Capra—The great ranch escape

BY AUTUMN LOGHEN

In an effort to get the most out of Capra Ranch, Director of Campus Auxiliary and Business Services Tom Mannion is proposing that the ranch be expanded into a 120-bed conference center.

Mannion stresses that plans are "very rough," and have not yet been presented to the upper administration. The entire campus will have time to evaluate the plans over the next year.

Frank Capra and his wife built the five-bedroom ranch and lived in it from 1956 to 1971. The ranch, which is in the Fallbrook area, was a gift from Capra to Caltech in 1972, and was intended for use as a retreat for faculty, trustees, and students. The house has room for about 25 people and has a sunken playroom and bar. The grounds include a hedge maze, citrus orchards, groves of trees, a palm-lined entrance, and lots of snacks.

Capra Ranch is rarely used during the week, and even sits empty on some weekends. Meanwhile, many campus groups use conference facilities elsewhere. The ranch is simply too small for them.

The proposed plan would expand the ranch house into a

PLEASE SEE CAPRA ON PAGE 2

Update on ASCIT

Acquiring Coffeehouse

BY SHANNON STEWMAN

The Coffeehouse will soon be changing hands. The move from Caltech Dining Services to ASCIT should happen sometime this summer, though a date has not yet been set.

Though plans won't be finalized until early this morning, the transition could begin as early as June 12.

Baldeep Sadhal, President of ASCIT, expressed several goals for the new management.

1. The Coffeehouse will soon be handled by student night managers, coordinated by a student head night manager. An assistant head manager would assist, who won't be a Caltech student, will assist the head manager in inventory, ordering, and possibly working the grill on certain nights.

2. Baldeep himself will be working at the Coffeehouse over the summer to coordinate the transition effort.

Other proposed and suggested changes for the Coffeehouse include making Pacman free, making beer available, and having faculty and administrators periodically make shakes.

ASCIT is also looking to reinstate the Coffeehouse User's Group (CHUG) as an interhouse committee to both guide and diversify the Coffeehouse.

ASCIT will distribute surveys later to poll student opinions on changes, and a suggestion box located in the Coffeehouse is in the works.

McKinney Award Winners

The McKinney Committee of the Caltech Literature Faculty is pleased to announce the winners in the 1998 contest for excellence in writing. The contest began in 1946: entrants were judged on the quality of a factual essay and a related oral discussion, as well as overall improvement in English. Dr. Samuel P. McKinney, M.D. provided a $3,500 endowment for the prize in memory of his wife, who was a high school English teacher. Since that time, it has evolved to include fiction as well as non-fiction, and has been opened to all undergraduates, rather than just Juniors.

This year, in the category of prose fiction, first prize has been won by Erik Dill. In the category of non-fiction essay, first prize is awarded jointly to Eleanor Park and Kathleen Todd. No prize was given in poetry this year.

Honorable Mention is given to Bryan Eastin, Margaret Porter, Iljje Kim, Melinda Watkins, Joseph Cook and Helen C. Claudio.
The Outside World
by Cheryl Forest
NEW DELHI, INDIA — In keeping with the threat to penalize India for conducting five nuclear tests, the World Bank will delay $65 million in loans indefinitely. It is hoped that this consequences will deter Pakistan from performing its own nuclear tests, but Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan is under intense pressure from militant Islamic groups to demonstrate their nation's nuclear capability, too.

PAKISTAN — Pakistan detonated five underground nuclear de­

vices on Thursday. Pakistani officials stated that they were acting in self-defense by conducting the tests in the wake of India's tests, while Indian officials stated that "Pakistan . . . forced [them] to take the path of
deterrent necessity."

ZUGDIDI, GEORGIA — A five-year lull in violence in western Gali­
came to a close several days ago as fighting broke out between Abkhazian separatists and Georgian militias. A cease-fire agreement was signed Monday, but the area is not yet stabilized. Tens of thousands of Georgian refugees have since fled across the Inguri River, prompting President Shevardnadze to cancel Independence Day cele­brations.

JERUSALEM — Tension between the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority has increased in the wake of recent violence. This violence was set off when Jewish settlers poured foundations for new homes in the Muslim Quarter on Monday. Even though this was done without a building permit, the Israeli authorities initially ignored the settlement. Demolition of the structures was ordered on Tuesday in the wake of demonstrations by Palestinians and Israeli peace advocates.

