ITS holds open house in Steele

**by Shannon Stelman**

Although to most undergrads it's just a place to use a computer, ITS, Information Technology Services, Caltech's primary campus computing center, has a far broader charter and provides services from multimedia design to staff training.

Since its renaming from the Campus Computing Organization and its move from Jorgen son to Steele, ITS has finally settled into its new location. The open house, which has been planned since June, is coordinated by Marizka Szalonek of the ITS Technology Learning Center. An open house, according to Szalonek, is in honor of the new facilities: "We have a new facility and a new building; we just wanted to welcome everyone into it."

The open house will feature tours of the various branches of ITS and digital imaging demonstrations from outside vendors of the Digital Media Center. The tours will include the campus computing laboratory, the Digital Media Center, the ITS help desk, the network operations center, the Technology Learning Center, and the CITnet 2000 project. Tours will be given to groups of fifteen hourly, starting at 1:30 PM in Steele 1235. Appetizers and refreshments will be on hand for the duration of the event.

The tours of the Technology learning Center will highlight their tech commander training facility. The facility allows trainers or professors to broadcast their computer activities to monitors of the students, to view what a student is doing and to project any computer monitor onto a large viewing screen.

The network operations center will demonstrate its new network monitoring facilities. Although not all the infrastructure will be in place until CITnet 2000 is completed, the ITS network operations center has already begun operations. Several of the software packages in action will use NetHealth.

So your roommate wore a suit and tie last Saturday and you don't know why? Did the balloons and posters decorating the campus confuse you? On October 17, Caltech celebrated the 20th anniversary of its unique Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program. Even the San Gabriel Mountains made a stunning appearance to preside over the festivities.

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The Caltech Anime Society presents

**Mononoke Hime**

9 PM Saturday, SAC 13

The CALIFORNIA TECH

**SURFing season winds down**

**by Tim Raub**

It's that time of year: The network operations center is hosting its annual summer SURF project. The SURFers, as they are known, have been busy working on various projects throughout the summer, and they are now ready to present their work.

This year, SURF projects ranged across many disciplines and took place on campus, in the business world, and at universities abroad. Specific topics were diverse: Sarah Milovich, a Speaking Award Semifinalist, related the location and depth of lightning strikes on Jupiter to the atmospheric conditions in its clouds; Betty Hong studied the geomagnetic sensory perception of fruit flies and nematodes; and Stavroula Otis took a holistic approach to social criticism in Victorian literature; and Jeremiah Smith worked to develop cheaper, more efficient radio power amplifiers. Other students pursued interests ranging from plate tectonics to the Russian banking system, from virology to volcanic eruptions, from microfabricated ion pumps to microbial life in the extreme conditions of Mono Lake, as well as many other branches of Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Geology and Planetary Sciences, Physics, Math, Astronomy, the Humanities, and the Social Sciences.

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Clubwatch!

The Caltech Amateur Radio Club, CITARC, will be attending the Collegiate Championships, now recognized by the ARRL, November 7-8 and November 21-22. Mike Tobe (w4af@bell.com) will be captain of the CW team and Marty Woll (marty.woll@twcglobal.com) will be captain of the Phone team. Please contact them if you would like to join.

The Caltech Anime Society will be holding showings every Friday and Saturday in SAC from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. They encourage anyone to drop in at any time. This weekend on Saturday they will show Dido Club, CITARC, will be hosting showings with the special feature film Mononoke Hime, which is the last film by director Miyazaki Hayao and the latest film from Studio Ghibli. For more information send email to anime@its.caltech.edu.

The Caltech Astrology potluck and star party: We should be able to see that funny blinking thing in Cassiopea. Meet at the ERC at 5:30 to carpool.

The Caltech Bridge Club meets every Monday night at 7:30 pm in the Avery Dining Hall. Come early to find a partner. For more information, email nodile@its.caltech.edu.

The Caltech Motorcycle Club races at Willow Springs International Raceway (Rosamond, 80 miles north of Caltech) on the third Sunday of every month. For more information call 805-256-234 or email racewolf@twc.com. For additional information about the club contact Chris Claypool at cc@its.caltech.edu.

The Caltech Racquetball Club charges at $10.00 membership fee per calendar year.

Caltech Students can become members for free. The fees cover participation in an annual tournament, a racquetball clinic, discount on equipment, and food and drinks during the organizational meetings. For more information, email hazman@its.caltech.edu.

