The Wax Master cometh.
Prepare thyself.

Happy Thanksgiving!
No Tech next week.

THE CALIFORNIA TECH

Open forum to discuss new design for Winnett second floor
Share your ideas with the Winnett Rehab User Group!

Okay, so this is the first floor... Curious about the second floor? The second floor design will be unveiled on Tuesday, November 25.

BY DAN BRIDGES

The Winnett Rehab User Group (WRUG) will hold an open forum at noon on Tuesday, November 25, in Winnett Lounge to present and discuss a proposed design for the second floor of the soon-to-be renovated Winnett Building. This group, appointed by Vice-President for Student Affairs, Gary Lorden, has been asked to solicit input from a variety of sources and submit its final recommendations no later than December 1.

The renovated second floor is scheduled to include a new lounge (to replace the current Winnett Lounge lost to the Bookstore expansion), men's and women's restrooms, and a relocated clubroom. In addition to attending this forum, interested parties are encouraged to submit ideas, questions, and/or concerns via e-mailing to the Committee Chair, Dan Bridges (dbridges@cco), prior to the final recommendation deadline.

The first floor of Winnett Student Center, which in days gone by hosted student publications, will now house an expanded bookstore and the Red Door Café. The current Red Door location will become a store selling basic food items (bread, canned goods, and the like) and personal care items like toothpaste and shampoo.

Caltech team places second in annual ACM competition

BY TRACY LIEBMAN

California Institute of Technology placed second in the 22nd Southern California ACM International Collegiate Programming contest, which took place at California State University at Northridge this past weekend. Caltech's winning team members, Jesse Rosenstock, Aaron Denney, and Tudor Bosman may now have a chance to compete in the World Finals on February 27 & 28 in Atlanta where the top 150 students (50 teams) from around the world will compete. This will be determined at the conclusion of the regional competitions.

The other Caltech team in the competition finished fourth. The ACM International Collegiate Programming contest, established in 1970, is the oldest and largest programming competition for the world's universities and colleges, pits teams of three students against a host of real-world, complex problems which they must solve in a set amount of time — fostering creativity, teamwork and innovation in building new software. Sponsored by IBM, the contest drew colleges and universities throughout the Southern California region.

Contestants relied on their programming skills and creativity to answer these problems as they raced against the clock in the six-hour battle of logic, strategy and mental endurance. The team that solves the most problems in the fewest attempts, and the least amount of time, is declared the regional winner.

"There has never been a more exciting and opportune time for college students to pursue a career in software programming," said William B. Poucher, ACM contest director.

The ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest, established in 1970, is the oldest and largest programming competition for the world's universities and colleges. For more information about the ACM Programming Contest, visit the Web site at http://www.acm.org/contest.

IBM has sponsored the contest for the past five years.

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Father of Villani: Starship Troopers disappointing, didn’t reflect Heinlein’s genius

Dear Editors,

The late Robert Anson Heinlein was accused of being fascist by many people. He was almost never accused of being stupid, though, and in that respect the movie Starship Troopers does his memory a disservice. As a Caltech alumnus from back when he was still alive (in fact, from back when he was still writing good stories!) I feel an obligation (or at least an inclination) to share some information with younger Techers about the work of the man who for many years was known as “the dean of science-fiction.” Left un-guided, modern SF fans could easily fall into two serious errors: first, thinking that Heinlein’s stories are as silly as the movie, second, deciding to read Heinlein by starting off with his most famous novel, Stranger in a Strange Land, which is as silly as the movie. It is our responsibility to offer the next generation of students the best possible representation of Heinlein’s work.

His work was also an example of some of the best storytelling to ever surface in the genre. When he wrote Starship Troopers in 1959, he was already a veteran writer, having written Rocket Ship Galileo (about a first lunar landing) in 1947, Space Cadet (the direct ancestor of Star Trek and Babylon 5) in 1948, and The Puppet Masters (made into a well-adapted movie around 945 in 1951). His vision of the future of both technology and society was so accurate as to be almost frightening, when re-read four decades later, especially if you don’t buy into his political or philosophical viewpoint. Chapter VII of the Starship Troopers novel could almost be dismissed as the rantings of a right-wing reactionary until one glances back at the copyright date and realizes how accurately he had managed 28 years worth of social and political trends. Even for those of us who disagree with him, Heinlein is a much worthier mental opponent, dead, than mean-spirited little twits like Thomas Sowell or Rush Limbaugh ever will be in their lives.

