sucked into a jet engine), for a distance of 97' 10.25", which was sixth place.

Next week, Caltech will run even faster (if you can believe it) at the Ben Brown invite. Stay tuned, as my report will be as descriptive as an analogy. For meet results and photos see <http://running.caltech.edu/track.php>

Photo courtesy of Mark Eichenlaub

McNamara's Rants of the Week

BY: JOHN MCNAMARA

Last issue, there were several articles responding to us. Here are my responses in random order:

Committees is Crunk

I have no idea where you get the idea that our articles are about that so called "thug ish." If you had read my historical explanation of the title, you would know that none of us actually came up with the title. I wouldn't be surprised if some Lloydie hallucinated hard enough for Page to look like Lloyd and wrote it on our door. I wouldn't be surprised if you wrote it one our door. You seem to like this "crunk" you speak of.

Aside from stylistic issues, I did forget to provide additional evidence. Evidence is forthcoming and will be in a future issue. What the article provided was a teaser and was mostly to show how awesome Todd Gingrich should be—or better be or else we will castrate him with a dirty pair of pliers from the Ph 1B practical and a rubber band we found in the steam tunnels. That is, metaphorically speaking.

Committees are what the administration uses to represent student opinion. If a committee is filled with a bunch of people who worship individuals with gray hair, then you have a problem. Furthermore, there is a lack of communication if there are too many of these committees. That is why you appoint a committee secretary to get this information out to the undergraduate body. Then we can tell you how you have spent all your time turning your nose the color brown with shades of green. Unfortunately, finding out what issues are up in

the air at Caltech rely on the committee to contact the newspaper first. They are often the only ones to know.

Although I applaud you for clarifying what some of these positions do at Caltech, I still stand by my assertion. There are too many committees for a cohesive undergraduate government. In addition, I did want to know what the Institute Size committee does. It was rather annoying to read information that was already given in the little t.

Nearly All Techer Lives Are Spread Thin

Jon, you know I never read your articles. By the way, you spelled "specific" as "spyecific." Word should automatically correct that for you.

This article does bring another reason for the suckage of Avery. Clubs rely on a critical mass of people to keep the activity running. Many Caltech students do commit to multiple clubs and sports. This relies on having a few friends involving other friends in their activities. Hence, social groups need to be large to last.

In the houses, there are mechanisms in place that force people to know each other. We call these traditions. I hope Avery is at least attempting to jump on this tradition bandwagon. That way they can contribute to the extracurricular life on campus. We can delude ourselves into thinking all we are doing in college is wanking and studying, but the connections we make here and the experiences we have build character.

Avery is Not a Hovse and You are a Tool

I like the title. That's about as far as I am willing to go. One common misconception is how

the hovses resemble fraternities. Fraternities actually do service projects in the community. We do not. Frats make you act stupid for a week then paddle you. Houses make you do stupid stuff for a day then take you out to dinner. Also, frats have the advantage of the black ball which ensures everyone in a frat is the same.

Within houses, there is no homogeneity to that extent. The houses place people with like personalities together so people with like interests within that group of like personalities can form interest groups that accomplish something. This could be community service, appreciation for the arts or athletics. This is how you can have such diversity in a community that is so small. If you want to write for the paper, nobody majors in journalism so anything you say will get printed. For example, asdfasdfsdf. If you got cut from the team in high school, nobody here is going to the pros so there are plenty of spots for you. If you are curious about acting, I will be directing a one act play next term. All these were made possible by a group of people connecting and pursuing an interest.

As for Avery, it disturbs me that the apparent focus of the house is not being a house. Cheers to those who are trying to give it some character, but until then all I see is the focus on isolation. Furthermore, I have never seen any evidence of the "entrepreneurial concept of Avery House." Sure companies give presentations in the Avery library, but how does that involve the residents? Either you do not publicize your entrepreneurialism or there is none there. If you have some event to prove the contrary, send me an e-mail and I will cover it.

Escape

BY: JEFF PHILLIPS

Classes are classes, and we all have to pass. But in between problem sets and essays we all need a laugh. Most Techers I see today are not engaged with their studies but mired in them. When the work and the pain become so intense that we just want to scream, we quit the scholasticism of the day to day (or night to night as your schedule may have it) and turn to more liberating pastimes.

