It's winter again, and that means one thing—the demolition of student housing. Above, workers prepare to move 327 S. Holliston to make way for Avery House.

ASCIT nominations close Tuesday by David B. Derkits

The nomination period for the ASCIT offices of President, Vice-President/BOC Chair, and Tech Editor ends at 5:00 p.m. this Tuesday, January 18. If you are interested in running for one of these offices, please print your name on the nomination sheet posted on the east side of Winnett (outside the MOSH’s office) and follow the directions. A reminder also to those who have already signed up: campaign statements for the Tech are due by 5:00 p.m. this Wednesday, January 19. All nominees are strongly encouraged to submit statements. The Board of Directors has approved two bylaw amendments for vote in the Presidential Election. They are:

Amendment #1 Increase in Price of Big T

In Article XIII, Section 5, modify the first sentence to read: Each Corporation member will be assessed thirty-six dollars ($36) for the Big T, payable on the day of registration at the rate of twelve dollars ($12) per term. (If passed, this charge shall take effect at the start of the 1994-95 academic year.)

Amendment #2 Eliminate the position of Publications Darkroom Chairman

Remove Article XIV, Section 16. In Article XIV, Section 3, remove “...and the Publication Darkroom Chairman” and insert “...before the Editor of Totems.” (If passed, this change shall take effect third term 1994.)

COP some health action during Wellness Week by Bryce H. Elliott

Wellness Week has come to Caltech. There are activities aplenty during the week of January 24–30. If you participate and don’t feel well by the end of the week, you probably didn’t...!

On Monday, the two programs are “Coming Out: What You Always Wanted to Know, But Were Afraid to Ask” and “Easy and Quick.” “Coming Out” will have three different activities. At noon, there will be a table on the Olive Walk to provide information, and a videotape of the march on Washington will be played in the Y Lounge. The video will be played again at 5 P.M. in the Y Lounge, and there will be a panel at 7:30, along with cookies and milk, to discuss the risk of coming out. “Easy and Quick” will be from 7 P.M. to 8 P.M. in the Braun Athletic Center. Leslie Linton, Master Chef, will prepare healthy meals for the delight and amusement of the crowd.

Tuesday is a day with “Getting the Most From Your Time,” “Personal and Campus Safety Issues,” and “Women’s Center: Promoting Understanding and Awareness.” “Getting the Most From Your Time,” part of the Lunch and Learn Series, will run from 12:15 to 1 P.M. in Winnett Club Room 1. Cyndi Knight will be giving a presentation about goal setting, establishing priorities, and identifying and eliminating time wasters. From 4 to 5 P.M., “Personal and Campus Safety Issues” will be discussed in the Euclids Spalding Auditorium. In the Women’s Center Lounge from 7 to 9 P.M., the Women’s Center Staff will provide cookies and milk and hold an open discussion about the Women’s Center role on campus, and how it promotes health and wellness.

On Wednesday, the Lunch and Learn Series continues with “New Year’s Resolution: No More Dieting” running from noon to 1 P.M. Nutritionist Jackie Carroll will have a program on creating a diet you’ll want to follow. “What does work, and conversations regarding understanding your relationship with food and beer. If streamlining your waist isn’t enough, then at 7 P.M. in Winnett Lounge there is “Streamlining Your Stress: How to Help Yourself and Others.” Cookies and milk will be provided as Irene Stern, M.A., Cath Campbell, M.A., an intern at the Caltech Counseling Center, and Mary Morahan-Naples discuss how to manage personal stress and how to help others with stress.

Immediately following this program is “Streamlining Your Stress with Massage” at 9, as Jason Wang from Cal Poly Pomona demonstrates and practices massage techniques, with more cookies and milk to be had.

Thursday will be a bit of a slow-down, with two programs, “Where Does Your Time Go? Overcoming Procrastination and Enhancing Time Management” and “Managing Stress Through Biofeedback.” “Where Does Your Time Go” starts at 7:30 in Winnett Lounge—be punctual if you can. Dr. Kevin Austin, Counseling Center Director, will help those who attend identify the reasons they procrastinate and strategies they can use to curb these tendencies. Cookies, brownies and drinks will be provided. The time management seminar will, hopefully, “decarcerate” these problems. “Managing Stress Through Biofeedback” is scheduled to begin at 8:45. Wayne Herron, M.S., from Self-Regulation Services will give attendees a chance to experience biofeedback, to learn how their bodies react to stress, and how to regulate these physiological reactions to reduce stress, as well as a chance to experience biofeedback, to learn how their bodies react to stress, and how to regulate these physiological reactions to reduce stress, as well as a chance to increase the manipulation of one’s own body.
Washington, Lincoln not Gangsters

Last issue, Friday, January 7 contained an article about Black history by Edray Goins. In the article, it was claimed that both Presidents Washington and Lincoln were either, "our Founding Fathers," or, "Nefarious Gangsters for their work in institutionalizing slavery." Clearly, Lincoln is neither.

