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BY TIM CROSS

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Don't Let the Directorate Control You

Dear Editor,

On Friday, April 16, 1999, I participated in a protest against the directorate of the Associated Students of the California Institute of Technology. The 20 students who marched from the Olive Walk to the Bursar's Office in Keith Spalding have all withdrawn their ASCIT membership as a vendetta move of no confidence in our current ASCIT leadership.

Upon our return from Keith Spalding, we distributed over 50 "Request for Return of Dues" forms to students. When we were near to running out of these forms, one student (who was not associated with the activity) offered to photocopy the forms to distribute to the others. This was a great success in my opinion since it has instigated discussion regarding the leadership of our student government.

ASCIT is not responsive to the needs of the students. With its annual budget totalling nearly $60,000, it should be no surprise that this organization could become out of control. A recent inspection of ASCIT’s recently published budget sparks some important questions.

A hefty $8000 is earmarked for a poorly-staffed, mysterious "Web Project," which has been mentioned briefly in some past ASCIT minutes. But only when questioned directly on this heavenly line item did President Baldeep Sadhal explain his vision. Why have the students never been informed of the details of this plan? An even bigger question is, Why did the editors of the affected student publications been consulted?

Autumn Looijen, former editor of the little l and Autumn Hoffman, former editor of the "Young Turk," has a myriad of good ideas for the web versions of the CLUE and the little l. I only wish they'd suggested them to the publications editors before hiring an outsider to do the job.

ASCIT's funding of clubs has no benefit for the majority of club members. With the club funding mired, clubs are required by ASCIT to justify their budgets to the ASCIT Board of Directors, who decide those budgets in a highly subjective process.

Baldeep Sadhal, when questioned regarding the board's decision on club funding, claimed, "That's a lie! The $8000 in the allotment was to fund those clubs that actively improved student life, and didn't just provide services for their members." I would like to find out what things are low-cost and high-benefit—those activities that actually do bring people together.

With those guidelines in mind, how much of the Mars Society’s $750 request should ASCIT have granted the club? The question doesn’t factor in that ASCIT Freshman Director-at-large Derek Durrant and Freshman Director Dana Armstrong were among the club's small number of active members, with the former being the president of the group. The Mars Society’s claimed membership is highly inflated relative to the core of actual members, but ASCIT’s club funding doesn’t take this consideration into account.

Most student organizations, even those which justify—by the metric of active membership—any substantial funding, have little chance of reclaiming the approximately nine dollars per member paid in dues to ASCIT.

As evidenced by ASCIT’s 1999-2000 Budget, ASCIT’s budget decisions are clearly not aligned with the needs and concerns of the students and instead serve only to support the narrow spectrum of interests supported by the directorate.

Thank you,
Michael Pruitt

Spending Concerns

To whom it may concern:

I find the current budget as printed in last week’s Tech unacceptable.

The presence of the $8000 Web Project distresses me for several reasons. First of all, many of the things provided by the default, I voted because I could, and I ignored ASCIT the rest of the time because it didn’t seem to do anything but feed me doughnuts. After a year of thinking about ASCIT, I come to the conclusion that although it works behind the scenes, ASCIT is important to student life at Caltech.

The fundamental purpose of ASCIT is to represent the students to the administration. Through ASCIT and the IHC, students are represented on a myriad of student-faculty committees, including Freshmen Admissions, UASH, and Academic Policies and Procedures. The committees enable us to have some control over what goes on at Caltech. ASCIT also acts as a liaison to faculty, alumni, and other outside groups that are not in the undergraduate community, and as an entity to receive donations intended for the undergraduates.

ASCIT, as the only student funding group under the ASCIT umbrella, allows us to enhance the undergraduate community. The $60 in dues is nominal compared to $18,950 in tuition, very competitive compared to other institutions, and is easily refundable. By keeping your money in ASCIT, however, you are getting yourself a good buy.

Thank you,
Kevin Babcock

Why ASCIT is a good buy

Last Friday’s spirited anti-ASCIT protests got me thinking about why we have a student government. I hadn’t really given it much thought before. I have a fundamental question: If there is a student government, does the student have a voice? What is that voice? Why is ASCIT necessary?

Last year I attended a protest against the creation of a "student media center" that would otherwise be impossible.

The decision to be or not to be a member of ASCIT is really a personal one. If you live in a black hole on Chester and only come on campus once a month, it’s probably not your thing. After a year of thinking about what CSCS stands for, if you go to an interhouse party once in a while, I encourage you to think about what ASCIT does for you. And even if you can’t find anything that really appeals to you, I encourage you to be a member anyway, and wait, on the off hand chance that ASCIT does something really cool. Come on, wait with me.