Escape from work and care is not unique to Tech. Working and partying have long walked hand in hand beneath the vaulted halls of higher education. Students are free range chickens; classes are foxes. The weak are picked off; the flock survives. But real people at real colleges deal with a very different dynamic than John Q. Techer.

Classes ravage like alligators set loose in a cramped hen house; we can dodge a bit easier, but the tail end will knock you flat. The scaly beasts require unorthodox escape maneuvers. The exits are well blocked by the bulky creatures, so we Techers cluster at the hard to reach corners and hope nothing bites our way.

Living in close quarters with these snapping brutes has set paralysis to work. I see a lot of World of Warcraft, a lot of random scientific debates. Porn is in ready supply, as campus networks deliver by the bucket load. Movies too. Drinking ranks among the more visible diversions but it is important to remember the comically low levels of binge drinking in comparison to our free range counterparts. Bizarre experiments with electricity and mechan-

ics should give greater cause for alarm; catapults and capacitors are more likely subjects of abuse than the bottle.

There are Techers who brave the outside world in their spare time, but the bulk seems to find their kicks within thirty yards of their desks. It seems the unshackled limb can only limp so far from its chains. That is, the illusion of being free cannot overcome the feeling of being trapped; very real piles of work have given us the instincts to watch for that alligator even when the coop door looks open. Consider this week how you escape, and if it satisfies that craving for freedom.

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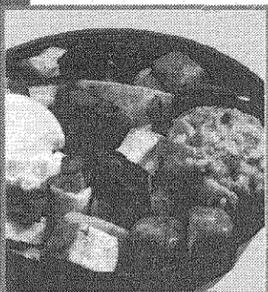
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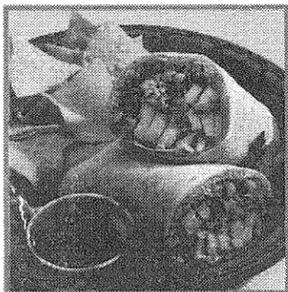
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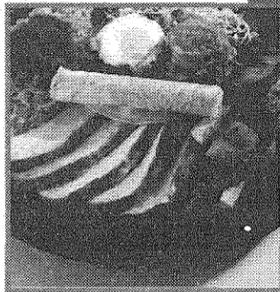
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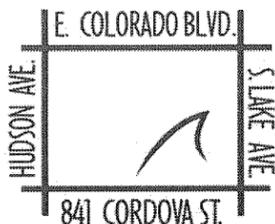
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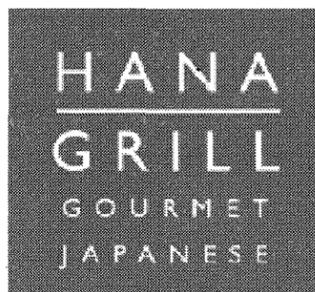
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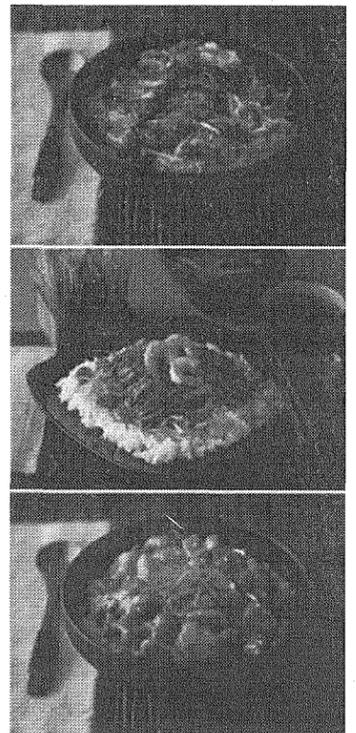
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Counseling Corner

Upcoming Workshops

The Caltech Counseling Center is pleased to announce this month's speakers in the Work, Sleep, Play: Finding Balance lecture series.

All workshops are FREE and open to all grads and undergrads. Each will be held from noon to 1:00 in Winnett Lounge, and you're welcome to bring a lunch if you like.

On Monday, March 6th, Tim Cunningham, lead technician at the Huntington Hospital sleep disorders center, will present "Snooze Your Way to Success: How to Improve Your Sleep Habits and Identify Possible Sleep Disorders." He will focus on how to identify potential problems with your sleeping habits, and how you can also identify possible sleep problems in your friends and roommates. This fun and informative workshop will cover the most common types of sleep problems in college students, and how you can get the most from your sleep.