PARKS — On Tuesday, police in France, Belgium, Italy, Germany, and Switzerland detained 88 people suspected of being linked to the Armed Islamic Group of Algeria. The internationally-organized or­

ganization was designed to head off terrorist attacks during the World Cup, which will be held in France this coming summer.

HONG KONG — A record number of Hong Kong's eligible voters braved torrential rains Sunday in order to participate in the territory's first election under Chinese rule. Many of the pro-democracy advoca­
cates were voted back into the legislature after hav­ing been accused of pro-Beijing poli­

icians at the time of the former colonial legislature.

IRELAND — On Saturday, the people of Northern Ire­
land and the Irish Republic overwhelmingly voted "yes" to a peace accord that will trans­

form the territory's political and social insti­

tutions. The accord will allow for greater
governing flexibility in Northern Ireland.

Cynthia Gong on the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology conference.

BY CYNTHIA GONG
Last week I attended the annual ASMBB (American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) conference in Washington, D.C., enabled by funding from the Caltech Women's Center.
There were few undergraduates there, and I felt like a voy­

eur as professors, professionals, and others discussed undergrads, in research and for teaching. I discovered not only that being a science, unusual teen­

ager will get you a lot of free
candy (two packs of Tootsie Rolls!), but that we Caltech undergrads are luckier than we realize.
Other colleges don't have a lot of money for scientific re­

search. Other colleges don't have Nobel laureate professors. Other colleges don't have names that demand instant respect. Other colleges don't have ex­

pansive programs for under­

graduate research. Other colle­

ges don't have newspapers so desperate for filler they'll print long-winded public thank-you letters to their students' Centers.
Caltech does.
So use Tech's resources while you can, undergrads. It's really what you make of it. As Ralph, the aging homeless guy I met at lunch the other day, noted: "If trash bins behind the Capitol building, said to me, "This looks like a lot more fun than it is. Stay in school, honey."
Tech errata

The California Tech has two items to update this week. In last week’s list of Ditch Day stacks, we unfortunately overlooked the “Millennium” stack in Avery, created by seniors Daniel M. Zimmerman, Gustavo Joseph, Brian K. Muzas, and Guillaume Lessard.

In the Letter to the Editor in last week’s edition, the letter referred to a petition circulating among graduate students. This petition is available from Pat Wream, x4370, wream@cco. All interested parties are encouraged to contact her and sign the petition.

THE RED DOOR IS NOW HIRING UNDERGRADUATES!

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- Projector 57%
- Daihatsu 32%
- Doughnuts 81%

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Blacks to move and mate in 8

A new out of town center with five conference rooms and dining facilities. The gate house would be converted into an administration building. The orange and lemon groves would be replaced by six condolettes, which would hold 120 beds.

Athletic facilities would include two tennis courts (convertible to basketball courts), a swimming pool, a jacuzzi, two volleyball courts, outdoor exercise equipment, and a putting green.

The condolettes would be grouped around two courtyards, which would each have permanent tables with chess and backgammon boards. The grounds would be landscaped, keeping the hedge maze and adding an outdoor amphitheater.

The ranch would remain available to students after the expansion. Mansion promises that a weekend will be reserved for each house to visit the ranch once a year, and that fees for using the ranch will remain at current levels for student houses.

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May 6, 1998
Suspicous Person
At 11:50 am, security responded to a report of a suspicious person loitering in the Keck and Church buildings. Security located and questioned a suspect. It was discovered that the suspect was informed previously not to return to Caltech. Suspicion was arrested for trespassing.

May 8, 1998
Security responded to a report of items missing at the Church building rooms 071, 066, and 054. Persons reported done of the area, no suspects discovered. Persons reported done of the area, no suspects discovered. Person last seen in the laundry room of the area, no suspects discovered. Persons reported the area, no suspects discovered.

May 13, 1998
Suspicous Person
At 7:24 pm security responded to a report of a suspicious person last seen in the laundry room of SAC. Persons reported 2 white males, approx. 40 years of age. A thorough search was done of the area, no suspects discovered.

May 19 1998
Suspicous Person
At 1:55 am, while on patrol, security discovered a person sleeping on the west side of Sunnyslope warehouse. The subject was advised that he was on private property then escorted of the area.