Thank you,
The Off-Campus Lottery Explained

IHC, Avery Council give answers to questions about new system

BY ANDREW STROUSE

The following article is to answer any questions or confusion you may have regarding the new format of the 1999-2000 Housing Lottery. Also included are helpful suggestions on how to fill out your lottery card, based on your living choice and political status.

What happened to the old housing lottery and why were they changed?

The last decade has seen a considerable change in the types of housing available to under-graduates at Caltech. Unfortunately the process of room selection had not changed significantly to meet the present day needs.

So after nearly three years of impasse, a few people from the IHC, Avery Council and the Avery Council locked themselves in a room, determined not to leave until a new housing lottery system was devised. They have found that there are four possible sets of accommodation that Caltech offers:

• The Seven Hovses—on campus; on board; styled “fraternity” style social life.
• Avery House—on campus; on board; open house social life.
• Marks House—on campus; no board programme; dormitory style.

The Apartments (1170 Del Mar & 150 S Chester)—off campus; no board programme; private apartment lifestyle.

We also found out that particular students prefer each of these particular living arrangements—thus it made sense to design a lottery system to give every student the best possible chance of being able to select their most favourite choice of living.

Okay—so what does that mean?

You will be asked to rank your preferred choices of living in Caltech owned housing from a list of these. Your relative ranking on each of the lists will be based upon the relative ranking on your submitted lottery card.

Shortly afterwards, the three new lots will all occur simultaneously. Anybody who still cannot obtain housing by the end of these lots will be placed on a waiting list at Residence Life. The staff at Residence Life will then find accommodation for you as quickly as possible, according to availability.

What has to return to lottery card to Residence Life?

Everybody who will be a student at Caltech during the 1999-2000 academic year is expected to return the card. It doesn’t matter if you’re going to live on-campus or off-campus, or not even in Caltech owned housing. Please make sure that you fill out the necessary details on the card and return it to Residence Life. The data will be used for statistical purposes to assess the viability of the new lottery system.

How does my relative ranking of the future lottery choices on my lottery card affect my relative ranking on the lottery lists published by Residence Life?

Each of the lottery lists is broken into four tiers: Tier One through Tier Four.

For example— if you ranked the Apartments with a “1”, your name will appear in Tier One. If you ranked the Seven Hovses with a “7” then sort out the numbers and place you on the appropriate lottery lists.

How does the lottery system work?

The 1999-2000 Undergraduate Housing Lottery is roughly broken into two sections—the seven initial “on-campus” lots (Blacker through Ruddock), followed by the three “off-campus” lots (Apartments & Avery, Marks & Seven Hovses).

Only those individuals who marked “Seven Hovses” on their lottery cards with a “1” will be allowed to participate in the “on-campus” house pick cards where they hold membership. Subsequently these people will be allowed participate in the house room picks—these people may draw in any roommates who hold house membership.

At this point, Residence Life will publish the three “off-campus” lottery lists (Apartments, Avery & Marks). Any eligible students still requiring housing will appear on each of these lists. Your relative ranking on each of the lists will be based upon the relative ranking on your submitted lottery card.

Aftem some consideration, we have discovered that there are six possible scenarios—if you’re participating in the 1999-2000 Housing Lottery, you should fill in one of them.

Each scenario is discussed below—you will also find our recommendations for filling in your lottery card to maximize your chances of getting your top choice.

The lottery card is double-sided. The first side asks you to fill in your name, address, affiliation(s), etc. This information will allow Residence Life to contact you if an extraordinary situation occurs. The second side of the card asks you two questions, as shown to the left.

What if I am just looking for a single?

The reality of the situation is that almost every undergraduate would select a single if given the opportunity. If you don’t get the chance to pick a single during the housing lotteries, go and speak to Sue Chiarchiaro in Residence Life. Residence Life keeps a “Singles Waiting List” for this purpose. As soon as an off-campus single is available and you’re at the top of this list, Sue will notify you. If you want an on-campus single, speak to the house s<ecretary concerned—they will place you on the appropriate waiting list.

Below is a list of the scenarios possible for Caltech students.

What if I still have questions or comments?

We’ve tried to explain the basics in this article. If any of your questions have still been left unanswered, you would be glad to answer them. Please send any correspondence to lottery@cco.caltech.edu.

The Six Scenarios and Strategies

Check to see which one applies to you

Scenario One: What if I don’t want to live in any Caltech owned housing?

Answer Question One “No” and send your card back to Residence Life.

Scenario Two: What if I am a House Officer?