Lincoln was elected in 1860, 84 years after Independence was declared. The United States was founded before Lincoln was born, barely qualifying him as a Founding Father. Also, last time I checked, Lincoln was the man who signed the Emancipation Proclamation, ending slavery as a part of everyday life.

Sonically, I feel that it is unfair to characterize any of the men who helped found the United States. While we shouldn't be proud of this violation of fundamental human rights, we should relate slavery in this country to its historical context, and we should recognize that, at various points since the inception of this country, we have corrected our mistakes relating to human rights. Currently, under the law, the rights of all people are protected equally. Instead of dwelling on the errors of the past, let's learn from them and move forward.

Bryce H. Elliott

King Day Observed

On Monday, January 17, the Caltech Community is invited to attend several events commemorating King Day in honor of the late Martin Luther King, Jr. This year marks our fifth annual observation of King Day and includes the most extensive array of events to date.

In addition to the noontime musical celebration in Winnett Courtyard (or Ramo Auditorium if it rains) with the Voices of Zoe choral group, the traditional 1 o'clock observance in Ramo will feature two speakers: Dr. Leonard Olguin of Long Beach State and Dr. Bryant Simon, who is visiting Caltech. Throughout the day, the Caltech Y will present cultural programs in its Winnett offices.

Finally, Rev. James Lawson will speak at 4 o'clock in the "Race, Politics, and Religion" seminar series about "Where Do We Go From Here? Choir or Community?"

More detailed information about each of these events is available in the January issue of On Campus.

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Dear Ernest,

Last summer I worked as a volunteer teacher in Glasgow, Scotland, and on three occasions, a student came to class completely bedaubed in blue paint. Can you explain this odd behavior?

-Stumped

Dear Stumped:

Your students' seeming prankishness is actually an old European tradition, which, coincidentally enough, has its origin in the highlands of Scotland. When Britain was invaded by the Roman legions, during the reign of Julius Caesar, the First Class legions were ordered to drive them back by stripping naked, painting themselves blue, and running over the hills, screaming wildly, at the confused legionsaries. The unfortunate soldiers were never able to conquer Scotland, and brought tales of fearsome, blue demons back to Rome with them.

These outwardly strange stories soon started a fad among the patrician schoolchildren—when a boy had not had his war paint painted himself blue in an attempt to scare the instructor and make him forget about the missed assignment. The practice continued throughout the middle ages, and survives even today in several European cities, including Munich, Brussels, and Glasgow.

In short, your students had not done their work.

Dear Ernest,

When I was a young child, my parents would put Magic Shell dessert topping on my ice cream once in a while, but I never see the stuff anymore. Can you tell me anything about this product?

-Waxing Nostalgic

Dear Waxing,

Magic Shell brand dessert topping was sold by the Bethesda Syrup Company of Bethesda, Maryland from 1974 to 1981. The topping, which was poured from a plastic bottle, would solidify into a chocolate crust soon after being exposed to the air because of the rapid evaporation of its lipid carriers, mostly petroleum distillates.

Unfortunately, soon after its introduction, a teenage drug culture sprang up around Magic Shell. The so-called "shellers," mainly concentrated in Colorado and Utah, would gather at friends' houses to "get shelled" by inhaling Magic Shell's potent vapors directly from the bottle. Hundreds of children were hospitalized with burned nasal passages, and three died after drinking large amounts of partially concealed Magic Shell, which solidified in their intestines.

Magic Shell was removed from the market after it was discovered that it contained ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons.

Ernest Tomkinson is a member of the International Guide of Alumni Councils.

You are cordially invited to the weekly California Tech staff meeting today at 12:15 P.M. in the Coffeehouse. Free pizza and soda will be served. We are currently looking for a Circulation Manager—if you would like to find out more about the position, we encourage you to attend.