The Caltech Environmental Task Force in action

And how it's making our community a better, cleaner, friendlier, more responsible place

by ARTHUR HIRSCHOWITZ

This year's Ditch Day showed the energy, ingenuity and in at least one case the concrete thinking skills of Caltech students at play, and demonstrated our ability to transform campus overnight. With every graduating class, Caltech releases these energies on the world, and has in less than 100 years produced scientists and leaders who have transformed our understanding and use of nature. As another class of Tech graduates emerge to make their mark on the world, the Caltech Environmental Task Force (CETF) is gathering support for the adoption of an official environmental policy at Caltech, which could establish a vision for Caltech as a leader, not just in science, but in the wise and conscientious application of science. If the Caltech community decides to adopt an environmental policy, it will join universities and corporations in many countries which have affirmed their commitment to environmentally responsible values and practices. However, Caltech, as one of the most influential scientific institutions in the world, is in a unique position to guide the use of science and technologies to benefit our environment. Over the past few months, members of CETF have been meeting with campus administrators, faculty and student groups in order to arrive at their proposal and have, for the most part, received support. No one has objected to the principles of the policy: to reduce waste, conserve resources and raise awareness of the environmental impact of our actions. However, some administrators are not convinced that Caltech needs a policy to affirm these principles, and would like to gauge the level of support from the Caltech community for such a policy. Judging from initial reactions, the community is very much in favor. At the campus Earth Day celebration, on April 24, CETF circulated a petition calling for an environmental policy at Caltech, which has been signed by nearly one hundred students and fourteen faculty. The Caltech Y executive committee voiced its support as did the GSC with a unanimous vote. The new dining hall managers have already begun to implement a cardboard recycling program and are enthusiastic about reducing waste and improving recycling at Chandler.

Many of the individuals who spoke with CETF recognize the need for Caltech to implement energy efficient and environmentally responsible practices, and see the policy as a welcome guideline to reach those goals. Outside pressures have already affected Caltech's environmental practices and will continue to do so. Caltech is the largest customer for Pasadena Water and Power, it pays steeper rates for energy than residential customers, and a rate surcharge is imposed at an additional cost of over a million dollars per year. Driven by cost alone, Caltech will have to find ways to reduce its energy usage. Caltech is also bound by state and local regulations to reduce its waste production. The California Waste Management Act of 1989 requires a decrease in municipal waste production in cities and counties in California amounting to 50% of 1989 levels by the year 2000, and these requirements will be passed on to Caltech. This and other legislation will slowly move California institutions to limit detrimental impacts on the environment. With an environmental policy, Caltech can take control of these changes, assure that the changes are sparked from inside, and provide incentives for members of the Caltech community to contribute ideas to making these changes more effectively.

And perhaps a healthier environment, on and off campus, will be incentive enough. It was a Caltech scientist, Clayton Patterson, whose research on lead toxicity helped convince the public of the need for national automotive pollution control measures and helped reduce lead out of the gas pump. On scientific matters, (think of Dr. Feynman in Washington), when Caltech speaks, America listens. And the world listens. Nearly 50% of next year's incoming graduate students will be from outside the U.S. The practices and philosophy they learn here will be carried across the globe. Caltech is making a global impact on the environment with or without a policy. The design of a clear and well thought out environmental policy will give us the opportunity to make this impact resonant and positive.

The Caltech Environmental Task Force has put together a draft of the policy, and invites your suggestions and criticism. The policy, a form for comments, and an online petition, can be found on the CETF website at http://www.cco.caltech.edu/cetfets/policy.html. If you would like to get involved in the establishment of an environmental policy for the Institute, or join CETF in its recycling or other environmental activities, sign the online petition and/or email cetfets@caltech.edu.

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The California Tech
The officers for the senior class shall be responsible for setting the date of Senior Ditch Day and for determining the form of each year's commencement exercises. They shall also coordinate the seniors to ensure that no irreplaceable items are damaged as tasks of Ditch Day stacks.

**SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT**

**Brigitte Roth**

Senior year: the climax of the Caltech experience. We will have survived the core (except maybe some of us chem 3a) and will no longer need to worry about some of those generally nasty classes (e.g. 95, 98, 41).