I could go on for a while, but I just dug out an old paper-back copy of Troopers last night after coming back from the movie, and I’d rather go back to reading it. In fact, if you can find a copy of the novel (or any other early Heinlein novel!) I would recommend that you do the same!

Dan Villani
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Math department doesn’t like 8 a.m. classes, either

Dear Editors,

The ARC Report in your November 14 issue stated that “The math department has taken to putting classes at 8 am to resolve conflicts.” This is true that last Winter when Chem 2 moved its sections to Friday at 9 because of its increase from 6 to 9 units, Math 5, which traditionally meets MWF at 9, did move one of its hours to F at 8. This is a result of our learning of the Chem 2 problem only late in the game.

The time was not especially popular with either students or faculty. To avoid its recurrence, we convinced Bio 1 to offer sections in the third term at alternate times to F at 9. Chemistry has agreed to do something similar this year. So it is our expectation that we will not be offering courses at 8 am again. Of course, if students would prefer courses at that time, they should feel free to contact me.

Barry Simon
Executive Officer for Mathematics

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The California Tech
What do you need to know about your future employer?

By Karen Carlson

The Students/Faculty/Alumni Relations Committee of the Caltech Alumni Association and the Career Development Center are sponsoring their second career panel on Tuesday, November 25 at 7:15 p.m. in Fleming House Lounge. The panelists will discuss what you need to know about your future employer and what your future employer needs to know about you.

Panel members include: Joseph R. O'Donnell '84, Systems Engineer, Hughes Space and Communications Company; Blair A. Folsom PhD 74, Senior Vice President, Energy and Environmental Research Corp.; William M. Whitney '51, Observational Systems Division, Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Susan Fuhs '80, Manager, New Business Development, Allied Signal; Franklin D. Dryden '54, Consulting Engineer, Dryden and Associates, Inc., will serve as the moderator.

Light refreshments will be served. All students are welcome.

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The Outside World

by Myfanwy Callahan

LUXOR, EGYPT — 68 foreign tourists were shot Monday at the Temple of Hatshepsut across the Nile from Luxor. Nearly two dozen top Egyptian officials have been removed from their posts, as it is likely that security lapses created the opportunity for the massacre.

HYDERABAD, INDIA — A car bomb exploded at a movie studio, killing 23 and wounding 31. Political rivals of the movie's producer, Paritala Ravi, a lawmaker in Andhra Pradesh, are suspected of placing the bomb.

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND — Britain announced the withdrawal of a battalion of soldiers from Northern Ireland because cease-fires among the guerrilla factions are holding. However, Britain's Minister for Northern Ireland, Mo Mowlam, said the soldiers would be ready to redeploy at short notice should the cease-fire break.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO — Rebell ing police barricaded themselves in their barracks to prevent the arrest of fellow officers accused of torturing and killing six young men. Three senior officers have already been arrested for covering up the killings. In the past, military officials have been largely immune to civilian law.

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN — The Pakistan Supreme Court charged Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif with contempt of court, putting the nine month old government in crisis. Sharif urged President Farooq Ahmed Leghari to sign a pending bill amending the current contempt of court act to end the crisis.

DES MOINES — An Iowa woman gave birth to seven live babies Wednesday via Caesarian section, making hers the largest birth in U.S. history. Although the largest is only 3.4 lbs and they are two months premature, all the babies appear to be well-developed and capable of survival.

INFOGRAPHIC SESSION

Western Digital invites you to attend our information session on campus Thursday, December 4th. We put your career center to sign up for an interview. Bring your resume and don't forget to check us out at www.westerndigital.com. It's a chance to drive your own career. Equal Opportunity Employer.

INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday, December 4th
See your Career Center for more information.

PUT YOUR LIFE ON IT.
I decided to look at some international music this time around. Some reggae, some gypsy, and finally some traditional Irish. Sorry, no Filipino rap. That stuff sucks. I should international music this time around. 

The album Gipsy Legend is very energetic and about half of the spoken songs qualify as happy music. The others, like “Corazón Gitano” and “Que Voy a Haber” have a slower sound, but still maintain the same bold and daring tone of the album. The entire CD sounds like music that you would want to play on all the Spanish stations that you run into on road trips in the middle of nowhere. Los Reyes combines Latin, Mediterranean and Gipsy elements to provide a wild and rich sound.