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Canada

Daniel Johnson, a fiscal conservative and federalist, was sworn in on January 11 as the new premier of Quebec. His predecessor, Robert Bourassa, resigned for health reasons. Speculations on how Johnson will handle Quebec's French-speaking separatist movement abound.

Egypt

Talks continued on Monday between the PLO and Israel after a pause of over two weeks. On Tuesday, Israel agreed to transfer over 1,000 old soldiers, it was announced that Ukraine has agreed to give up its nuclear arsenals, and the European Community will be discussed on Monday by the European Parliament. Countries that might join the twelve-nation body include Finland, Austria, Norway, and Sweden.

At the NATO summit in Brussels, it was announced that Ukraine has agreed to give up its nuclear arsenal. The agreement between Ukraine and Russia is scheduled to be signed on January 14 in Moscow. However, it must first face the opposition of the Ukrainian Parliament that is controlled by nationalist factions known for their opposition of weapons elimination. Among the topics discussed at the NATO summit is the feasibility of military intervention in Bosnia. On Tuesday Clinton and five other leaders said that they were prepared to launch air strikes in Sarajevo, Srebenica, and Tuzla. Before any action can be taken, they must gain the approval of the UN Security Council.

Japan

Japan's Labor Ministry Committee advised the revision of sexist hiring practices adopted by many Japanese companies.

Mexico

The Mexican Army cordoned off Indian towns suspected of harboring Mexican rebels. Several Indian towns have turned over rebels to the government. The Mexican President, Carlos Salinas, wants to end the violence. He asks to listen to the rebels. The rebels agree to talk if a cease-fire is called. A car bomb exploded in the capital on Saturday. There was a second explosion in Acapulco. Although no one has claimed responsibility, the government suspects rebel involvement.

Russia

The newly elected Russian Parliament conducted its first session on Tuesday. Yeltsin supporters are disturbed by Zhirinovsky's blatant attempt to dominate the Duma through chairman Georgy Lukava.

South Africa

Nelson Mandela claims that de Klerk allowed township violence in order to scare off potential ANC voters. These include the seven million mixed race and Indian voters. The election is on April 27.

European

The expansion of the European Union (former Yugoslavia and the European Community) will be discussed on Monday by the European Parliament. Countries that might join the twelve-nation body include Finland, Austria, Norway, and Sweden.

ASCIT BOD minutes, January 11

by Karen Shih

Present: BOD (except Mike Brundage and Anandi Raman), Jennifer Trittuchak, David Derks, Dinah Lee, Ingrid, Christy Esau, Gavin Claypool.

New Business

• Wellness Week is coming up. Dinah Lee, the drug and alcohol outreach coordinator of the Counseling Center, is here to request $500 from ASCIT. Motion to sponsor Wellness Week with $500 passes (5-1-0).

• The Big T proposes a change in the bylaws to increase dues by $2.00 a term, to take effect next school year. Motion to place the initiative on the ballot for the January 14th election passes (6-0-0).

• The Big T Business Manager proposes a change in the committee schedule to limit commission earning to ads solicited by herself only to be allowed $10.00 salary to her compensation.

HELP!

The California Tech is desperately looking for a Circulation Manager. The Manager is responsible for picking up the finished newspapers from the printer each Friday morning, preparing them for mail distribution, and delivering copies to the student Houses. A car is required, and we would prefer to hire an undergraduate or graduate student. For more information about salary, etc., please call Gavin Claypool at x6193, or come to the weekly Tech staff meeting on Friday.

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CRIME AND INCIDENT REPORT

by Gypsy Achong

Crime Tip: Be very careful when walking around dark areas, especially if there are lots of overgrown or thick bushes around.

1/3 12:55 A.M. A member of staff was walking to her office on Hill when a young man approached her. He was shaking and she thought he spoke to her. Then he asked her to come nearer because he could not hear her. She didn’t notice that he was manipulating his genitals. He then had an orgasm. The man was white, thinly built, in his 20’s with a beard.

1/7 2:00-4:00 A.M. A student parked his car in the Tournament parking lot. On return he discovered that the passenger window of his car had been shattered and the ignition switch had been tampered with, so that the car could not start.

1/8 11:00 A.M. A student got into his car which was parked between Kock and Beater. As he drove off two males jumped out of the bushes on the west side of Kock and began to chase him. He quickly drove away.