The Caltech Soccer Club has started its season for the fall term and is looking for Caltech students, staff, alumni, and JPL employees to play in the men’s league in Arcadia. The season lasts September to May. Join at anytime. Practices are held Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm and Saturday at 9:00 am. For more information email soccer@its.caltech.edu.

If your club is having or has recently had an event, and would like to have it publicized in Clubwatch! please email editors@tech.caltech.edu with all relevant information.

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WVE MILLS, MARYLAND: The Israeli and Palestinian peace negotiations continued this week. The most recent step forward occurred Thursday, when the negotiators reached a tentative agreement on security. The Palestinians wanted Israel to withdraw from another 13 percent of the West Bank, while the Israelis wanted a comprehensive security agreement, including a crackdown on terrorism, from the Palestinians. However, according to U.S. State Department spokesman James Rubin, “This is a continuing process,” and thus there remains much work to be done.

CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA: South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission will present its final report to the nation next week. The 3,500-page report is the culmination of the commission’s work since it was established in 1995, which was the year after all-race elections ended white-minority rule. According to Truth Commissioner P. W. Botha, “This report is an important milestone. It has been a very necessary, but very difficult experience for individuals and the country.”

WASHINGTON, DC: The Microsoft antitrust lawsuit entered the second day of testimony in court on Thursday. This lawsuit, put forth by the Justice Department and twenty other states, claims Microsoft illegally used its influence as the maker of the dominant Windows operating system to try to dominate other markets, such as Internet software. Microsoft claims that that its immensely successful business strategy - to build browser technology directly into its Windows products - has been completely legal.
ROTATION, REFORM, AND FROSH

Dear Editors:

I know Jason Meltzer meant "Rotation, Part II" in a fairly satirical way, but I can't help but notice in his refection of the widespread attitude that the frosh are some sort of meat to be appropriated among the Houses according to their tastes. I don't think the problem with Rotation are going to be solved until this attitude is reversed—put the Houses on the meat rack and let the frosh choose which ones they want. I know that some will loudly proclaim that this will disfranchise the personalities of the houses, but will it really? The frosh will know which Houses fit best with their personalities much better than vice versa. Others will say the frosh do get plenty of choice for Houses. Of course, all the upperclassmen know how the system actually works. Sorry frosh... by some strange perversion of reality, the ICH feels that knowledge is a dangerous thing and therefore telling you how the system actually works would be a "Rotation Violation." So I won't describe my understanding of the process, for fear that I would be condemned. So much for freedom of speech. Even if the system is not radically changed, this system of fear and silence must be done away with.

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Present: Never underestimate the power of the BoD. Tina Salmassi.

Meeting called to order at 22:05.

Dealing With Guests
tina - there will be an all-mad production of “Great Expectations” on December 3 at a very small theater in Glendale. Tina has reserved 120 tickets for the show (at $10 each) and is looking for ASCIT to help subsidize distribution of these tickets around the houses. Mike suggests that maybe the MOSH would get in on this action if some faculty were involved. Tina says that the MOSH might be a bit short on this action. The BoD will consider this funding request later in closed meeting. (Note: I made up the “all-mad” part to keep your attention.)

General Business
The Master Plan - Baldeep thinks that ASCIT is “impotent.” Duh. He is throwing around the idea of restructuring ASCIT into a buzzard of committees. Under his plan, the BoD would sit on top of the hierarchy and provide organization and oversight. A multitude of committees would handle the legwork of our operations. Things like the IHC, BoC, and ARC would stay around and some new hooligans would join the gang (publications, Information Technology, Events Funding). This new motif would increase the amount of people involved in student government and hopefully bring us out of the apathy-dung-filled trench in which we reside.

IT Expense - Baldeep wants to take $8000 and spend it on information technology services. Most of the money would go toward paying web programmers to provide a better online little t, improve the ASCIT portal site, maintain the book market, and keep the CLUE rolling. The BoD did have $10,000 earmarked for an endowment (an idea which completely evaporated due to the aforementioned dung-laden apathy) so the cash is available. Mike and Baldeep are charged with working up some details on this idea.

Memorial Service - Devi thinks it would be a good idea to send a representative to the aperture memorial for David Rosefield. She will come up with suggestions for an appropriate gift.

