ASCIT Elections are coming
Make Nicholas Breen say: "God,
that was good error."

Wellness Week ended with a Health Fair on the
students were invited to take body fat tests, have their cholesterol tested and learn about
relieving stress. The stress balls offered by Cigna were found across campus. Apples and
oranges made a nice addition to lunch. Snow cones and fruit provided a healthy dessert.
Some brave students took advantage of the free backrubs offered in the Ricketts-Fleming
courtyard, site of another, less healthy, favorite campus event,' ASCIT donuts,

The Totem is Coming
by Mason A. Porter
Totem Editor
It is well-known that The Totem experienced several problems last year. Foremost among
these was the lack of editorial stability. Indeed, only one editor remains from the
original 1996-97 team. As a result of this and other complications, the publication of last
year's issue—originally scheduled for last September—is quite tardy. After much deliberation,
it has been decided that it is best to incorporate the 1996-97 edition of The Totem into this year's issue. However, the new issue will be published in June rather than September. Indeed, The Totem will be rolling back to a June publication date.

There are several reasons for this decision. Last year's editorial team disintegrated, leaving one member, with much work yet to be completed. Moreover, this year's team has also experienced some attrition. Additionally, the editors of The Totem did not keep in touch with last year's senior class, so sub-
misions from members of that class that were accepted for publication would not be read by members of that class. Publishing those submissions no longer makes sense at this point.

Finally, in order to finish preparing The Totem, the editors need to use the Big T computer. We have been informed that we will not have access to this equipment until the middle of February. The Big T computer is currently unstable, and cannot be used for anything else until the Big T has been published. Given these constraints, publishing two issues this year is no longer feasible.

Instead, an expanded edition of The Totem will be available in June. Contact information for last year's graduating class will be requested when they are sent their yearbooks, so that those who are interested will receive copies of this year's Totem. This issue will include the relevant submissions from last year in addition to new ones we receive this year. The submission pool will thus be significantly larger than usual, and the quality of this year's publication will be correspondingly better.

As a preview, we are tentatively planning to publish some bits and pieces of The Totem in The Tech throughout third term, so that everybody can get a taste of what will be included. The publication of highlights from this June's issue in next year's Big T will be discussed with its editors once they have been appointed. The 1997-98 edition of The Totem will be the culmination of two years of work and this will be reflected in its quality.

Submissions of art and literature are encouraged. Please send them to totem@cco or contact Stephen Shepherd (sstephe@cco) or me (mas@ucca). Alternatively, they can be placed in mailbox 141 in SAC 37. To subscribe to The Totem mailing list, e-mail totem@cco.

ASCIT Election Results:
A total of 289 votes were cast, and there was 1 error point.

ASCIT President
First Round
Brigitte Roth 96
Baldeep Sadhal 115
Brett Tolman 65
NO 5
Abstain 1
Write-in 7
Abs. Majority 145
Second Round
112
132
—
45
—
123

BoC Chair/ASCIT VP
Alex Ihler 213
NO 24
Abstain 38
Write-in 14
Abs. Majority 127

Voter turnout by house:
Page 65
Lloyd 60
Blacker 44
Fleming 39
Ricketts 34
Ruddock 31
Dubney 16

Early-term course surveys are here
by Mike Westover
ARC Chair
Ever wanted to tell a pro-

essor that a class is going too
fast, but didn't know how? Is
the textbook so worthless that
you use it as a doorstop? Do
your problem sets seem to be
totally unrelated to the material
covered in the lectures?
Here's a chance to voice your opinion! Look for early-
term course questionnaires in
the house lounges (you can also
find them in the Deans' Office
and the Ombuds Office in
Dunby Hall). Fill out the form and de-
posit it in the box provided, and
your comments will be relayed
to the professor. The question
nares are completely confiden-
tial, so feel free to vent all your
class frustrations.
How will the information be presented to the professors, you ask? Good question! The forms will be given to the ombuds for classes that have them. For other classes, Dean Revel and the Caltech Ombudsperson, Helen Hasenfeld, will deliver the forms to the professor.
Your comments will be heard in time to make changes to the course, so there's no excuse for not filling out a form now! Questions about the sur-
veys can be sent to the ASCIT Academics and Research Committee (ARC) by e-mail at acasadcco.caltech.edu.