Answer Question One “Yes”. Rank “Seven Hovses” with a “1” and the other three choices according to preference in Question Two. Send your card back to Residence Life. Please don’t rank “Seven Hovses” with anything other than “1”, because this would be extremely unfair to the other members of your house wanting to live on-campus.

Scenario Three: What if I am unaffiliated?

Answer Question One “Yes”. Rank “Seven Hovses” with a “4” and the other three choices according to preference in Question Two. Send your card back to Residence Life.

Scenario Four: What if I am an upperclassman guaranteed on-campus?

Answer Question One “Yes”. Rank “Seven Hovses” with “1” and the other three choices according to preference in Question Two. Send your card back to Residence Life. Please don’t rank “Seven Hovses” with anything other than “1”, because this would be extremely unfair to the other members of your house wanting to live on-campus.

Scenario Five: What if I am an upperclassman who wants to live off-campus?

Answer Question One “Yes”. Rank your off-campus choices (“Avery”, “Apartments”, “Marks”) with “1”, “2”, and “3” according to preference in Question Two. Rank “Seven Hovses” with a “4”. Send your card back to Residence Life.

Scenario Six: What if I would like to live in the Seven Hovses, even if I only want to live on-campus?

Answer Question One “Yes”. The Seven Hovses can only house about 60% of all undergraduates. This means that 55% of all upperclassmen have to live off-campus. There are two paths you may attempt—either you can start a lottery (see Scenario Four) or you may choose to directly select a room off-campus (see Scenario Five). Either way, Residence Life is obligated to only house you for 1999-2000. If you don’t get the opportunity to pick an off-campus room, please make sure that you speak to your house secretary to be placed on your housing list places in the Seven Hovses may become available at the beginning of 1999-2000. Send your card back to Residence Life.

by ANDREW STROUSE

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Brian Jaques has a talent for writing light, engaging fantasy. He should probably not be held to blame for the limitations of the world he has created; one where animals take the place of people in a semi-medieval setting. The problem is that, by this the eleventh in his Redwall series, he has gotten into a rut. Evil "vermin," represented by small, carnivorous mammals, come from some other part of the world to threaten Redwall Abbey. There is some sort of rying puzzle, and a quest, and several battles. All of these are fine elements, and in this book they are presented well. The problem is that having read the others turns what would have been a fine book on its own into something dull.

That said, there are some new elements here. The title refers to the book’s villains, a family of foxes specializing in disguise and robbery. They come to the Abbey to plunder, not conquer, and are to some degree successful. One thing that this writer does well is villains, he doesn’t waste any energy giving them any redeeming characteristics. Accepting that it is probably reader demand, and not the author’s own initiative that keeps the series in it’s rut, the worst thing in this book is its inconsistency with previous ones. And I don’t want to say that this is insignificant details either. There is one point that is an essential plot element in the first book, that is blatantly altered without explanation in this one. Combine with this a radical change in geography and you have signs of a writer who just doesn’t care.

All of this aside, the book is stand-alone readable. The description is vivid, the characters distinct and the action brisk. However, until Mr. Jaques gets his act together a bit more, I am going to speculate that if you’ve read one of his books, you’ve read them all.

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**A tour-de-force, Merz is marvelous.** Variety

Alfred Hitchcock films showing as double features for the next two weeks. It’s not really a “greatest hits” retrospective (no Rear Window or Strangers on a Train, for example) but the sheer quirkiness of top-notch movies the Master has produced seems to almost demand that you attend at least a couple of screenings.

**The Residents**—The Residents will bring their weirder-than-musicalHouse of the Blues tonight and tomorrow. The tour’s theme is “Wormwood: Curious Stories from the Bards’ Friends” tell me the show’s pretty bizarre.

Underworld—Not only do the subdued techgo ninja guys that brought you “Born Slippy” from Trainspotting have a good new album out, Beaucoup Fish, but they’ll also be playing live at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium on April 23.

Van Gogh Mania—The L.A. County Museum of Art’s exhibit of Van Gogh paintings from Amsterdam has become so wildly successful that it will remain open continuously its closing weekend, from 9 a.m. May 14 to midnight May 16. Adult tickets for the midnight to 7 a.m. periods are just $10. Order your tickets now!

THE BALKANS: NATO has inflicted damage on all four major routes from the Serb heartland to Kosovo, which has cut supplies to Yugoslav forces in half, according to a statement issued by the Pentagon on Thursday. One Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic’s Belgrade homes was bombed during a NATO airstrike early Thursday morning; officials are defending this action as being a justified attack on a military facility and not an attempt to assassinate Milosevic and his family.