Senior year will be time for celebration. Time to stack. Time to graduate. I want to take part in making senior year a good one and am running for Senior Class President on the following platform:

1) lots of fun activities to occupy our time as we underload 3rd term
2) a graduation ceremony by the seniors, of the seniors, for the seniors. This means we have a speaker whom we have heard of before and who won't put us to sleep. And the music at graduation will be the music we want to hear and sing.
3) a senior gift we actually care about and that will be remembered. After all, if we are going to give a gift to Caltech, why not have it be something cool? For example, we could pull off a major prank that would bring further fame to Caltech...
4) I have discussed the job with Myfanwy, the current president and feel confident that I am fully capable of doing it and that I would enjoy it thoroughly.

I want to make this year a good one, elect me for Senior Class President. Thanks for listening.

Brigitte

**Leigh Engen**

I don't think I possess the wit or the skill to convince people, solely through a newspaper statement, to vote for me. I'm pretty sure that I'm not going to be able to write anything to convince anyone to vote for me who wouldn't vote for me anyway. But I don't think I've ever turned down a chance to ramble to an audience, so here goes (having wasted all this time, I'll try to keep it short):

So why am I running for Senior Class president? I'm sure most underclassmen can identify with the feeling of slight, general annoyance I've felt towards the seniors and their senior-ness (the announcements, the aura of 'I-know-more-than-you-do') for the past 3 years. However, as if by magic, the day after Ditch Day this year everything the seniors have ever done made sense to me. I can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel, and I'd like to serve in the office of president in order to make that light as bright as possible for my classmates by being involved with the Convocation Committee and organizing other year's end activities. And of course I want to get my name printed in the little t.

Even though I've never held a campus-wide office, I've been very involved in my house through activities and both appointed and elected offices. I'm more than anxious to use whatever knowledge those experiences have given me to be the best possible president for the class of 1999. (Does anyone else out there think that's a really cool year to graduate in? Just curious.) Thanks for reading all the way to the end, and please, please, please vote for me for senior class president:)
Hi, I’m Mic Westcoat. I like to spread warmth and happiness everywhere. So please vote for Mic for Veep and Autumn/Erik for Prez for a warm and happy Senior Year!

Hi! I’m running for Senior class Vice President. I enjoy leading and planning events, as some of you might know through work I’ve done with the YESS program and International Student Orientation or as President of the Caltech Y. I like to talk to people, and I’m good at listening to those I work with as well. I take leadership positions very seriously and get things accomplished. I coordinate activities such as Project Angelfood and other community service events quite often, so I know how to get people organized. I believe that I could do a great job as Senior Class Vice-President, so I ask that you think about voting for me in this election.

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Why should you care about this election? Why not ignore it like all the others, or worse, vote no? In case you don’t know what the senior class officers do, here is a list of eight reasons why you should vote in this election.

1. Commencement ceremony. This is it. The reason you slid away for four (or more) years. The class president and veep have to make it an event you’ll always remember.
3. Senior video. This will be one of your most lasting memories of senior year. You want a video that gives time to all the houses, to stacks, and to special events like ME 72.
4. Graduation speaker. Why settle the date. They have to work with the house reps to coordinate fakes and resolve conflicts involving common areas like Millikan pond and the gene pool.
5. Senior trip. Half the class will have a party. This year’s seniors are having a senior trip, which is a much better idea. Mexico, here we come!
6. Senior video. How we will be remembered. We have to find a gift that both stands out and is affordable.
7. Senior trip. Past classes have had a party. This year’s seniors are having a senior trip, which is a much better idea. Mexico, here we come!
8. Ditch day. The senior officers have to do a lot more than just choose the date. They have to work with the house reps to coordinate fakes and resolve conflicts involving common areas like Millikan pond and the gene pool.

I have a lot of experience working with the administration and reps from the houses to get things done. As ASCIT Director for Academic Affairs, I organized the student-faculty conference two years ago. That meant reserving the room, planning food, getting funding, printing programs, and on, and on. As ARC chair, I worked with the house reps to start the midterm course surveys. I know how to pull off big events, and I will work with the class president to create a great senior year.

Hi, I’m Ryan ‘Disco’ McCorvie. Now for some Hip Hop.

Now for some Hip Hop.

(Reap Chorus [Lil Kim]) Yo nutin’ but the truth, yo nutin’ but the truth, yo nutin’ but the truth.

Well, you got the nuts, you got the nuts, you got the nuts.

(Lil Kim) Yo nutin’ but the truth.

(Chorus [Li! Kim]) It’s the key.