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Coach Cancels Track Meet: Students Comment

"It was unfortunate the entire meet was cancelled, he should have just disqualified Goulet. I am unhappy with the way the coach handled the situation. I think punishing him would be pointless."

Sean Suchter, Rudder House Ath Man

"It is the opinion of Dabney House that if a person wishes to run around naked, then that should be okay."

Matt Paul, Dabney House Ath Man

"It was a big misunderstanding, they let their emotions get in the way, both the director of the meet and the students... maybe it was funny, but it was still in violation of... rules."

Phyllis Chen, Fleming House Ath Man

"Coach Bene's actions were wholly inappropriate... [Page] totally encourages what Mr. Goulet did, and it was awesome... Totally the spirit of interhouse athletics. That was awesome, his time should count..."

James Heaney, Page House Ath Man

"If the Interhouse track meet finals were indeed canceled by Coach Bene because a student competed without clothes in a single race, I am irritated by this petty and irrational decision. The student's acts were harmless, and canceling the tournament when it was already in progress only served to punish a great number of people for the actions of an individual. As a Ricketts House Ath man, I do not intend to restructure at a rescheduled tournament, as I feel that Coach Bene has already wasted enough of my time. I'd like to point out that my decision to abstain from another tournament will not, in all likelihood, inconvenience the competitors or the other ath men, since there are many spectators who would be able to take my place. All in all, I feel that the cancelling of Tuesday night's competition was a gross overreaction, and I wish to have nothing more to do with a person (or people) who have so little respect for the students' time and effort."

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"I went there with the aim of having a good time whether I was disqualified or not. It should come down on me and me only if anything is to happen."

Dave Goulet, Grecian Sports Advocate

he was offended.

Caltech’s administration seems to be taking on more disciplinary actions that have traditionally been handled by the students. This only serves to produce more arbitrary decisions that antagonize the student body. It contributes to the feeling that the administration no longer takes the honor code seriously, usurping its role as chief governing point of Caltech. It makes sense for students to self-govern activities that only concern them. The athletic department and the athletic coaches should allow the House athletic managers and the IHC to deal with this issue.

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*According to The Moving Calculator™ by www.homefair.com/homefair/cm/calculator.html, earning $43,000 a year is like earning $70,699 in Pasadena and $66,935 in Sunnyvale.
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO — To satisfy the needs of the city’s 18 million inhabitants, so much water has been pumped from the groundwater basin that Mexico city has sunk thirty feet in the last century. The costs resulting from damage to buildings, transport lines and water pipes, as well as pumping sewage up and out of the basin are leading Mexico city into a financial crisis.

Rich de Janeiro, Brazil — The Brazilian Congress voted to give the federal environmental authority to enforce environmental protection laws just two days after a report announced a peak in the deforestation of the rainforest in the mid-1990s. Previously 94% of fines for offending companies were waived in court on the grounds that the agency lacked statutory authority.

Poonamallee, India — 26 people were convicted and sentenced to hang in the trial following Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi’s assassination six years ago. In that incident a bomb killed the Prime Minister and 16 others while he was campaigning in Southern India.

Nairobi, Kenya — Over the last month, 77 Kenyans have been killed in attacks apparently aimed at driving members of the Kikuyu tribe off their land. The Kikuyus may be targets because they opposed the newly elected President Daniel Arap Moi’s party.

Chicago — Interstate Bakeries have recalled all Twinkies and many other Hostess products with expiration dates later than last Thursday due to possible asbestos contamination. Insulation removal in their Schiller Park facility may have caused asbestos fibers to fall into the boiler.