ESTOR: Unfortunately, violence has become a motif of life here, as the July ballot deciding whether it should be an autonomous Indonesian province or an independent nation approaches.

LITTLETON, COLORADO: Tragedy struck this affluent suburb of Denver last Tuesday. Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, seniors in Columbine High School and members of the ‘Trenchcoat Mafia,’ entered the school at approximately 11:15 A.M. and began shooting. After making their way to the library, they took their own lives. 13 students and a teacher were killed, and many others remain hospitalized.

The two gunmen planted bombs as they went through the school; given the number of these traps, authorities now believe that the two had accomplices.

DODGER STADIUM: In what was apparently the only good news this week, the Atlanta Braves won 2 of the 3 games that they played against the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Braves routed the Dodgers Monday 11 to 3, and then continued the trend Wednesday night with a final score of 11 to 4. Wednesday’s game was tied until the 12th inning, when the Braves scored 7 runs.

1999-2000 UPPER CLASS MERIT AWARDS

Each year, the Faculty Committee on Scholarships and Financial Aid grants a number of Upper Class Merit Awards to the most academically talented of the Institute’s Sophomores, Juniors, and occasionally, Freshmen. Upper Class Merit Awards are based on outstanding scholastic achievement as demonstrated by exceptional performance in formal classes and/or independent research and not a financial need. Last year, the Committee recommended a total of 53 Upper Class Merit Awards. Awards ranged from $6,250 to full tuition, $18,950. The number and caliber of the applicants determine the level of awards in any year.

Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office at 515 S. Wilson. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE IS 5:00 PM ON APRIL 23, 1999.
Mens and Women’s Tennis Soar to New Heights

The SCIAC Championships for tennis were held last weekend, and the Beavers definitely made their mark. The women with their fourth place finish had their best placing in CIT women’s tennis history, while the men finished fifth after nearly beating #3 Pomona-Pitzer.

It was certainly a major achievement for the women to beat Cal Lutheran in the first round 5-2, a team they had lost to twice during the regular season, 2-7. Coach Karen Nelson, understanding the importance of doubles, devoted much of the last part of the season helping the women become better doubles players. The first two times playing Cal Lutheran, they lost all three doubles matches, but at SCIACS, Caltech won 2 of 3.

Later in the tournament, Caltech was unable to beat #1 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, and then in the 3rd/4th place match they lost to Redlands. However, with the exception of frustrated coach Lee Shiel’s teams, this is about as achieving as any of our Caltech sports teams have been this year. All in all, the women finished 8-13, with a SCIAC record of 4-6.

The men also finished with a SCIAC record of 4-6 after two impressive victories over LaVerne and Cal Lutheran at SCIACS.

They started the tournament playing Pomona-Pitzer, and energized by the fact that Pomona did not bring its best lineup (they rested a couple top players), the Caltech Beavers almost pulled off the greatest upset in SCIAC history. They shocked Pomona in doubles by winning two of three matches, then played hard enough in singles to take two more matches. The final score turned out to be 4-3, but the attitudes of the two teams were polar opposites. Whereas Pomona was sweating bullets, Caltech kept it’s focus and played with much more confidence.

However, the Beavers did not let themselves down after the first round, as they crushed LaVerne 6-1 in the semi’s of consolation. The highlight of that match was Matt Musick’s handling of La Verne’s #1, Sergio Velazquez, 6-4, 6-4. Matt demonstrated to onlookers the skills that should have gotten him onto the All-Conference Second Team, for which he was overheard. However, he is certainly the favorite to win the Caltech MVP award to be presented later this year.

In the final round of consolation, the Beavers played #5 Cal Lutheran for fifth place. Once again the doubles teams got the job done, and some players, like Chris Leapley, really got it done in singles. Leapley, who played #4 singles, won 6-0, 6-0 and lost only five games during the entire SCIAC weekend, an amazing feat considering he won 60 doubles and singles!

The rest of the team played superbly, with three players, Eric Sherer, Jason Wong, and Gerald Palmrose all winning their singles matches. The two losses came from Musick and Team Captain Jeff Custer, who played the final match in his Caltech career. Custer, understandably frustrated by the result, failed to see how his character and leadership really had helped the team grow during the season. Said Coach Gillam, “Jeff has won big matches for me before, and has been available at every single match over his entire career.” Custer will certainly be missed at practice next year.

The final score turned out to be 5-2, and later at the banquet Caltech was awarded the Sportsmanship Award for the third year in a row.

As a final note, Assistant Coach Lee Shiel has promised to come back next year. His contribution to the tennis team was simply amazing, and coupled with the masterful teaching of Wade Gillam and the commitment of all the returning players, could make next year “The Year of the Beaver” in SCIAC tennis.