Next up is Tear It Up: The Ska Album by Lloyd Floyd. The title says ska, but this CD is actually more has more of ska’s reggae roots involved. Maybe this qualifies as ol’ skool ska. Anyway, the album is a compilation of all sorts of stars, but nobody from the “modern” scene. Because of this, the album felt kind of empty since I was expecting the current ska sounds. I guess I should have gotten the hint when I saw that Floyd was on Tuff Gong, the Marley family label. There are a few songs on the album that have the quicker, radio friendly beats like “Jesse Jackson” and the title track, but I think the album name is very misleading.

Last is The Lovesome Touch by Martin Hayes & Denis Cahill. Cahill plays guitar, but Hayes steals the show on the fiddle. The duo performs very innovative and rich sounding music that contains traditional Irish elements with a touch of Chicago jazz. The CD sounds somber on the surface, but that’s because the intricacies in Hayes’ fiddle playing are so subtle, that the music is perhaps only fully appreciated live. Still, the reels are upbeat and exciting and there are some laments for people of the salt-of-the-earth persuasion.
Things have been so hectic that I have not been able to get myself to even remember that Thanksgiving is coming up one of these days. Even if one does not know when Thanksgiving really is, I understand that as early as 1534 French colonists in Florida held a feast to celebrate their success. Of these days. But since it was a deep and expensive date, 1995 was the last recent five Thursday, November 1997, and 2000 the next. I wonder if any one has actually tried to see if having an extra shopping week actually makes a difference in the economy? (Anyone for a SURF?)

But I am not about to undertake that task. I am too late, very very late. I have had all of these students purring in each with a slightly different approach to the basic problem that they needed P/F cards, Drop Cards and other miscellaneous demands for protection against catastrophic or nearly so courses, and all without the umbrella of their advisors, who have chosen just this time to go gallivanting around the country or the world.

Actually today, in particular this p.m., there was no way to really keep up with the flood, and I started handing out imaginary tickets to forestall arts as who was there first. I can sit back and play little games with everyone, claiming I was running out of ink or had cramp in my writing hand. I do hope that these harmless jests don’t offend the students. May be they are not harmless and feeble jokes, some people may take them seriously. Believe you me, I can and will be serious when it counts.

Of course one way to avoid these hassles and attached attention, is not to procrastinate and drop courses early, before the rush, and before your advisor leaves town.

But I know, I know it is most difficult not to procrastinate. It is a crunch because it lights fires under us, and these fires, just as they cook the Turkeys, propel us to act. In fact I am using this column as a crutch of my own to remind me when Thanksgiving will be.

Coming right down to it Thanksgiving should be every day. Today, well, you know, next Thursday, we will be grateful that we are not turkeys ourselves. Why, then? Thursday, we will be grateful that we are not turkeys ourselves. But short of that we need to remember to be grateful to all those who are here for us. Our parents and family and friends and all the horde of people who work every day so we in turn may do our thing. I am grateful to the people who so generously played a role in my life.

As a boy who early career was pretty discombobulated by the events around him (France during WW2), I had no right to expect the rest of my career, as it happened to turn out. So I am grateful that going to secondary school only occasionally and rarely for more than a couple of months at a time, did not turkeyfy me. I learned to hunt mushrooms and chop down trees but did not know where Harvard was or what it was, when I came to this country. It was a school in Boston, that I knew, with Rhinoceros standing guard in front of the Biology Building. More than that I did not know.

I knew however that the USA was the land of cars, and I was told it was the land of Milk and Honey, and that there was gold in them streets. I am still looking for the latter items; they come only with really hard work. As to the cars I had seen them advertised in the Saturday Evening Post, which smelled and felt peculiar, and I actually had seen some (cars) silently sliding through my home town, the old Studebakers, in which front and back ends could not be distinguished. So I was puzzled when arriving in New York I was driven on a highway and there was a thump thump thump, whose origin I could not figure out. Could it be that the sleek slithering automobiles were actually so poorly constructed that their engines went thump thump thump, a bit like a skunk or a hamster warning that they were about to attack. Could it be the gold growing in the streets? When I discovered it was the road bed itself, made of cement slabs (all roads at home were either dirt or macadam) I was floored.