(Li! Kim) See I believe in money, power, and respect.

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(MC McCorvie) Me bust for you that’s like a cat vs. a pitbull. Gun, know clip full, keep hunger. And plan for the future, cuz you figure you gone 14 older way longer than you gone be younger.

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**Senior Class President**

**Ryan Dieckmann**

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2. be able to work with others, a.k.a. delegate,
3. pick a date 3rd term and stick with it, and
4. work outside the limelight while the class president steals all the glory.

Can I do these things? Yep, nor that hard. This year I was in charge of OP, with two other people, so the organizing thing is in the bag. Same for being able to delegate and motivate people, power tools do wonderful things to people's drive. Also, this year and again next year I was and will be a member of the frosh admissions committee; if I can pick fresh for tech I'm pretty sure picking a commencement speaker won't be that hard. And finally dealing with the presidents ego is easy; make sure he gets the meals at the Ath and all will be well. Anyway, I prefer to be in the background; it's much easier to get work done. Most importantly, though, is that I want to be VP. I enjoy organizing events and seeing them work out and nothing needs celebrating more than finishing 4 years of tech. Now for the rash campaign promises that won't happen. Vote for me and enjoy a new 2 day version of Ditch Day. Vote for me and get Bugs Bunny as the commencement speaker. Hey, somebody has to do the job, why not me.

**Senior Class Vice President**

**Mike Astle**

The Transformers thing is getting a little old I guess. Here's a picture of me in my finest hour. Four parts gin to one part vermouth. Maybe we could have Senior Martini Night. We could all stand around in the Ath and say things like 'shaken, not stirred' and 'boy, that really tastes like crap'. Here's my idea for the Senior Gift. I would like to get a playground style swing-set for the Ricketts/Fleming Courtyard. It would be cheap, distinctive, and easy to maintain. I think that people might enjoy sitting on a swing for awhile during those long California afternoons. If we have some leftovers money, one of those vomitron merry-go-round things or a jungle-gym might also be fun. Or hell, we could just blow all our money on liqour.

"Martini should always be stirred, not shaken, so that the molecules lie sensuously on top of one another." — W. Somerset Mougham

"Happiness is finding two olives in your martini when you're hungry." — Johnny Carson

A guy walks into a bar and orders a Martini, 25 parts gin to 1 part vermouth. The bartender sizes him up, decides not to argue and mixes the potion exactly as ordered. When he slides it across the bar to the customer he asks: "You want a lemon twist with that?" The man leans across the bar, grabs the bartender and yells in his face: "When I want a goddamn lemonade I'll ask for one!"

**Junior Class President**

**Matthew Sullivan**

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**Junior Class Vice President**

**Cate Gifford**

what the hell does the junior class president do? I get the feeling no one really knows or cares except me. A little beheaded baby told me that the only duty of the prez was to organize some sort of mud tug-o-war between the freshman and the sophomores. I say to you—what better form of live entertainment makes you want to shout, 'hey ccleets, that rips my eli off!' more than watching underclassmen sprawl around in the mud like swine.

putting together only one event in exchange for the job title is lame, so i plan to figure out what happened to interhouse. ascit has a bunch of money burning a hole in their pocket, and a campus-wide party sounds like a good investment. also, dont we deserve something for making it to junior year without flaming out? shouldn't we get some sort of beach bbq where we tan our creamy white flesh to a golden brown, and take out our frustration on those helpless pieces of wood we light on fire and dance around? yes, damnit.
JUNIOR CLASS
VICE PRESIDENT

Rafed
Amin Al-Huq

“Silence is a test easy to misread.”
—A. A. Attanasio

Angela
Shum

Just vote for the little guy.

ASCIT
SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Hanna
Kim

Hi! I would like the chance to serve as your ASCIT social director. I'm on the Ruddock social team and the Executive Social Committee. I love organizing social activities and I want to make sure we have cool ASCIT stuff in the future. Thanks.

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The Wolves of Savernake

The writer of the book does not at which the author does not fanc y of his own that does not (en ces Jonathan Spaihts) and the characters a bit generous on the minor

cohesive. There are a few points of grad school listings and trouble points. The story is for the most part well constructed; the clues are given fairly and the plot is generally cohesive. There are a few points at which the author does not seem to be putting enough thought, or is following some fancy of his own that does not really follow. But the descriptions are vivid, the history well researched (if at time too apparently so) and the characters believable, so I am disposed to be bit out of date, their research clearly predates the opening of Avery. Still, if you want general advice on applying to grad schools and are mostly interested in the top places, I can see these being quite useful. Note: The writer of the Physical and Biological Sciences book occasionally attempts a pseudo-hip style of language in his writing; don’t say I didn’t warn you.