Washington, D.C. — President Clinton delivered his State of the Union address to Congress this week. If you missed the broadcast and would like to view the speech, you can find it at http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/STUT98.

The California Tech

ASCIT MOVIE: GONE WITH THE WIND
by Joe Carroll

A blockbuster in its own right, Gone With The Wind was one of the most acclaimed movies in history. The film adaptation of Margaret Mitchell’s novel of the Old South won eight Academy Awards upon its release in 1939, including Best Picture, Best Director (Victor Fleming), Best Actress (Vivien Leigh), Best Screenplay, and Best Supporting Actress (Hattie McDaniel, the first such honor for an African-American).

The characters are familiar to even those who haven’t seen the movie — Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O’Hara is petulant, persistent, rebellious, and heroic, and Clark Gable as Rhett Butler is charming, selfish, and cocky. The Civil War brings them together, and their relationship reflects the fate of the South: it is stormy and dramatic, but doomed to failure.

Gone With The Wind idolizes the Old South as a time of gallantry and chivalry, and romanticizes the plantations with their horses and magnolia trees. Of course, the South may represent something else to us now, conscious of the subordinate expected of women and forced on slaves. However, the focus in the movie is on the people and their personal relationships, not on glorifying their attitudes. Still, there are scenes like Rhett carrying a protesting Scarlett up the stairs to bed that make me glad we live in more enlightened times.

Due to its length, Gone With The Wind will be shown once, at 8:00 pm.
Dean's Corner

Beef with Lobster Sauce

by Jean-Paul Revel

in the world.

You need to decide how you want to spend it.

Teaching? Being in Business? As a Programmer? An Academician? As a Researcher, as a Physician, a Lawyer or what? A big fish in a small pond or a small fish in a large one? a shark, a pomegano, a rock cod or a whale? (I know, I know, they are not fish, but so what, it is just biological license). Summer research is one of the ways to become acquainted with the life in the laboratory, to immerse yourself in that rarefied atmosphere, to see if the tedium of experiments, of repeating them, of being on the watch for delusions, suffering disappointments, are to your taste. It is easy to dream of the glory of shaking hands with the King of Sweden, but few of us get there. The work has to be its own reward. Well, actually you'll get paid for working, and the other not quite so crass advantage is that you'll become well known to your Prof. and others in the lab so that, when the time comes, you'll have some of you with a photographic memory have a great advantage over the others, since you can easily remember all you read on line. Assuming success, you have all the info needed at your hands, including application forms.

The hardest thing, of course, is to have the courage to get started and that means you have to identify a project and a sponsor. It helps, of course, if the two match -in the project you are interested in is part of the Prof.'s interest too. The decision about awarding the SURF is based on 1. the excellence of the proposal, 2. your enthusiasm, 3. the Prof.'s enthusiasm. The best way to ensure 2 and 3 is to talk to the Prof. and find something which is of interest to both of you. Without the shared interest, enthusiasm for the project is not likely to be so high and as a result your chances of success decrease proportionately. I cannot help you with item 1, but the SURF people make a good stab at explaining what is expected in a proposal. Soon the problem is reduced to finding a sympathetic sponsor. Maybe you make contact with one of these awesome people in a class, or may be at dinner with the Mosher or in a House, at Avery or some other social event where the twin can meet. But let's assume that this is not the case or that you don't know anyone with a shared interest. How then to do it? Well, each Division publishes a yearbook, which lists the interests of the Prof.s, and which can consulted or obtained from the Divisional Offices. From there it is a matter of approaching the Prof. You may succeed by walking into her office, but you may have to do battle with his secretary, and it is unlikely you'll find him idly sitting there waiting for a customer. Better call or e-mail and make an appointment, the earlier the better. Hence this reminder, of course. Doing things at the last minute (the application deadline is 3/2/98) suggests a distinct lack of interest or enthusiasm, so avoid it as much as possible.