But I detail, and that is a mode of procrastination, postponing the serious work, I have to do. So I am thankful to all the people by chance entered my life and allowed me to progress to where I am. I am sure that most of you also have similar stories to tell, similar accidental encounters which led you where you are and will lead you further yet.

So as you stuff yourself with stuffed turkey, remember that it is the time to be grateful. Whether your fare is a symbolic piece of turkey shaped marzipan, a Chinese turkey with eight treasure stuffing (Susanna Foo, Chinese Cuisine, Chapters, 1995), or a plain New England butterball, look at your troubles as doors opening in other directions, and your successes as things to be grateful for, because lots of people contributed to it.

Happy Thanksgiving and a bientot.
A.S.C.I.T. Minutes

November 17, 1996

Present (at some point): BoD (minus Mike W., Alex), Maria Satterwhite, Nelson Tavares

Meeting opens at 22:13.

General Business

Publications - Andrew Strauss may have to go on leave sometime soon. He has assured us that he will finish last year’s Big T but he may be unable to continue on as editor for this year. Kohl is going to meet with the remaining Big T staff (Ben Wu) to talk things over. Also, John is in the process of collecting financial reports from all the publications.

Lunch - The BoD will meet with Dr. Gary Lorden (outgoing VP for Student Affairs) sometime in the next two weeks to get his impressions of undergraduate issues. Berries Athenaean here we come.

Eve’s Bayou

Daily 4:25, 7:00, 9:35 p.m.
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Computer - Student Affairs has agreed to help us get a new PC. Finally, we’ll be able to play Quake. John will talk to ex-ASCIT Secretary and ITS guru extraordinary David Derkits about software and Kran is going to price hardware options. Kohl wants Mike to make sure that he keeps track of any text that comes with the new machine. Duh. I am the secretary after all.

Meeting closes at 22:43. Meeting opens at 22:46. And shake it all about.

Phones - It is generally agreed that undergrads could use access to more phone services (e.g. *69, *71, 976-FROG). Mike will get the low-down from the telecommunications office.

The Seal - The official ASCIT seal has been missing for some time. Kohl seems to think that it is illegal to run a corporation without an official seal. Mike seems to think that Kohl licked too many stamps as a boy. Either way, Mike will get a new seal. Maybe I’ll club one of those cute baby onions. (Okay, it was a cheap joke, I admit.)

Officer Reports

Baldeep - The UROH letter is still out. The BoD will be eating soon in a house near you. Help us in our grand quest to get Kohl floated at every stop. The craziness starts on Tuesday in Ricketts. The web-based book market may come into being sometime over winter break. The street value of such hot titles as “The Mythical Man Month” and “Introduction to Law and Legal Reasoning” is sure to plummet shortly thereafter.

Kiran - Brought the usage logs for the Student Affairs Van Entity. First analysis seems to show a goodish amount of use. Grad students sure like to go places. Who knew? The BoD throws around alternate ideas for what to do with the old ASCIT van. How about an ASCIT car or an ASCIT pick-up? I say we get a Charger and paint it like the General Lee. We could cement the doors shut and have security chase us all over campus. In the rousing finale, Kohl and Alex scream “Yee-haw!” as they soar over Throop pond. Seconds later the security truck plunges head first into the murky waters. Looks like them Duke boys got away again. It is decided that we don’t have enough info yet to do make a binding decision so the issue is putted but not forgotten. Capra ranch will be reserved for the old BoD new BoD retreat on the two post-elections weekends. Lee Reavis is slated as the guest of honor.

Adrienne - A web-based calendar of campus events will come into existence soon. This presents a new paradigm in ASCIT social team thinking and is generally considered to do be proactive. Installation of the new BoD will take the form of afternoon “drinks” during the eight week of second term.

Lori - “I am a flake.”

John - Wants to do thank Caltech Food Services for helping to do provide the hot cocoa at early donuts last Thursday. John presents a Top Secret (AMA 95 related) idea. Student bartender salaries are being split between the Houses and Student Affairs. The latter wants us to do let up an account out of which the Houses halves would be paid. Then at the end of the term, ASCIT would bill the Houses appropriately. This system would significantly reduce the paperwork overhead involved as each bartender only has to do have one time sheet (instead of eight). It is proposed that instead of ASCIT providing the buffer, Student Affairs can just suck it up and then bill the Houses when appropriate. Kohl will bounce the idea off Student Affairs. It is decided that should Student Affairs prefers their suggestion, that John will implement it.