FEATURES

May 29, 1998

Your vegetables stay cool until they are used for cooking or on your plate at the salad bar!

Another topic well worth addressing is the Caltech Dining Services survey. By filling this out and returning it, you enter yourself into a drawing where one lucky Techer will receive one night for two at the Ritz-Carlton hotel, along with a certificate good for a 100 dollar dinner for two. Also, the House with the most entries (weighted percentage of course) will get a party at Tom Marston’s house. The winner will be drawn at the Olive Walk dinner June 5th. Which reminds me...

OLIVE WALK DINNER JUNE 5th. This will be a huuu complete with a roasted pig and a smoothy bar. It should be fun for all Seniors finishing finals, and for the rest of us about to start them. That about covers it for now. As always if you have any questions or concerns about food at Caltech please contact me at tylert@ecr.
QUICKBUN THEORY THAT
MORE TO BE TOLD WHAT TO DO.

WHAT'S THE
CROWN FOR?

WHY ARE THERE NO
CHARISMATIC LEADERS
ANymore?

CABLE TV.

MY DOG PUT FERTILITY
DRUGS IN MY COFFEE.

SCANDAL IS THE MOST
ECONOMIC WAY TO
FILL NEWS PROGRAMS.
THEY'LL GO AFTER YOU,
TOO.

I DON'T CARE IF IT'S A
GREAT NEWS STORY; I
WILL NOT TAKE
FERTILITY DRUGS.
THEY'RE IN
YOUR COFFEE.

MY AGENT
ADVISES
AGAINST
DOCTOR.

HAVE YOU
BEEN
A DOCTOR.

AND YOUR ONLY EVIDENCE
OF PREGNANCY IS
WEIGHT
GAIN?

HERE COMES
ANOTHER HAGUE, KIDS

DON'T CHARISMATIC
LEADERS USUALLY TURN
OUT TO BE DOOMANAL,
PHIELANNERING
SOCIALISTS?

AND THEY LOOK
GOOD IN IT.

QUIT YOUR JOB
AND BUILD ME
A PYRAMID, YOU
HOMELY DOLT!!

I LIKED IT UNTIL
THE DOLL FRAY.

I'VE NOTICED
THAT HONESTY
DOESN'T MIX
WELL WITH ANYTHING.

I'M TRYING
THREE DIFFERENT
HABITS.

NEVER HAD THREE
DIFFERENT HABITS
AND A 51 I'M HAVING
THREE DIFFERENT
HABITS.

FIND OUT I'M
NEVER HAD THREE
DIFFERENT HABITS
AND A 51 I'M HAVING
THREE DIFFERENT
HABITS.

THEY'RE
IN
YOUR COFFEE.

MY AGENT
ADVISES
AGAINST
DOCTOR.

I'M NOT
GOING TO
GIVE YOU
A PRESCRIPTION
FOR PAINFUL
SHOTS.

I'M WEARING
MY
LUCKY
TROUSERS,
SHOES AND
HOUSEHOLD...

MY DOG SLIPPED ME
A FERTILITY DRUG.
HOW SOON BEFORE
I GIVE BIRTH?

WHERE'S THE
CROWN FOR?

I'M GUESSING I HAVE
TEN OR FIFTEEN
BABIES IN THERE.
IT'S HARD TO KEEP
THEM FED.

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Mam's Snaps of Empyrean
with Stewardess at the
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Dean's Corner

How Unique is your Problem?

by Jean-Paul Revel

You all know, I am sure, that over Memorial weekend a Radcock student disappeared, causing much anxiety among his Friends, the Campus in general, and most of all, his Family. He has now been found and is at home with his parents. Everyone is sure to be relieved by this outcome. As time goes on we will find out more about what happened, although it is possible that issues of privacy will not allow wide dissemination of the story. So one of the things I would like to do is to discuss in the abstract issues related to the problem of being a student at Caltech, actually issues that face us all since they are generally encountered by all humans.