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I believe that many of you chose to come to Caltech because of the freedom that our Honor Code provides. It is a perk, one we can afford because of the outstanding work by our admissions committee. Picking the brightest young people from the US, and far beyond, also generally means that one is picking the most mature and responsible people in the pool of applicants. Well, most of the time. My colleagues and I would be delighted indeed to have this statement always be true. Now that the Prefrosh have come through and gone again, let’s hope that only the best and most mature among them will come here. The rest can go to one of the less enlightened institutions to the North of us, or even to the Far East of the continent, to which most, I expect, have also been accepted.

The Honor Code is not just a guide to behavior while on Campus, but hopefully following its precepts and corollaries will be a habit you keep for the rest of your life. "Ahh," say you, "of course, of course...." It reminds me of when my Phys. Ed. instructor in high school asked me (and everyone else in the class, in turn, asked me) whether I would continue sports once I graduated. I was convinced that I would and so I answered, "of course, of course." It was a hopeful lie. I have not, sad to say, "had time" for regular exercise, even though my experience after sports of sporty activity taught me that I did feel so much better when I did. I just don’t have time. And when cardiovascular problems take me away earlier than my genes were programming me to go, it will be clear to all that I did not have time to spend on mere exercises. Hmm?

So be serious about it and carry the sportmanship implied by the code in your heart, applying it not just to your interactions within Tech, but in dealing with the rest of your world. I was unexpectedly launched on this train of thought by a recent story in Science, about the finding that the new group of coelacanthes discovered in Indonesia in 1997 is actually a different species, distinguishable by its DNA from Latimeria chalumnae, the species found off East London, South Africa, and in the Cororito Islands near Madagascar. (The name Latimeria refers to Marjorie Courtman Latimer, the curator of a small museum, who was the first to get a good look at the first fish, which had been caught near the mouth of the Chalumna river on Dec 23, 1938).

Now, even though some 200 coelacanthes have been pulled out of the water in the western Indian Ocean in the last 60 years, a coelacanth is still a big deal. After all, they are living creatures whose close ancestors were already around at the time of the dinosaurs! So finding another population of these creatures 5200 miles away, off the small volcanic island of Manado Tua in Sulawesi, Indonesia, caused a lot of excitement. In July 1998 a 65 lbs., more than 4 foot long Rajah Laut (King of the Sea), was brought to Dr. Erdmann, a biologist who had spent nearly a year hunting it down, interviewing fishermen, monitoring their catches and documenting conditions at fishing sites. The fish was still alive (although it expired a few hours later) and fresh samples of tissue were gathered and preserved while the rest of the fish given to the Indonesian Institute of Sciences. Actually it was the second fish found in Manado. The first fish had been spotted by Erdmann’s wife as it was being wheeled across a parking lot and barely seen by him as it was being sold at the market (I understand it tastes terrible, so I am not sure what it is used for). Now I come to the sad part, the one that justifies the link to the Honor Code. Erdmann, the fish’s “discoverer” sent samples to Texas to have the DNA sequenced, and compared to that of Comorian coelacanthes. When the results came back, he and his collaborators analyzed the data and prepared a manuscript which was sent to Nature for publication. It seemed that in fact the Indonesian and the Comorian coelacanthes were two different species, which last had a common ancestor maybe some 5 million years ago. As reported in the April 2, Science, what happened next is that a second paper arrived at Nature, also describing the Indonesian coelacanth’s DNA. It appears that this second paper originated from the laboratory of Dr. Pouyaud, who had been given a sample by the Indonesian organization to which Erdmann had given the fish. When Nature decided not to publish Pouyaud’s paper he sent it out again, this time to the Comptes Rendus de l’Academie des Sciences, the Proceedings of the French Academy, which publishes very rapidly, if I am correct, essentially without losing time on reviews, revisions etc... Erdmann’s paper is still being digested by the journal’s editorial process. With Pouyaud’s publication, he is left without the priority which was reasonably to be his. Along with priority, the true discoverer also lost the opportunity to name the new species, which was called Latimeria menadoensis by his competitors. A bit of vanity, this naming business, but it must hurt just the same. It is true, as Pouyaud insists, that he was as entitled as anyone else to sequence the DNA. It is also clear that Erdmann had done much of the work leading to the fish’s capture, and had sent his results to the journal first, and should have been allowed to enjoy his champagne.

Ah, would the Honor Code recognized everywhere?

A bientot,

Jean-Paul Revel

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Dean’s Corner

A Big, Old Fish Story

by Jean-Paul Revel

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