Mike - The BoD has more than $1000 set aside to do help fund special events. Mike will advertise this fact more widely sometime soon. Be on the lookout for a not so clever flyer on a column near you. If you want in on some of the loot, come to do an ASCIT BoD meeting with a proposal (Mon...
THE INSIDE

WORLD
ODE TO GLORIA:

Work hard.
Flick hard.
Blue Card.
Drop Card.

Yes, Sir, yes, Sir.
I know, geez, Sir.
It’s my fault: I know that, please, Sir.
I don’t want to waste my E’s, Sir.

I found so many things to do, Sir.
Puzzle games and WarCraft II, Sir.
Wander always aimlessly, Sir.
Flip the channels on TV, Sir.
Debate Star Trek with my friends, Sir.
Getting food at 3am, Sir.
Sitting still for a long time, Sir.
Getting food at 3am, Sir.

I don’t know how long I’ll last, Sir.
I better change my major fast, Sir.
I gotta get this drop card signed, Sir.
My advisor, I must find, Sir.
Ok, one thing more for my sake, Sir.
How many cookies must I bake, Sir?

Top Ten Things Overheard In The ASCIT Movie Projection Booth

10. “Hmm...6 volts, 12 watts...do you have any idea how many amps that is?”
9. “We could just get the opaque projector and a copy of the play, display it on the wall, and turn the pages along with the movie! We could call it side-titles...”
8. “If you press down as hard as you can right here whenever the reel is running, it sounds just fine!”
7. “Are these the projectors we scanned for ‘beta-testing’ 8 years ago?”
6. “Does anyone know the number to the 5X lab?”
5. “Have you tried calling the Chinese consulate? Maybe they could find us the bulbs in China...”
4. “So all we need is a pair of pliers, a couple of screwdrivers, a soldering iron, and a 2.7 ohm resistor.”
3. “If we picked this projector up and threw it, do you think it would go through the booth window?”
2. “Umm...I know Bruce Willis has a deep voice, but not that deep.”
1. “OK, those bulbs weren’t quite the right specs, but they’re lighting up...looks like we’re going to have a movie after (POP)!"

No, of course we’re not bitter. And just to prove it, here’s a bit of advertising in the happy, cheerful, ASCIT Movie style:

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of the house will (he then the maid of the full glory of the Virgin shall expunge them. The pledges will take the virginity, and the virgin shall lead a raid to recover the lounge. He will lead a battering ram to break down the door, but it will be successful. The surviving members of the house will wash up their blankets and after a brief moment, the inscriptionist sheep (both living and dead).

You will awaken one morning to find that your president has been turned into a giant insect. Though his leadership prowess will prove him everlasting, his new-found odor will be quite heinous. The odor will spread through the house, wreaking havoc to all that stand in its path. In an effort to remove the odor, the president will be transported (by an armored truck!) to a garbage dump in Tijuana. The garbage dump will be abandoned due to the odor permanently contained within, and the Lloydlies will walk away from Caltech. Meanwhile, you will discover that Alex Sheive has taken over control of Lloyd House. The entire house looks like Lower Crotch; empty beer bottles litter all the rooms and public areas; the library has been taken over by scorpions. The smell, however, is no longer present. The students who return from Tijuana are quite worried at first, but everything eventually gets better. A Locust native, however, is no longer present. The students are returning to the house, and a year returns everything. Although the membership is at an all-time low, everything seems to be going well. You will find that the beer party has left a keg of The Lord’s Brew by your bed. You will drink back to health, but you won’t be able to tell the difference. Once drunk, you attempt to fly to Old Pasadena, but you will instead fall off the Page House roof and break a bone or two. You will eventually come someone to drive you to a night club there, but you’ll pass out. We approach the bouncer. He will let you in, although you’ll find your wallet much lighter in the morning. When you wake up, you’ll find yourself propped up against the building and bird droppings all over you. At this point, you’ll sit down and work on your AMa 95 homework as you wait for a kind passer- you to give you a ride home.