On Thursday, March 9th, Kevin Austin, Ph.D. of the Caltech

Counseling Center will speak on "Overcoming Procrastination." What is procrastination? It's the problem set that doesn't get done on time (again!), or the experiment you don't get started. It's the meeting with your advisor you don't get around to scheduling, it's the drop card you don't turn in on time. Procrastination is the continuing battle with yourself to do what you know you should... and your inability to change. This program will help students in attendance have a different, possibly better, way of understanding their procrastination and what to do about it.

Finally, on Friday, March 31st, we're delighted to have Glenda Corstorphine, MFCC, a local psychoanalyst, present "The Introvert Advantage: How to Thrive in an Extrovert World." This presentation, based on the book of the same name by Dr. Marti Olsen Laney, will help you learn more about the benefits and strengths of being inwardly focused in a society that tends to place more value on being outspoken.

BoD and IHC Unite

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ing is consistent with the interest level. Mrs. Borbon emphasized that Caltech desires to maintain a good balance between recreational athletics and NCAA sports so students can continue to have a choice in what sort of athletics they want. Further, she pointed out that if some sports programs struggle to field an NCAA team each year perhaps we should consider changing the way that sport is supported. Mrs. Borbon is interested in finding out whether it may be better to have some sports offered as club teams rather than NCAA programs. The club teams would obviously be much cheaper to support, and if students were able to benefit equally from competing in a club environment versus an NCAA environment, then the NCAA participation seems unnecessary.

In addition to the costs of supporting an NCAA team, Mrs. Borbon said that there has been a movement for many of the schools within SCIAAC to become more competitive and more active in recruiting talent. Caltech, however, does not want the competitiveness of the conference to increase, since Caltech's academic focus prevents our teams from rivaling any increase in competitiveness. While Caltech students look upon athletics as a way of releasing stress from difficult and time-consuming academics, the primary purpose of athletics at Caltech is to support the students. If the conference were to become too focused on being competitive, it is possible that participation in SCIAAC would no longer be the best way for students to take part in athletics. Mrs. Borbon has wisely come to the students for advice on what we desire.

We cannot emphasize enough that the discussions about athletics are still in very preliminary stages. Mrs. Borbon is simply gathering more information about student participation in athletics. This is a perfect opportunity for student-athletes or other interested students to share their concerns about Caltech athletics. We have every reason to believe that these concerns will be heard and carefully considered before any final decision is reached. Sharon Borbon welcomes comments from interested students. Additionally, feel free to contact members of the SAAC with questions and concerns.

One of the main problems with the initial article was that it did not impress sufficiently that this was a continuing issue, not one that was being decided without student input. This is not a case of the administration making a decision and then informing the students of it. The IHC Chair decided without consulting the rest of the IHC to inform the student body at a very early stage of discussion, while there is still plenty of time to contribute to the issue. If he chooses to communicate through the Tech again, it will be as the IHC Chair and not with his own personal voice.

In addition, Craig has spoken with members of the administration regarding both this article and the situation in general. He feels that the problems surrounding his article have been worked out to the satisfaction of both sides and that it is time to move on to dealing with the issue that was originally brought up. He has also spoken with the IHC and come up with a general policy to avoid similar mishaps and miscommunications in the future. He does not wish to cause trouble with members of the administration, and he hopes that the students still have faith in him to be an effective communicator with members of the faculty and administration, especially those that are not inclined to discuss issues with the students.

Craig would like to apologize for stirring up trouble where there formerly was no issue. He feels that the issue deserved to be brought to the attention of the student body, but that it was done in a very poor manner that did not properly represent the respect that Mrs. Borbon, Dr. Marshak, and the rest of the administrators were giving the students in coming to talk with us. He would like to impress that great care will be taken to avoid similar situations and that this has occurred in the name of increasing communication with administrative offices that have the power to affect student life across campus.

Sincerely,
Craig Montuori, the ASCIT BoD, and the IHC

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What is procrastination?

It's the problem set that doesn't get turned in on time

It's the extension that you need an extension for

It's the research that you just can't start

It's the grades you don't get turned in on time

It's the bills that don't get paid until they're past due

It's the wall you come up against when you try to start something

It's the frustration of being behind... again

It's the promise to never put things off... again

It's all these things and more... Procrastination is the seemingly never ending battle to get things done on time. It's about things being done late and the torture you go through to get them done at all. Procrastination is about promises to change but not being able to for reasons you don't understand, don't accept, or don't know what to do about.