All of you, the students and all of us, the Professors have come to Caltech as a result of winning in a very selective examination for our abilities. They are losing the support that was extended to them in childhood, and have to begin assuming adult responsibility for their own lives. They have to complete adjusting to their sexual orientation, the physical manifestation of which began just a few very years ago. All this while their image of themselves has been undergoing other changes as well. Herefore in their High Schools they were tops in their classes, superheroes all, piling success on academic success, recognized by their peers and teachers alike. They are now here at Caltech however, with this source of satisfaction removed. They can't be at all on top of the class, statistics prevent it. They have to work, when previously many could coast. They need to discipline themselves; it is hard and discouraging to set in, feelings of worthlessness and inferiority. They may feel alone, abandoned by their parents, or they may resent parents' continuing need to be there and "interfere" with their life. It is a tough thing to have to build a whole new way for oneself. Along with that there is often loneliness too. They had to be on top of all their friends and start to make new ones. The importance of social isolation is emphasized by the statistic that there is much higher level of suicides among foreign students. All of the things we talked about above cause anguish and pain, which can build up to more than a person can bear. How much any one can bear is highly variable depending on for example whether clinical depression is present. Obviously depressed people can bear less than invertebrate optimums. But then neither depression nor optimum is a fact external to us, a reality of the world around us. It is a state of mind, a result of the state or constitution of our brain and how it functions, and can in fact be modified. It is part of the way in which we perceive the things that are happening to us. The story of the Cunnahls and the Missionaries illustrates how different in perception affects behavior of different groups of people, but the metaphor also holds for individuals. The Missionaries pull their boat on the beach, stow their oars and disembark, hands extended with gifts, wide smiles on their faces, encouraging the natives to come closer. You are already stressed and burdened by the Missionaries in your synapse, the presynaptic complex, releases molecules of neurotransmitter into the extracellular space. The second postsynaptic complex receives it which could specifically bind the neurotransmitter molecules. Once a receptor has a molecule bound to it, it changes its molecular configuration and this signals the postsynaptic neuron that its receptors have bound neurotransmitter, and thus cause the second neuron to stimulate the next one(s) in the chain. If the concentration of neurotransmitter is high, then the occupancy of receptors is high and there is constant stimulation. If the neurotransmitter concentration is low, then the receptor is not activated. This helps to maintain the balance of our brains.

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denotes a new announcement.

For most Caltech events listed, further information can be obtained by calling 395-4652 or (885) 2-CALTECH, or through the Caltech website, http://www.caltech.edu. Special discounts are available for most shows for Caltech/UCIPL students, staff, and faculty.

Center lounge. This is a confidential meeting and does not imply anything about a person's sexual orientation – only that she or he is willing to be supportive in this setting. The group usually discusses a particular relevant topic and then moves on to the general discussion. Refreshments will be served. If you would like more information, please call x8331.

There will be a jazz concert in Dabney lounge entitled "WestCoasting: A Lecture and Concert," at 3:30pm Sunday, May 31st. It will feature a short lecture on the history of West Coast jazz followed by a concert of both which will be conducted by Hersh Hammel. The concert is free; for further information call x4652.

The William Bennett Munro Memorial Seminar, "How to Do Things with Things (A Toy Story)," will be given by Judy Library, 110 Baxter, at 4pm, Monday, June 1st. It will be given by Bill Brown, associate professor of English, University of Chicago. Refreshments will be served.

The safety Office will be having an open house in room 25 of Palau Hall. Everyone is invited to drop in on Friday, June 5th, to celebrate over 50 years of service to the Caltech community. Refreshments will be served and door prizes raffled.

The Pasadena Community Orchestra will have a concert in the Sierra Madre Memorial Park, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd., on Saturday, June 20th, at 6:30. Admission is free but donations are greatly appreciated. For information call (626) 445-6708.

The Museum of Contemporary Art (Moca) opens The Muses Simon Woman Study Center for Works on Paper on June 23rd. The faculty is located on the south side of the Sculpture Plaza at MOCA (250 South Grand Avenue in downtown LA). During the first week the exhibit will be open to the public. Students who sign up to ID get in for $4, admission is free for all other Tuesday from 5 to 8pm.

The Distinguished Speaker Series of Southern California is moving into its second season. The events will be held at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium on five remaining dates at 8pm. Mark Victor Hansen will be speaking on June 10th. For information, call (800) 508-9301.