Ricketts. A very large, rusty firepot will descend from the sky and crash into courtyard, landing a lot of structural damage upon its impact. The pot will survive, and that will be viewed as a miracle by some. Others will see it as a sign of doom. A week later, a fire will begin in its own accord and consume everybody living in the south half of the residence off-campus students will, however, be spared, bringing back an old meaning of the term ‘flame’ to Caltech. The members of the north houses will spend a day in the south house complex and have a bar-que. They will not be punished for this.

Ruddock. Seeking to compete with the Athisannum, Ruddock House will be converted into a restaurant. Caltech’s food vice, however, will sue those who stand the restaurant for “denying our God-given right to特价保健食品.” The legal battle will soon become violent, as the food service takes to poisoning the food itself. Ruddock House will sue for some and unfortunately for others, many professors and administrators will meet an untimely demise to food poisoning. The bodies will never be found, although some reports will suggest a certain familiarity in the food and the scenery of the area. The legal case will reach the Supreme Court, and Ruddock House will win the dispute. Disillusioned with the restaurant business, you and your peers will return to an academic path.

The continuing (of (2)

Episode #6: Some (3) should (3b) get a (3c) (3d)

How I (4b) to (4c) (4d)

In the noble (5) of the (6) senior-frosh (7), a group of (8) set out for the (9) establishment known as (10). Although it was (11), which really (12) the (13) managed to (14) and (15). Indeed, was (16), until mysteriously some people started to (17), (18), (19), and (20) was all they did for (21). Suddenly, many people felt (22), and started to (23). Indeed, the (24) spread faster than the (25) about (26). Experts, or at least the local (27), were (28) as (29) that if this (30) didn’t (31) immediately, everyone would be (32) and the (33) would be (34) to (35).

Next week’s episode: (36) mean (37)! (38) a (39) (+40)
FUCK THE DARBS...
October 31, 1997

The secretary apologizes for the tardiness of the October 31 minutes. She temporarily thought she was on ASCIT instead of IHC and she was a loser.

Present Lori (chair), Brett (Page), Jeremy (Ruddock), Steve (Lloyd), Marty (Blacker), Geoff (Ricketts), Geoff (Dabney), Shumway (Fleming), Judy (Secretary)

There was a small amount of controversy over the Women's Boxing Disco Challenge. Apparently, some people thought that the deli challenge was a loser.

Steve remembers that rules are in effect during pre-season and fresh camp. If you have any ideas about rotation rules, please talk to your president or Lori or Judy.

We've been having problems about refs not showing up. The rules state the house gets charged, but where does the money go? The IHC food budget is suggested. Lori will investigate.

Steve shows off his Garfield underwear. We beg him to fashion his Egyptian Cotton next week.

November 6, 1997

At 11:00, Steve (Lloyd), Judy (Secretary), Marty (Blacker) arrive. Impatient for the rest of IHC, Judy checks her e-mail to find a message from Lori timed 3:42 "I will be 30 minutes late today so let's start at 11:30."

Lori (Chair), Jeremy (Ruddock), Shumway (Fleming), Geoff (Ricketts), Geoff (Dabney) all arrive. Brett is not here, but we have a pleasant hand drawn image of our friend, the Page president, in the form of a TASCIT poster in his absence.

Munth Party this weekend. No Ruddock Party. Trial and error suggests that Kim wants a lot of notice with party forms!

Lori's investigation reveals that IHC can indeed use the $200 ref to augment our food budget. We're all pleased, because as Marty points out we'd "rather the money stay within the house system." Now, of course, we're not sure if we want the houses to supply refs or not. Geoff (Ricketts) suggests that if we say the $20 will go to Avery Council for food, then the refs WILL SHOW. The thought of Fosslemans at every meeting kills that idea.

Please tell IHC what you think about rotation rules...Unless, of course, you think they're all fine rotation rules. IHC remembers Calltech 1a, and we decide to (send Lori on a mission to) seek out Kim to talk about it.

Steve went to BC and Gary gave him a great discount if he would give the house presidents flyers to pass out about BC lunch specials. It seemed like a good idea, only Steve got sick after his meal, but he passed out the flyers anyway.

Jeremy found "The Wanderings of Discobolus" in a pile of junk in Ruddock. It's a book that has all the disco challenges recorded from 1959-1965 and for one month in 1973. The book is cool cause it documents Rickett's beating Page in football. We decide that it would be cool to use it again.