Now what to tell the Prof? That depends on you, of course. You may have an idea of your own that you might try on him. Of course if you do that, be ready with all the data needed to convince an interested but critical mind that this is indeed a good project, excellent in the 10 weeks of the award and with available or easily procurable equipment. In many cases, particularly in the case of beginners, it may be best to just express interest in the general field of Research being done by the Prof.s group, and have him or her suggest a specific project.

So good luck all and enjoy the beef with lobster sauce. A been!
I don't have a column for you guys this week, but that's because I've been busy serving you, the reading public, by seeing as many current movies as I possibly can in preparation for my upcoming Media Guy 1997 Movie Armageddon. There I'll have more reviews, my top ten list for the year, my Oscar predictions, and my own personal assessment of the year in film. For now I'll say that I strongly recommend Good Will Hunting and As Good as it Gets and also suggest that you see two great foreign films out there, Belgium's disturbing Ma Vie en Rose (My Life in Pink) and Japan's wonderful Shall We Dance? Early next week, the Oscar nominations are announced. I predict that the Best Picture nominees will duplicate the Directors Guild of America nominees—Titanic, LA Confidential, Good Will Hunting, Amistad, and As Good as it Gets. The only possible spoiler I can see would be The Full Monty sneaking onto the list. Stay tuned!

Where's the Real UROH?
Copies were made and bound by the Staples Copy Center, but the copy center lost my cover page and failed to complete the task on time, so I cancelled my order with them. We thus have 48 unbound copies of the UROH free of charge. They are in the houses and a bunch were put in the Coffeehouse. Bound copies are coming to a house near you very soon. My apologies for the delay.
Baldeep Sadhal

Caltech Seminar Series in Ubiquitous Computing

"Next-Century Networks"

Speaker: Dr. Arno Penzias
EarthLink Distinguished Visitor
Vice-President and Chief Scientist,
Lucent Technologies/Bell Labs;
Nobel Laureate

Place: Baxter Lecture Hall - 3rd floor, Baxter Building
Date: Thursday, February 5, 1998
Time: 5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.
Refreshments at 5:00 pm

A number of networks—the Internet among them—support and shape the ways in which all of us will live and work in the coming years. Competing and cooperating with one another in an atmosphere of rapidly changing technology, each segment seeks to grow its share of the twin currencies of time and money. With an eye toward the future, we examine the various contenders and review the game's early odds:

Draco-Nets
Giants in transition
Broadcast
Internet

IGOR-NET
Access to online consumers
Broadband

Giant industry in transition
An embarrassment of options

From A to B
Eighthirtytwo revenue model
What is Net?

Eighthirtytwo
Consumers at their day jobs
Content CAN pay

This seminar is part of the Computer Science Department seminar series supported by a generous gift from EarthLink Network, Inc.

I.H.C. MINUTES

Present: Geoff (Ricketts, chair), Mike W (ASCIT), Adrienne (Admissions), Eric Hale (New Blacker President), Amy (Admissions), Jim (Admissions), Shumway (Fleming), Mike A (ASCIT), Nasim (Admissions), Michelle (Admissions), Ryan (Admissions), Brett (Page), Andy Laucoust (New Lloyd President), Brian (UASH), Kevin (UASH), Mike D (UASH)

The student reps to the admissions committee report to the IHC about the committee so far. Nasim says that the frosh class is 50% women so far. Four people have accepted the early decision admission offer.

The student reps to UASH also report to the IHC. They report that all the decisions they’ve seen on UASH so far seem reasonable.

Long-Term Capital Management, L.P.

Next week: Curriculum committee and Scholarships and Financial Aid.

Maria resigned as food chair, so we need to appoint a new food chair.

The quality of life survey has been released. Get a copy from your president, read it, and determine whether you like being at Caltech.