Annual Report - There is some debate over when the ASCIT fiscal year begins and ends. Rob says the financial report is being partially done as time goes by. Monkeys may also fly out of his butt.

Mailing Lists - Mike will set up a mailing list for people who are not affiliated with any house. Baldeep wonders aloud if ASCIT should engage in mass mailings. There is general agreement that it is better to go through the IHC than besmirch ASCIT’s good name via wanton spam.

ASCIT Socialism - Hanna wants to know if we should do the Halloween party or not. Apparently (former Treasurer) John Lin is excited about helping set up an alternative to be made funds available for each house to throw a party instead. Mike rants for a while about how instead of throwing parties directly, the ASCIT Social Director should facilitate better house-sponsored parties by providing equipment and funding. For example, the Social Director could entertain requests from the houses for big chunks of interhouse dough and set up training sessions for the bartenders where they learn how to mix a decent drink.

Grievance Committee
Alan and Rob are both on it. Steve is the alternate. Irrelevant? no.

Bookkeeper - The ASCIT bookie wants a raise. She is paid until January 1, so the BoD can stall on making this decision. little t - The editors are yet to be paid. After a short search, the compensation schedule is produced. Rob takes a sip of the potion and hits the three-wheel motion.

Office Reports
Steve - The compiled version of the data from the last Student/Faculty conference (two years ago) is in the works. He is looking for more projects to work on.

Autumn - There is some money available to fix up the TV room adjoining the Coffeehouse. Autumn will assess the damage and do some pricing.

Hanna - Sometimes I make up a word that don't mean nothin', like looped (sp?)

Devi - Nothing new has happened with the CLUE. The informal system of upperclass academic advisors is in place. This may grow to replace the current advising system. There will be a meeting before mid-terms to gather more information about this topic. Baldeep asks Devi to give minutes of ARC meetings to Mike. The ARC will need to distribute surveys in order to ascertain what committees need to be convened in preparation for the Student/Faculty conference next year.

Jaideep - The IHC will be sponsoring an open forum in review of the Rotation system. Stay tuned for more details. The selfsame organization will also

study the outcome of the Avery room pick in order to ascertain if it met its stated goals.

Rob - Armed only with a Palm Pilot, Rob will be collecting the ASCIT dues sometime soon. Hide your wallets. Rob promises Baldeep that he will look into getting a Visa through Caltech. The Tech wants some new equipment.

Mike - The new roster is out. The Olive-Walk kiosk needs work. Baldeep requests that Mike send everybody a list of outstanding projects to work on as a corollary to the minutes.

Alan - Frost BoC talks will occur at the discretion of your BoC Rep. The BoC Reps will be talking to new faculty teaching undergraduate classes about the Honor System. Alan will encourage the GRB to spread the word about the Honor System among the graduate students. A word from the BoC Chair will be featured this Friday in the Tech.

Baldeep - The Alumni Board of Directors met on Saturday and Baldeep was there to collect the free food. They want to be more involved in the houses and will continue doing recruitment work for the Admissions Office. Baldeep will get some of the folks from the Tech in on the next Faculty Board meeting to discuss raising the departmental cost of the Tech (which hasn’t gone up since ‘82).

Meeting closes at 23:17.

The BoD votes to allocate $600 for play tickets.

Meeting adjourned at 23:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike D. Astle
ASCIT Secretary

Present: BoD (minus Steve and Autumn), Tina Salmassi, Nicholas Breen

Meeting called to order at 22:06.

Dealing With Guests
Nick - The editors of the 97-98 IHT (just came out) want to get paid. They are also re-questing their bonus. The BoD will dig out the appropriate paperwork and get the job done.

Tina - Only 60 people were interested in the play. The BoD will consider in closed meeting how to adjust funding for this event.

General Business
IT Proposal - Baldeep and Mike worked out the details of what Information Technology projects they think ASCIT should pursue. ASCIT will hire students (through Caltech) to tackle the job. They will be paid in lump sums for accomplishing goals (rather than hourly). Rob will find a convenient way to organize the payment. Rob moves that Baldeep and Rob be given oversight over $8000 for IT projects. The BoD votes 5-0-1 (Mike abstains) to approve.

Club Funding - The current system sucks. Rob wants to require that all recognized clubs have a Caltech account into which we can stick the money at the beginning of each term. He scratches out a quick resolution and it is unanimously approved by the BoD. So, if you are a club, and you want your money from ASCIT, you need to get an account with Caltech. Contact Rob (saliba@cco) to find out how to do this.