1/9 4:00-11:00 A.M. Some clothes belonging to an undergrad were stolen from the SAC laundry. $300

This week’s total: $300
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Iron Will for the iron stomached

by H. K. Thio

Iron Will, a new Disney movie set in the winter of 1917, tells the story of Will Stoneman (MacKenzie Astin), a young farmer’s son with a passion for dog-sledding. At the beginning of the movie he receives news that he has been accepted by a college and, though he has reservations about leaving the tiny town in Dakota where he lives, his parents convince him to go. Yet within a couple of days, disaster strikes, putting the existence of the farm as well as his higher education in jeopardy. In order to save both, Will decides to enter a grueling dog-sled race, from Winnipeg to St. Paul, with ten thousand dollars in prize money.

Trained by their native-American helper (August Schellenberg) and armed with some of his native wisdoms and healing herbs Will takes off for Winnipeg. There he meets the other contestants, all very experienced and rugged racers, for whom Will obviously is no match. Among them are two brothers from Iceland, a bunch of Canadian and American trappers, and a Swede, who from the first moment has evil written all over his face and whose accent is usually reserved in movies for Nazi camp-guards. Will receives support from one of the journalists sent to report on the race, Harry Kingsley (Kevin Spacey). His motivation is not as much philanthropy as much as the need for an exclueve story about a young lad perishing in the Canadian wilderness.

The race begins, the evil Swede behaves like a character in Ben Hur and within a day or two all the Americans, except for Will, of course, are either hanging from a cliff, being dragged behind their sleds or knocked out under a tree with their animal companions continuing the race on their own. As the only American survivor, Will attracts more media attention and Kingsley’s attitude changes from cynicism to compassion for Will and patriotism. The race goes on for quite a while, but I’ll leave the rest to your imagination—it doesn’t take too much.

The story consists of one cliché after another. It’s very American-oriented, both in its atmosphere, with scenes of the countryside accompanied by Copland-esque music, and in the contest, with all Americans being good and all bad guys being foreigners. The characters are very flat, and the dialogue is not very stimulating. Some of the country and racing scenes are quite spectacular, but they do get old after a while. This is a young people’s adventure movie, and definitely not one of the better ones. I wouldn’t recommend this movie for anyone—I don’t think I would have appreciated it even when I was in the targeted age range. The acting is not bad, really, and the dog did an outstanding job, but the story is lame.

Caltech graduates some of the world’s premiere scientists. Sometimes we forget that not all of them are White men. Dr. Lu Valle was one of the first to remind us of this, and not the last. “Very few people are totally free of misconceptions about Negroes.” About 26 years ago, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. had a chance to say this when he discussed issues with Caltech undergraduates after dinner.
Beaver basketball—perfect so far

by Bryce H. Elliott

This past weekend, the Caltech men's varsity basketball team completed a perfect 9-0 pre-SCIAC season by winning the Keelhauler Classic in Vallejo. The Beavers were obviously the class of the tournament, trouncing Holy Names 83-59 in the opening round, beating Southwestern College 86-68 in the finals, placing freshman Josh "Mr 8:59" Moats on the five-man All-Tournament team, and having senior George Papa named 1994 Keelhauler Classic Tournament Most Valuable Player. Senior John "Pimp Daddy" Parks also had an outstanding weekend, averaging 10.5 points and 11 rebounds.

Papa took MVP by turning in two superb games, a 26 point, 22 rebound performance against Holy Names and a 32 point, 13 rebound, 7 block game in the finals against Southwestern. Papa was particularly effective in shutting down Southwestern's leading scorer Craig Mayer, blocking him 9 times on route to limiting him to 9 first half points. Experts believe that the spectacular weekend was due to the fact that his hair was perfect throughout the tournament. Papa brought along extra styling gel for the trip in order to keep his hair in place in the Bay Area humidity.

Moats virtually assured himself of a spot on the All-Tournament squad after the first game, in which he had 38 points, coming largely on 10 of 19 shooting from behind the three-point arc. Moats caught fire late in the first half, going 6 of 6 from downtown during a 30-2 Beaver run. The 10 treys set a new Caltech school record for three-pointers in a game, but fell four shy of the current NCAA mark. Moats added another 26 points in the final game to lead the team in scoring for the tournament.