Why do people procrastinate?

Some people assume that the reason that they procrastinate is because they lack will power. The reality is that people who procrastinate often demonstrate quite a lot of will power for certain things. It is only when they experience emotional conflict about what they have to do that they procrastinate, and then the question of will power becomes

an issue.

People generally procrastinate because they experience emotions they don't want to feel as they attempt to do a task. Some of the most common feelings people seek to avoid can be helplessness, powerlessness, being overwhelmed, or feeling controlled, sad, or resentful. Avoidance/procrastination is used to manage feelings, though not in a way that is ultimately very effective.

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Avoidance limits the amount of time the person consciously struggles with the task, but the avoidance has consequences; generally the task is not done as well and the person is left dissatisfied with themselves for continuing their pattern of procrastination.

What can you do to overcome your procrastination?

First, having realistic expectations of what it will take to

overcome your procrastination is important. It's not possible to overcome procrastination, often a long standing problem, with a simple resolution or promise to yourself to do things differently. It takes a plan that should include understanding the source of your emotional conflict and a strategy for dealing with your avoidance. Often times it takes someone else to help you through- to help you uncover, if you will, the reasons why you procrastinate, and just as importantly help guide you in taking steps to deal with your procrastination over time.

If you still have the motivation to address your habit of procrastinating, I suggest you read an article on the Counseling Centers website on Procrastination. It's listed under, Articles on <http://www.counseling.caltech.edu/> This would be a good beginning, as it will help you think about your personal reasons for procrastinating. From there, you can consider what it will take for you to address those reasons. You may decide to come in to the Counseling Center (x8331) and talk with someone about what you can do or maybe you'll use the internet to access more information on specific strategies such as time management or goal setting. Whatever you do as a next step, do something. It will take small steps, sometimes repeated over time, to address your procrastination, but it can be done.

Committee Yet to Commit to Candidate

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received at the meeting. The faculty was very interested in what we had to say, and we also spoke to them about how the undergraduates were really getting slammed by the budget cuts, and how the key members of the administration (including Dr. Baltimore himself) weren't paying as much attention to us as we'd like. They were surprised and appalled, and they do want to help."

The PSC came up early on with a list of desired qualities and these underwent modification and clarification following meetings with students (both graduates and undergraduates), staff, and faculty. The PSC collected over 150 names of potential presidential candidates, which has since been whittled down to less than 15. Due to the sensitive nature of the presidential search, no names can be divulged to the public. What is known is that the PSC engages in background checks and interviews for each viable candidate, and then forwards a final list to the Caltech Board of Trustees, who will ultimately make the critical decision.

PSC chair Dave Stevenson re-

vealed to the Tech several qualities the PSC would be searching for in the next Caltech president, stating that a successful candidate must carry a minimum threshold of academic prestige in order to garner respect in the academic community. Another Nobel prizewinner would be nice, but academic fame alone will not seal the deal for a presidential candidate. The next Caltech president must bear a great passion for the Institute and what it is capable of, as well as vision to actually carry things out. Administrative management skills are also desirable, as is the ability to work well with a wide range of people—whether they are scientists, students, or civilians.

One concern expressed by various students and faculty within the Caltech community during the current administration is the view that President Baltimore may have been biased towards offering financial support to the biological sciences over the other academic divisions' needs, with one often cited example being the construction of Broad. The PSC will pay attention towards finding candidates who possess intellectual flexibility and would be will-

ing to lend support evenly to all academic fields.

Caltech, being one of the world's top scientific institutes, must maintain a delicate balance of conducting significant research as well as training the next generation of qualified researchers. The next Caltech president must keep this in mind upon entering office. He or she must care about undergraduate affairs, and must stress better education for the undergraduates while maintaining the high-caliber research associated with the Caltech faculty and graduate program.

Vice President for Student Affairs Margo Marshak said that the current people of interest to the PSC are a diverse group including people of both genders, from inside and outside Caltech, and from academia and elsewhere.

Sometime in late March or early April, the PSC will forward its list of candidates to the Board of Trustees, which will some time later announce its final decision. Following that will be a transition period between presidents that may last for up to six months, upon which the new president will assume full duties.

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