There will be 2 committees likely forming soon. One is a safety committee (including fire safety). The second is on the quality of student life. If you want to be safe and enjoy living, then tell your house president.

Brett asks if frisbee golf can be a minor sport for a Disco challenge and we the presidents agree.

Brett passes rules change in interhouse eligibility and missing referee penalties for verification so that they can be sent to the little t.

Tune in next week for a new IHC...

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Green
IHC Secretary

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Long-Term Capital Management, L.P. is an investment manager to one of the world's largest private investment funds.

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All students who meet these qualifications are invited to sign up for an interview. Casual interview attire is encouraged.

Additional information on Long-Term Capital Management, L.P. is on file at the CTC. LTMC will be interviewing on-campus Friday, 30 January 1998.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Nygard (Blacker '83) at (203) 552-0062, or email, mnygard@ltcm.com.
The Interhouse Track Meet Finals were canceled due to an act of indecent exposure, Tuesday, January 27th at approximately 7:55 pm at Braun Athletic Center.

Junior Dave Goulet appeared at the meet wearing a bathrobe. He wore the robe right onto his lane for the Men's 400 meter dash, taking it off at the last minute to run the race.

"When the starter said 'get set,' he took it off, leaving nothing but a pair of track spikes, the starter hesitated a moment, said 'get set,' and Coach Dave Goulet placed second in the Men's 400 meter dash."

Bene walked out toward the track, announcing that the meet was cancelled and telling everyone to leave the facilities.

Fleming Ath Man. Matt Musick, suggested that the houses continue the meet on their own and people began organizing the next event. However, word spread that Coach Bene had forbidden the use of any of his track equipment, which includes stopwatchs, batons, starting blocks, and the starter's pistol.

The meet soon disbanded as everyone gathered their belongings and left the track—confused, amused, or both.

A closed meeting inviting the Ath Man of every house, the IIC, Director of Interhouse Athletics Karen Nelson, and Director of Athletics Dan Bridges is being held today, Friday January 30th. Because of previously scheduled meeting, the IIC will not be able to attend. They will be discussing disciplinary action and whether to reschedule the meet.

Coach Bene did not want to comment until his boss, Dan Bridges made a decision about the incident.

Dave Goulet placed second in the Men's 400 meter dash.

The meet continued normally until Caltech Security arrived at the scene approximately half an hour later. The runners noticed Security near the entrance to the field, at which point Goulet quickly left. Security and Coach Bene were told of Goulet's exit when they asked about him.

Directly afterwards, Coach Bene walked out toward the track, announcing that the meet was cancelled and telling everyone to leave the facilities.
**DILBERT® by Scott Adams**

I appointed myself "Deputy of Common Sense."

I will apply swift justice to those who exhibit a lack of common sense.

Yes, it's swift justice for people who aren't too swift.

And I'm using a chocolate gun for irony.

Deputy of Common Sense.

FREEZE!!

Deputy of Common Sense.

You're accused of trying to motivate your employees with insulting gifts.

I'm saving the books for bonus day.

Deputy of Common Sense.

Are you the government safety inspector?

Maybe I should quit and work for myself from home.

I'm thinking of quitting and working for myself.

Doing what you'll invent valuable things and I'll exploit you... I mean them.

I'm not sure you've had the best boss, Doppelganger.

Don't give me that shit, you资源.

Deputy of Common Sense.

You scheduled a four-hour meeting to find out why people are behind schedule.

No look at the agenda: the fourth hour is a discussion about why morale is low.

Deputy of Common Sense.

You're missing the symbolism. I gave them chess pieces to show that we're all on the same team.

Specifically, you gave them pawns.

Deputy of Common Sense.

How does your boss determine your pay?

It's based on the decrease in accidents after my inspection.

Deputy of Common Sense.

Watch your step.

Hey!

Deputy of Common Sense.

You scheduled a four-hour meeting to find out who施工?

Since when do I install around scheduled.

MOM CAN I HAVE A POP-TART BEFORE DINNER?