We're in need of student bartenders, so if you're over 21, apply. There's probably more jobs available for people who know how to bartend than there are for people who know how to interpret a wave function, so phsy majors in particular should consider this.

Geoff (Ricketts) informs us that if you have a Panvillians Plus Card, you can get a 12 pack of Weinhard's for $5. Brett asks when Panvillians closes. They close at midnight. We adjourn at 11:23.

November 13, 1997

Present: Lori (chair), Judy (Secretary), Jeremy (Ruddock), Steve (Lloyd), Brett (Page), Shumway (Fleming), Geoff (Ricketts), Bill (not Marty, Blacker)
Snow White and Rose Red
by Jakob and Wilhelm Grimm illustrated by Gennady Spirin

I don’t believe that this is the story as the brothers Grimm told it. I have read other versions that make much more sense and it was, in fact, one of my favorite fairy tales. It is about two sisters who befriend a bear, who is of course a prince, and also sometimes give aid to a grumpy dwarf who turns out to be the villain of the tale. The way it is told here, none of the motivations of the characters are clear and the plot seems to move simply because it has nothing better to do, not because there is anything to drive it. The pictures, while I’m sure that they have technical merit, seem inappropriate to the story. Worst is the fact that the girls are drawn as being about five years old, which makes the fact that by the end they are both married less romantic than sick. They also seem to be exceedingly fat and a bit out of proportion with their environment. I was sorry to find all of this in a book which I expected to enjoy.

Something Very Sorry
by Arno Bohmdeuer

I’ll admit it, I cried. This is a true story of a nine-year-old girl and her family after a car accident, told in her voice and written by her father. The emotions are real, not maudlin, and the effect is very powerful. The story centers on the gradual death of her mother, who was in a coma, and the stages of grief the Rosemy goes through while she and the rest of her family recover. It is not a fairy tale, and the hope at the end is very faint. The heroine is not a picture of quiet suffering, but the reader understands the motivations behind her moods and is sympathetic to what would otherwise seem irrational and selfish. In all, the book is more poignant than heart-warming and it gives a deep sense of reality.

Dave Barry is From Mars and Venus
by Dave Barry

This is great. Dave Barry has been consistently hilarious since about 1984 in his collection of his columns he shows no sign of slipping. The topics range from what color socks look best when you are naked to stealing signs from Hiltons in order to be on Oprah. Really. Most of his other books are like this too. The title doesn’t mean much of anything, as he explains at length in the introduction. It seems to be the result of a compromise between him and the publisher because they didn’t want to use the word “damn” and he did not want to appear with no clothes on. Anyway, it’s funny.

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Nov. 3, 1997

Attempted Theft
At approx. 12:15 p.m., victim reported someone tampering with his locker. Suspect was seen by witnesses attempting to gain access into the locker. Suspect was viewed leaving the scene at a high rate of speed going northbound through the Tournament Park parking lot in a VolksWagon Rabbit, witness was unable to obtain license plate number.

Smell of Smoke
At approximately 6:24 p.m., Security responded to an activation of a pull station in the women's rest room on the second floor of the I-PAC building. The fire department responded to the call. Smell possible from the light fixture.

Nov. 4, 1997

Intrusion Alarm
At approximately 1:27 a.m., Security responded to an activation of an intrusion alarm in the Robinson Lab. Alarm was activated by students exiting lab.

Nov. 5, 1997

Incident
Security responded to a report of a loose dog on campus. Security attempted to assist in securing the dog but the dog appeared to be vicious and out of control. The Humane Society was contacted. The owner of the dog released the dog prior to the arrival of the Humane Society. The owner of the dog was advised not to return to campus with the dog.

Nov. 6, 1997

Suspicious Persons
At approximately 12:10 a.m., security responded to a report of unknown persons jumping the fence near Central Plant. Upon arrival it was discovered that the subjects were students. Students were advised to use the access gate.

Nov. 10, 1997

Theft
On November 9 at approximately 7:30 p.m., victim parked her vehicle in the parking area of 1111 Blanche Street, space #31. On Nov. 10, at approximately 7:40 a.m. she returned to her vehicle and discovered that her vehicle had been burglarized. ACD changer valued at $500 and a CD rack valued at $100 were taken from the vehicle.

Burglary
Victim placed wallet on office desk at 3:30 p.m. Victim discovered the wallet missing at 4:30 p.m. Suspect had already charged merchandise valued at $170 on the stolen credit cards.