Caltech came into the tournament a little flat, as witnessed by the 57-46 victory over La Sierra earlier in the week. During the post-game press conference, Coach Gene Vic­tor remarked, "I'd rather look ugly and win than look good and lose." However, the Beavers looked anything but ugly in the Keelhauler Classic, giving witness to the fact that they are a force to be reckoned with. Victor's team had an excellent preconference season, and figure to make an impact on the SCIAC race this year. Come out and enjoy the excitement of Beaverball!

By some truly inexplicable twist of fate, both Johnny Depp and Benicio Del Toro ended up in the same movie. This is a beautiful epic from mainland Chinese director Chen Kaige chronicling the lives of two Beijing Opera stars through the twentieth century. The two "stage brothers" are attached to each other emotionally and artistically, yet must constantly fight against themselves, each other, the older one's ex-prostitute wife Juxian (Gong Li), and the political turmoil around them. Particularly moving are their reactions to the ascent of Communism in China and ultimate emotional destruction under the Cultural Revolution.

Unfortunately, the huge time span that the film covers (52 years) makes the personal development and development across time periods confusing. The excellent performances and elegant cinematography aren't allowed to reach their full potential under the shaky transitions. Definitely worth seeing, though.

**What's Eating Gilbert Grape?**

Believe it or not, I'm actually recommending three movies this week. What's Eating Gilbert Grape?, though superficially quite similar to last spring's Benny and JoJo, is far superior in every way. Johnny Depp plays the title character, who is tied down to the Iowa farm town of Endora taking care of his family, which includes his severely retarded younger brother (Leonardo DiCaprio) and his 500-pound mother (Darlene Cates). Wandering free-spirit Juliette Lewis's car breaks down while passing through, and during the weeks she spends stuck in Endora she stirs up a relationship with Gilbert, hoping to liberate his spirit. This movie has an excellent script handled deftly by director Lasse Hallstrom and bolstered by a truly outstanding supporting cast. DiCaprio is gleefully tragic in his convincing portrayal of the water tower-climbing little brother who annoys the hell out of you, yet you can't stay angry with him. Along with Gilbert's mother, sisters, and every other town denizen, white trash has never been portrayed in quite such a realistic, compassionate manner. Even the Iowa scenery looks beautiful. MediaGuy's underpaid Pick of the Week.

**Rolling Stone 1994 Music Awards**

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**ADAM VILLANI:**

**MEDIA GUY**

by Adam Villani

Schindler's List

Before I begin to complain about what I didn't like about this film, I'd like to go on the record as saying that I thought this was an excellent movie, and one of the most moving films I've ever seen. I'd also like to say that Steven Spielberg did an admirable job of tone in down his style for this movie, though the Hand of Steven is certainly not invisible. Particularly memorable are the scene with the civil engineer (shades of The Killing Fields) and the performance of Ralph Fiennes as the most natural, sadistic Nazi commandant in cinematic memory.

Most disconcerting was the fact, though, that the movie was not horrifying enough. Some recent surveys show that a large fraction of the population doesn't know what the Holocaust was. A realistic scene has the Jewish women in the labor camp backtracking discussions of rumors that the Germans were gassing Jews en masse, then deciding that it didn't make sense and must then be just a rumor. Later in the film, the women enter the showers at Auschwitz, only to find that that's exactly what they are—showers. Now, while you and I realize that they just got lucky, J. Random American is ignorant and needs to be told these things. To him, this is verification that the gas chambers didn't exist, and that the smoke-bellowing chimneys are just industrial. While certainly an artistically valid scene, Spielberg wanted this film to be an essential cultural education tool. Someone not too hot on history could walk out of this film thinking the worst thing the Nazis did was shoot prisoners at random. Neverthe­less, I highly recommend this film. Then go see The Killing Fields.

Farewell My Concubine

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Most disconcerting was the fact, though, that the movie was not horrifying enough. Some recent surveys show that a large fraction of the population doesn't know what the Holocaust was. A realistic scene has the Jewish women in the labor camp backtracking discussions of rumors that the Germans were gassing Jews en masse, then deciding that it didn't make sense and must then be just a rumor. Later in the film, the women enter the showers at Auschwitz, only to find that that's exactly what they are—showers. Now, while you and I realize that they just got lucky, J. Random American is ignorant and needs to be told these things. To him, this is verification that the gas chambers didn't exist, and that the smoke-bellowing chimneys are just industrial. While certainly an artistically valid scene, Spielberg wanted this film to be an essential cultural education tool. Someone not too hot on history could walk out of this film thinking the worst thing the Nazis did was shoot prisoners at random. Neverthe­less, I highly recommend this film. Then go see The Killing Fields.