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum will publish and award cash prizes to 35 poets entering their Poetry of the Year contest. The poetry contest is open to all students. All entries into the contest are automatically eligible for their Poet of the Year award to win a prize of $1000 and publishing contracts. Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Dept. G, 609 Main St., PO Box 193, Siskiyou, NV, 62715-0193, or http://www.sparrowgrass.com.

For more information contact Patricia Flanagan at (304) 652-1449.

Weekly open IHC meetings have now been permanently moved to Thursdays at midnight.

Nominations are now open for the offices of 99-99 Big T Editor and Business Manager. Interested individuals can nominate themselves by signing up on the door of the ASCIT/IHC office (SAC 33).

Free anonymous HIV testing, using an oral HIV antibody test, is available every Monday evening from 6-8 pm at the AIDS Service Center, 1030 S. Arroyo Parkway in Pasadena. Persons wishing to be tested may make an appointment by calling, toll-free, (888) 488-9242, or (626) 391-8489. Walk-ins are also accepted. Both pre- and post-test counseling is provided, and results will be given the following Monday.

The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Discussion group is looking for a safe and supportive place to discuss issues such as coming out, being out, dealing with family coping with a homophobic cultural and, being GLB at Caltech? We invite you to the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Discussion group, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:30pm until 10pm in the Health

Fellowships and Scholarships

Summer Internship in the American Physical Society's Washington Office is looking for an undergraduate physics major with great writing skills and genius IQ. They're prepared to be flexible. Email a writing sample and resume to: cops@aps.org. The deadline is Today, May 29.

The Computing Research Association's Committee on Women in Computing Research (CRA-W) is pleased to announce a new initiative. Collaborative Research Experience for Women in Undergraduate Computer Science and Engineering (CREW), designed to provide collaborative research experiences for groups of two or three undergraduate women during the 1998-99 academic year. Students will work at their home institutions with a sponsoring faculty member on a project for which monetary support is typically unavailable. Ordinarily each student will receive a $1000 stipend. There is no support provided for faculty stipends, however up to $500 per project may be requested for special equipment, travel or supporting materials. Entries are due by Tomorrow, May 30. For more information, visit http://cro.org/activities/crow.

The John Gyles Education Fund offers financial assistance to full-time students in Canada and the United States. Full Canadian or American citizenship is required. Awards are available for all areas of post-secondary study. A minimum 2.7 GPA is required. Criteria other than academic ability and financial need are considered in the selection process. Selected students will receive up to $3,000. To receive an application, please send a stamped, self-addressed, standard letter size (No. 10) envelope to: The John Gyles Education Fund, Attention: R. James Cougle, Administrator, P.O. Box 4808, 712 Riverside Drive, Frederick, New Brunswick, Canada E3B 5G4. Filing dates for mailing applications in 1998 are June 1st and November 15th.

The 1998 BFGoodrich Collegiate Inventors Program (BFG-CIP) is seeking entries for this year's challenge. The program recognizes and rewards full-time college students (undergraduate, graduate, and postdocs) and faculty whose innovations, discoveries and research are deemed the year's most outstanding. Up to six student/advisor teams are awarded cash prizes totaling up to $42,000. Students may enter as individuals or teams. The invention, idea or process submitted must be original in idea and the work of a student or team with his or her advisor. There is a June 2, 1998 deadline. For more information, call (313) 894-6887 or email planke@invent.org. Applications are available on the web at http://www.invent.org/bfg/kgkome.html.

The Jewish Family and Children's Services offers financial support for Jewish individuals and their families. Applicants may apply for up to $5,000. Special scholarships are available for study in Israel. Eligible students must have financial need, have at least a 3.0 GPA, and be residents of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin or Sonoma counties, or the Bay Area. There are no deadlines—applications are accepted throughout the year and are available in the Financial Aid Office.

For information on the listed fellowships, assistantships with essays, or clarification of questions, contact

FAR - The Fellowships Advising and Resources Office. For information, please contact, christopher.alzner@caltech.edu To make an appointment, call x2150.

UF A - The Undergraduate Financial Aid Office. For information, call x6208, or stop by 515 S. Wilson for an appointment.

To submit an event for the Mints, contact mints@caltech.edu or call (800) 508-9301. Submissions must be brief and concise, and the editors reserve the right to edit and abridge all material.