Rosefield Gift - After much (sometimes heated) discussion, it is decided that Devi and Baldeep will craft a letter to David’s parents on behalf of ASCIT. The responsibility for coming up with an appropriate memorial is shunted to the IHC (who will be meeting with Dr West and others soon to consider just this problem).
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Kung-Fu Pads - Alan wants somebody to push the Athletic Department into purchasing some wrestling pads for the martial arts classes.

Library Hours - The libraries will be open until 4 AM from Oct. 20 to Nov. 2.

Officer Reports
Dev - A meeting will be set up later this week to further the cause of the student advising system. Course surveys will be out shortly after midterms. If there is not some response this time around, the whole program may be scrapped (the surveys, not classes). Dev is looking for ways to motivate better teaching at Caltech. Mike is of the opinion that people don't come here for good teaching so we shouldn't sweat it. The idea of a "Teaching Guide" is put forth. Ever negative, Mike thinks that this would be insulting to professors. The ARC will gauge student concern about teaching and other issues.

Hanna - There will be an ASCIT Halloween Party.

Jaldeep - An IHC-sponsored forum on Rotation will be held on November 2nd. The IHC will be surveying the outcome of the Avery roomspick.

Rob - The taxes are in on time. The little t editors are yet to be paid. The Tech has some issues but is not talking to Rob. We are scrapping the Caltech Visa idea after it was revealed to be really, really, crappy.

Mike - The Olive Walk kiosk will soon be home to the IHC/ARC/BoD rosters and maybe some other stuff. Baldeep asks Mike to check the master calendar to be sure we aren't missing anything. A document will be started of important notes to the next BoD. Everyone is encouraged to work on his or her officer handbook. Mike will badger the phone office until they give Autumn and Baldeep back their ASCIT extensions.

Alan - The Tech was unresponsive on the Faculty Board Meeting issue.

Baldeep - Our leader will be meeting with some Alumni Association people about some kind of deal were clubs get paid for writing thank-you notes. Don't ask me how this works. He will also be meeting with Tom and Andrew about improving the SAC courtyard.

Meeting closes at 11:30.

The BoD votes to pay for the price of the theater trip (whatever that comes out to be) - probably about $300.

Meeting adjourned at 23:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike D. Astle
ASCIT Secretary

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CONTINENTAL

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NEWS
by Elisa Chiang

The Caltech Y, located in Steele house, is a group that works to provide programs for the enrichment of student life at Caltech. Some of our activities include Decompression where we feed the entire student body the weekend before finals, noon concerts at Winnett, volunteer activities such as Project Angelfood and Union Station, outdoor activities like the annual Y Hike, and help other groups fund events they organize. The Y organizes Beach Cleans ups with CETF once a term, provides tutoring to students in elementary through high school, and social activities, like Broomball.

This year, we hope to have Trail Maintenance trips, biking and hiking trips, a trip to the Getty, a Dim Sum Trip, and opening more volunteer opportunities like working at Huntington Gardens. Remember, the Y pays $12/hr to students who have Workstudy for community service.

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Thursday, November 12, 1998
4:00 p.m.
Student Activities Center

LEHMAN BROTHERS
by 10 point, 24-14 at halftime. In the second half, Oregon dominated UCLA like no other team had ever done this year. They roared back and let by running back Reuben Droughns nad quarterback Aliki Smith get a hold of the lead at 31-24, led by running back Reuben Droughns and quarterback Aliki Smith. UCLA connected on a long bomb on the very next play, and the two teams shared the lead 31-31. Then happened the most amazing sequence of plays that I have ever seen. After both teams exchanged punts, Oregon started to drive the ball into the UCLA territory. It was then that star running back Droughns came back from a serious ankle injury. He entered on first down, and promptly fumbled the ball, his third fumble of the game. Unbelievably, UCLA pulled out another magical play as they threw a second bomb for a touchdown to take the lead, convincingly 38-31. With only two minutes remaining, Oregon drove down the field and threatened to score. However they were faced with a 4th and 16 situation, which in football is as close as you can get to the worst case scenario. But a bobbled pass ended up in the hands of an Oregon receiver, and Oregon went on to score a touchdown with 22 seconds left. Then the play known as the "Hail Mary" stunned Oregon as UCLA went deep for the third consecutive time and got the ball into the hands of their backup quarterback/receiver, who just happened to have a 39 inch vertical. It wasn't a touchdown, but it was only a few yards away, which virtually ensured that UCLA would remain undefeated with a winning field goal. But it turned out that their kicker had problems with his leg, and by some miracle he missed a 21-yard field goal, which was a stake in the heart for thousands of fans who thought the game was over. The game went to overtime.