Farewell My Concubine

This is a beautiful epic from mainland Chinese director Chen Kaige chronicling the lives of two Beijing Opera stars through the twentieth century. The two "stage brothers" are attached to each other emotionally and artistically, yet must constantly fight against themselves, each other, the older one's ex-prostitute wife Juxian (Gong Li), and the political turmoil around them. Particularly moving are their reactions to the ascent of Communism in China and ultimate emotional destruction under the Cultural Revolution. Unfortunately, the huge time span that the film covers (52 years) makes the personal development and development across time periods confusing. The excellent performances and elegant cinematography aren't allowed to reach their full potential under the shaky transitions. Definitely worth seeing, though.

What's Eating Gilbert Grape?

Believe it or not, I'm actually recommending three movies this week. What's Eating Gilbert Grape?, though superficially quite similar to last spring's Benny and JoJo, is far superior in every way. Johnny Depp plays the title character, who is tied down to the Iowa farm town of Endora taking care of his family, which includes his severely retarded younger brother (Leonardo DiCaprio) and his 500-pound mother (Darlene Cates). Wandering free-spirit Juliette Lewis's car breaks down while passing through, and during the weeks she spends stuck in Endora she stirs up a relationship with Gilbert, hoping to liberate his spirit. This movie has an excellent script handled deftly by director Lasse Hallstrom and bolstered by a truly outstanding supporting cast. DiCaprio is gleefully tragic in his convincing portrayal of the water tower-climbing little brother who annoys the hell out of you, yet you can't stay angry with him. Along with Gilbert's mother, sisters, and every other town denizen, white trash has never been portrayed in quite such a realistic, compassionate manner. Even the Iowa scenery looks beautiful. MediaGuy's underpaid Pick of the Week.

**Rolling Stone 1994 Music Awards**

By some truly inexplicable twist of fate, both Rolling Stone's readers and critics picked "Runaway Train" by Soul Asylum as the worst song of 1993. I don't hate this song; it happens to be the only popular "alternative" song that is so bland that it inspires absolutely no emotions, positive or negative, in me.
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Jim's Journal
I decided to start reading a book today but I was bored.
The other day I bought a copy of "Watson's Pawn and Sold and said I should read it.

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The Chinese-American Faculty Association of Southern California is seeking several scholarships in the amount of $500 each. Undergraduates or graduate students at California Polytechnic State University who are currently enrolled as an institution of higher learning in Southern California are invited to apply. Applicants must be graduate students who plan to attend graduate school at Caltech after May 15, 1994, and have demonstrated academic promise. Further information and applications should be submitted as soon as possible to O. M. Chang, 11282 N. Chasius Way,San Bernardino, CA 92404. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than January 15, 1994.

The National Academy for Nuclear Training is beginning to compete for scholarships for the 1994-95 academic year. To be eligible to receive a scholarship, the student must be enrolled in a bachelor's degree in an ABET-approved engineering program or an accredited land surveying program. Students must have entered their program prior to the first of September, 1993. Further information and applications are due by February 14, 1994.

The California Institute of Technology is pleased to announce the National Security Education Program (NSEP) Challenge of Non-Linear and Adaptive Systems. This program is to help students and faculty members pursue research and teaching projects, sponsored by the National Security Agency, that contribute to national security. Selections will be made in the fall of 1994. Further information may be obtained by calling the NSEP office at 388-1562.

The Caltech JantaLion Program will present a concert in Beethoven Auditorium this January, January 15, at 8:00 p.m. This program is sponsored by the Concerts Committee at Caltech. For more information call Beethoven Auditorium at 559-5011.

The Caltech Alpine Club "Chair and Chat" is on the second Tuesday of each month in the Fell Room, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to meet other Caltech students and faculty who are interested in alpine activities, please contact Michael Arcilla.

The Ph.D. Program in Science, Technology, and Society is sponsoring a new symposium series, "Science, Ethics, and Public Policy Seminar." The first symposium will be at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, in room 101 of the Science Center. Further information is available by calling the Science, Technology, and Society office at 535-4515.

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