Jason, I'm on the telephone!

Mom, I meant to have a Pop-Tart before dinner.

Luke, Sarah? Whenever's the last time you had a Pop-Tart?

To think I used to find them funny.

Deputy of Common Sense.

Are you the government safety inspector?

Maybe I should quit and work for myself from home.

I would mess with all the human contact.

Same as now.

I'm testing my e-mail, did you get the "To" I sent?

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- Nominations for all other ASCIT elected officers opened on January 26th, and will close the following Tuesday. Signature is required on the door of the ASCIT office (SAC 64).

**Daffodil Days** is a nationwide event that raises funds for cancer research, education and support services. Volunteer as a support group, transportation to treatment, facility escort, or as a Daffodil Days volunteer — spring camp for children with cancer, knit or macrame, screen printing, or selling plants. Donors for flowers are taken through February 25th, delivery March 16-17. A bonfire (1000-1100) with a sell out price of $10 is slated. Additionally, shorts, bounties, ques no che, and more pads will be sold. Additionally, the "gift of hope" can be given — an anonymous gift of 10 daffodils with a cause that is different to cancer patients in the area. If you would like to collect for your department or class, log on to www.10k.org by 9:00 AM on February 13th.

**The Prodigy** are coming. The Prodigy are a boy band from London which will be held on April 6-19, 1998. If you have any questions or suggestions for Prodigy Week, send them to Entertainment, and they would like to be involved with Prodigy Weekend activities, please contact Nina Dina 1321, or by phone 884-3129. If you have symptoms of recent sinus in­fection (less than 4 weeks) and are seek­ing relief, you may be eligible to partici­pate in a study being held at the Los Angeles Auditory and Allergy Center. Compen­sation for participation in this study is per­sonal and will be available each month from the study. For more information, call 971-5833.

Beginning Monday, January 5th, free an­nouncements will be broadcast on the HIV antibody test, will be available each Monday evening from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the California Institute of Technology, in the Parking lot in Pasadena. Persons wishing to be tested are requested to call 424-730-5566 to make an appointment for a free blood sample to be drawn at 5:30 p.m. and for a phone call the next day (884-9328). Walk-ins will also be accepted. Both pre- and post-test coun­seling will be provided, and results will be given the following Monday.

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**Events**

- "Mathematics of Truth and Beauty," a Skeptic Society talk, will be held at 2:00 p.m. in Rumi Auditorium on February 1st. Admission is free with Caltech ID.
- Darryl Donning, guitar, and Cuacets Yasha de Los Angeles will be performing in Dalby Lounge on February 1st at 1:30 p.m.
- The next movie to screen in the Ger­man Film Series in "Lili Marleen." It will be shown in Baxter Lecture Hall on February 5th at 7:30 p.m. The film explores English subtitles; there will be an inter­mission. Admission is free. For more information, please call x3606.
- *Caltech Prep* will be held on February 5th between 10:15 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Space is limited, reservations are required. Call 884-3129 to reserve a seat or send an email to riley@caltech.edu or at 884-3129 for an appointment or more in­formation. Free admission.
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- "Mathematics of Truth and Beauty," a Skeptic Society talk, will be held at 2:00 p.m. in Rumi Auditorium on February 1st. Admission is free with Caltech ID.
- Darryl Donning, guitar, and Cuacets Yasha de Los Angeles will be performing in Dalby Lounge on February 1st at 1:30 p.m.
- The next movie to screen in the Ger­man Film Series in "Lili Marleen." It will be shown in Baxter Lecture Hall on February 5th at 7:30 p.m. The film explores English subtitles; there will be an inter­mission. Admission is free. For more information, please call x3606.
- *Caltech Prep* will be held on February 5th between 10:15 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Space is limited, reservations are required. Call 884-3129 to reserve a seat or send an email to riley@caltech.edu or at 884-3129 for an appointment or more in­formation. Free admission.