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**Sports**

NCAA Division I Football: Bruins Conquer Ducks in overtime play

**By Gerald Palmrose**

I just saw the greatest football game ever. So why am I writing about it in the California Tech? Well, because the game was played right here in Pasadena, just minutes away at the Rose Bowl. The game pitted the UCLA Bruins, entering the game ranked #2 in the nation, and the Oregon Ducks, ranked #1, both undefeated. It was basically a match up of the two best offenses in the nation.

One team had to win. I sat down, watched the game, and regretted sorely that I had passed up on my chance to actually attend this game. You see, the Spalding Building had a great offer going that offered subsidized tickets for UCLA games for just five bucks. I was going to tell everyone all about this great deal, only to find out that they had been sold out for some time.

In any case, back to the game. UCLA's quarterback, Cade McNown, led UCLA in a scoring rampage that saw them take the lead 24-7. The game looked over when Oregon came back from a serious ankle injury. He entered on first down, and let by running back Reuben Droughns and quarterback Aliki Smith. UCLA connected on a long bomb on the very next play, and the two teams shared the lead 31-31. Then happened the most amazing sequence of plays that I have ever seen. After both teams exchanged punts, Oregon started to drive the ball into the UCLA territory. It was then that star running back Droughns came back from a serious ankle injury. He entered on first down, and promptly fumbled the ball, his third fumble of the game. Unbelievably, UCLA pulled out another magical play as they threw a second bomb for a touchdown to take the lead, convincingly 38-31. With only two minutes remaining, Oregon drove down the field and threatened to score. However they were faced with a 4th and 16 situation, which in football is as close as you can get to the worst case scenario. But a bobbled pass ended up in the hands of an Oregon receiver, and Oregon went on to score a touchdown with 22 seconds left. Then the play known as the "Hail Mary" stunned Oregon as UCLA went deep for the third consecutive time and got the ball into the hands of their backup quarterback/receiver, who just happened to have a 39 inch vertical. It wasn't a touchdown, but it was only a few yards away, which virtually ensured that UCLA would remain undefeated with a winning field goal. But it turned out that their kicker had problems with his leg, and by some miracle he missed a 21-yard field goal, which was a stake in the heart for thousands of fans who thought the game was over. The game went to overtime.

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**Surf Day...**

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A series of discussions dealing with professional development and career challenges. Carolyn Mikel, Carol Casey, Susie Clark, and Cherri Brown organized many of the summer's activities through the Student-Faculty Programs office, but all in nearly one thousand people were responsible for the success of this summer's SURF.

This year's SURF was dedicated to President Emeritus Thomas E. Everhart, under whose leadership SURF gained financial stability. In his remarks, Everhart explained that his philosophy was "to back people who you know will deliver." Anyone who spent even an hour listening to student presentations could not help but leave convinced that SURF more than meets its public expectations and hype.

David Goodstein, Professor of Physics and Vice Provost, noted in his dedication speech that "SURF, in its 20th year, is still vibrant, exciting, and dynamic. It is a powerful program for introducing students to the forefront of scientific research."

Now anticipating its 21st year, SURF clearly enjoys support from Caltech researchers, administrators, students and community members alike.

If you are interested in SURFing next summer, information is available at the Student-Faculty Programs office, which is located in the Beckman Institute. Announcements of Opportunity will be made available January 4th, and applications which include identification of a mentor and a completed proposal are due March 1st. Awards will be made after April 1st.

Robert Millikan once claimed that "creative men and women arise spontaneously in response to the needs of creative men and women."

Throughout SURF, Caltech students can take advantage of the many unique opportunities available to learn about possible careers and develop into creative researchers. Also, there's a lot of free food.

**ITS Open House...**

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which monitors factors like congestion over the long term, and What's Up for short term monitoring.