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On behalf of Strathmore’s Who’s Who, we wish you continued success.

Sincerely

Diane F. Parkin
Executive Director

Associate First Round Interviews: January 14, 1998

Associate Resume Deadline: December 5, 1997

It was with great surprise that we got this letter in the mail. Ted Rivette never existed—it’s just a name we send to people who might send us junk mail. We can’t resist sending in the card, but we need help filling it out creatively. Send your ideas to The California Tech, 40-58, or drop them in the IN box.

More students to circulate The California Tech each Friday morning to ensure that the paper continues to reach the campus bright & early. Earn good money for your time. To apply, just send email to business@tech. Or show up at one of our Friday meetings at the Coffeehouse @ 12:15 pm. Or leave a message at x6154.

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Dessert with the MOSH

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Wednesday, December 3, 1997

9-11 pm

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— Z-League Volleyball, "just-for-fun" pickup volleyball, runs throughout some time from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. Mondays (excluding November 24th), and is open to anyone who can get into Bransome. Additionally, a beginning intermediate volleyball class is offered from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Wednesday nights in Bransome. Additional information is located at http://www.cco.caltech.edu/vball/.

The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Discussion Group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the H-8 common lounge. This is a confidential meeting and does not imply anything about a person's sexual orientation—only that he is willing to be supportive in this setting. The group usually discusses a particular topic, but will sometimes move to the general discussion. Refreshments will be served. If you would like more information, please call 1835.

Sparrwoof Poetry Forum, Inc. is offering a $75 prize for the best entry in the 2000 poetry contest. The contest is free and open to everyone, one poem per person. Deadline is December 15th. Send entries to Sparrwoof Poetry Forum, Dept LM, 609 Min St., P.O. Box 193, Pasadena, CA 91101. Entry kits may be obtained by submitting electronically at http://www.twisp.com/poetry or by e-mail: poetry@twisp.com. Beginning November 12th and continuing every Thursday in November, the Caltech Balloon Dance Ball will be offering free beginner Cha-cha classes in the final four weeks of the semester. The classes will be held from 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the H-8 common lounge. This is a confidential meeting and does not imply anything about a person's sexual orientation—only that he is willing to be supportive in this setting. The group usually discusses a particular topic, but will sometimes move to the general discussion. Refreshments will be served. If you would like more information, please call 1835.

For further information, call (616) 409-1691.

— Revolution: A discussion of the Szechwan province in China, and its implications for the future employer needs to know about journalism in relation to gender. If you need to know about journalism in relation to gender, light refreshments will be served.

The International Association for the Exchange of Students with Technical Experience will place joiners, seniors, and graduate students in summer or academic year programs abroad. The applications must be received by December 15, 1997. Please make a reservation, lunch will be served. For more information, please call 542-1011.

The Student/Faculty/Alumni Relations Committee and the Career Development Office are sponsoring a career panel on November 25 and 27 at 7-11 p.m. in Fleming House lounge. Panelists will discuss what you need to know about your future employer and what your future employer needs to know about you. Light refreshments will be served.

The Distinguished Speaker Series of the Center for Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics will be offering free refreshments and opportunities for follow-up. For more information, please call 290-8120.

The National Science Foundation (NSF), in conjunction with the National Research Council's Committee for Research Resources (ARC), welcomes applications to the 1998 Summer Residencies Program at Japan and China. All qualified graduate students in science and engineering, including the bio­medical sciences, are urged to apply. The postdoc deadline for applications is December 1, 1997. For further information, please call 299-7800. Summer Programs, which include eligibility requirements, program descriptions, and stipends, are available through the NSF/Tokyo website at http://www.jwisc.jc/fysri/summer.html.

The Korean American Scholarship Foundation is now accepting applications for scholarships totaling over $52,000. Applicants must be full-time students of Korean heritage enrolled at least in the 2nd year of college, graduate school or professional school in the Western Region. The applications must be received by December 15, 1997. For more information, please call 290-8120.

The American Society of Naval Engineers is offering a $1,500 for moving expenses to Syria, and $100 for travel, up to $500 for books and fees, and a paid professional internship with a newspaper. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, and members of the American Society of Naval Engineers. Your application must be submitted to the Fellowship Office at Washington, D.C. 20007-2176, or call (202) 549-8111.

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