The CITNet 2000 tour will be led by Larry Watanabe and John Dunuds. Larry Watanabe will be giving an overview of the project and demonstrating one of the CITNet 2000 wiring closets. John Dunuds will be discussing Caltech's involvement with the Calren2 project.

The tour of the ITS computing labs will be led by Dan Dilling, who looks forward to discussing exciting new questions and ideas about the labs and their appropriate uses.
By Justin Ho

If you’re the type who’s heard of the movie, Pecker, you probably would be the first in line to see it. The quasi-artsy independent film without adequate funds for a centerfold in the Times or a few seconds on TV, is a movie well deserving of your attention. Plus, unless it’s Casper, you can never go wrong with Christina Ricci.

The main character is Eddie Furlong (Pecker), of rebel fame from Terminator II. To his credit, he brings an almost unrealistic charming teenage mind to the economically depressed Baltimore suburbia. His passion is taking lots and lots of pictures. He sees beauty in everything, even in the yellow-brown urine stain on a bed sheet. His obsession with photography a vision of art’s omnipresence in all walks of life is matched by equally eccentric fellow Hampden denizens: his girlfriend, Shelly (Christina Ricci), a jaded laundromat queen; his best friend, the boy king shoplifter; and his grandmother—a little old lady who clings to faith in her talking Virgin Mary statue while selling pit beef sandwiches from her front porch.

Despite some vulgar moments, resembling a cross between Striptease and Seinfeld, director John Walters manages to maintain a sense of innocence. The quirky town of Hampden is thus innately concept and harmless, regardless of the raunch hidden for the time being. The town’s inhabitants manage to practice the most ironically interesting habits to fight the old ennui.

During a burger shop photo show, about 15 minutes into the movie, Pecker’s gift is suddenly spotted by a Manhattan art world extraordinaire, and the rags-to-riches theme which is reminiscent of the director’s previous films begins to unfold. Once blazoned in every major newspaper and magazine across America, the themes of the innocent real-life photos Pecker has accumulated transcended to an analytical plane, and each aspect of this perky “What’s Eating Gilbert Grape” town scrutinized. Amusing in its satire of the art world and the thin line it has created which ostensibly differentiates between genius and the norm, the movie illustrates how this magnifying glass corrupts the town karma—a sudden conformity arises in the town out of shame of their own quirkiness which disturbs the uniqueness that once characterized Pecker photos. The resolution is a rejection of this art world, and a return to the paradox of this haven—a blend of tongue-in-cheek innocence, humor, and decadence.

A cross between Basquiat, Seinfeld, What’s Eating Gilbert Grape, and Stripes, Rated: R
rating: **** (it rocks)
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guilty by a Jury which hears only one side of the story. Instead of getting his Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, he is sent to jail for 8 years. Let’s wish him well, the sop, and hope that an appeals court will be able to conclude that he was not alone to blame.

“Nough said for this adventure. But as I told you reading it made me move as Caltech. I do hope none of us here will become embroiled in such a tangle. But there is no way to avoid sex and sexual matters. I know that in some religious groups people wear a belt to symbolize the separation between their head and their nether parts. It is pretty much wishful thinking of course since the head has all to do with our behavior, so I don’t recommend that as a means to solve any problems.

Sex is part and parcel of our humanity. It is very hard to escape our sexuality in almost all we do, throughout our lives. The problem is that while many of us arrive at a comfortable, or feel uncomfortable when rejected or otherwise besmirched, there is attraction resulting in an often beneficial or positive consequence, much of it. When they manage to rebuke their pursuer, however mildly, the spurred and hurt would beartner thinks "but I was being nice to her," "but I was helping her."

etc. All the while the target of the unwanted attention is trying to convey, "thanks a lot for the help, but no thanks." The rejected person does not hear or register the message following "but." “Oh she really does want my attentions, but does not know how to say it.” “If really show how much she’s means to me, she’ll come around to my way of thinking...” and so on. Well it really is not like that at all. No means no. “But thanks," means no, any gesture of separation, any indication of distancing, any sudden desire to retire, without setting another time to get together, anything that does not explicitly spell out come on must be interpreted as no, not now, maybe never, certainly not until I ask for it, don’t come near.

There is nothing wrong with doing homework (etc) together, if that is what you both want. But accept no as a no, and hesitation also as a no, unless or until. The person for you will be there, and it will be obvious to both of you. It may be hard to wait, difficult to believe, but glomming is not the way. Actually according to Webster’s Unabridged, to glom means to look at, to watch, not to attach oneself as a lamprey to its prey. So a bientot... and that means yes...

Jean Paul Revel
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Out of Context, a Caltech co-ed a cappella group, will be holding a few key notices this Saturday, October 23, 1998 from noon to 4:00 p.m. in Student Activities Center room 348. The group should come prepared with a pop piece or a song from a musical. For more information, contact Maggie at x6180 or visit their website at http://www.sac.caltech.edu/oa.

The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Discussion Group. Looking for a safe and supportive place to discuss these issues as coming out, being out, dealing with family, coping with a homophobic culture, and being GLBT at Caltech? We invite you to the Gay/ Lesbian/Bisexual Discussion Group, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the poetry o ut- lounge. This is a confidential mee ting and does not imply anything about a person's sexual orientation, but only that she or he is willing to be supportive in this setting. The group usually discusses a particular relevant topic at each meeting and engages in discussion. Refreshments will be served. If you would like more information, please call x3313.

The Career Development Center (CDC) is looking for current and graduating seniors to participate in focus groups to assess student career-related needs. Whether you've decided to go to grad school, get a job, don't know yet, or haven't even started thinking about it, the CDC would like to hear from you. Each focus group will last approximately 2 hours (re freshments will be served) and participants will receive gift certificates. Debi Tuttle, a Caltech alum and intern in the CDC, will conduct the focus groups. If you are interested in voicing your opinion and making a difference, please email Debi at debi@caltech.edu or call the CDC at x6176.

The literature faculty is pleased to announce the 53rd Annual McKinney Competition. The Mary A. Turf McKinney Prize is awarded each year to the best student essay for the year. Only full-time students officially registr ated at Caltech as undergraduates are eligible to enter the competition this year. Prizes will be given in three categories: poetry, prose fiction, and non-fiction essays. All submissions must be typed and double-spaced. Include your address and phone number, as well as a brief statement about your major or career goals in the cover letter, if you would like more information, contact gprofick@its.

The “Journey of a Vampire” Blood Drive, sponsored by Tower Records & Entertainment in association with the Red Cross, will take place on Mon day, October 26 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Tower Records, 599 Sunset Boulevard. All donors receive “Journey of a Vampire” T-shirts. For more information, call 888-948-2942.

Ed Stone, Vice President and Direc tor of JPL will present "JPL Space Exploration in the New Millennium", hosted by Larry Mantle. The event will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 1998 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Tower Records, 599 Sunset Boulevard. All donors receive “Journey of a Vampire” T-shirts. For more information, contact Karen L. Blane at 310-966-4414 x 17.

Wall Ogburn '99 studied Russian lan guage and literature at Caltech under an NSF Fellowship. During the summer of 1998, Jeanne Wilson '98 studied Turkish lan guage and culture in Istanbul. The maximum scholarship is $8,000 per semester and $16,000 per academic year. The campus application deadline for the 1999-2000 academic year is January 25, 1999. Turn all materials into the Fellowships Advising Office, Room 20 of the Pasadena Center. All applicants must un dergo an interview with a member of the Fellowship Committee.

The Toyfrie Antiques & Collectible Toy Show will be held Sunday No vember 15, 1998 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Pasadena Center, 300 East Green Street. Admission for early buyers is $10.00, general admission is $5.00. Over 150 vendors will be present. For more information, call 909-880-8538.

The Pasadena Community Orchestra will be presenting their October Concert, October 30, 1998 at 8:15 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1240 Orange Grove Boulevard. Admission is free. For more information, call 626-445-6708.

The San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the Red Cross is holding their first an nual Haunted Mansion event Hallowe en weekend; October 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. October 30th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. It will be held at the Red Cross Headquarters, 430 Madeline Drive in Pasadena (corner of Orange Grove Boulevard & Madeline Drive).

The AIDS Service Center, located at 10035 Arroyo Parkway, Pasadena, gives free anonymous HIV testing every Monday evening from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Walk-in are welcome but appointments are preferred. For more information, call 888-448-2942.

Pulitzer Prize-winner Jules Feiffer will be lecturing Wednesday October 28th at 7:30 pm at the Skirball Cultural Center as part of the “Cartoon Art” Lecture series. For tickets call 213-660-8857.

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