In your opportunity to make a difference

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When's the last time you got your hands dirty? How often do you get off-campus? Get to help others? Get to mix and mingle with people from other houses? Especially all in one day? If making a difference appeals to you, but you're not sure how to do it, here is your opportunity. The Caltech Y is proud to announce Make A Difference Day, an invitation for all Caltech students to spend the first Saturday of third term (April 7) exploring the world of community service.

You choose a project from a list of about seven, then the Y provides the meals (all three!), transportation to the site, and an end-of-the-day barbecue and volunteer fair. The volunteer fair starts at 4 pm on April 7 at the Y and is open to the entire campus, even those who do not participate in a project. All it takes to participate is filling out the postcard you'll be getting in your campus mailbox sometime during the first week of third term, dropping it into campus mail, and keeping your day free for service and fun.

At Caltech, it is difficult to find a balance. Much of our time is devoted to classes, problem sets, labs, and some is spent relaxing by talking to friends or getting involved in our houses (and occasionally we even sleep!). Part of the goal of the Y is to help students learn about themselves and their place in the community by providing opportunities that students can not acquire from classes or house events. To achieve this goal, we offer ways to get involved in various service projects in the community. However, we also realize that not everyone is ready to make a big time commitment, and not everyone is certain what kind of community service is best for them.

We hope that Make A Difference Day will change that. Does the idea of building a house for someone who otherwise would not have a place to live appeal to you? What about watching an elderly woman in a nursing home who does not often get visitors? Or watching a child's face light up because you are giving him or her the loving attention that he never got from his parents?

Here is your chance to explore your non-academic talents and the joys of helping others. If you are ready to make a difference in the lives of others - and your own - we hope you will join us!

The Outside World

High School Shooting
Santer, California: Charles “Andy” Williams opened fire on classm ates at Santana High School Monday morning during a break between classes, killing 2 students and wounding 13. Randy Gordon, 17, died on school grounds, and Brian Zucker, 14, died in a nearby hospital. Much-shaken students and teachers returned to school on Wednesday, the same day that Williams, age 15, appeared in court for the first time. If he is convicted of all the charges, he would face 500 years in prison. He is not eligible for death penalty because of his age.

Discovery
Kennedy Space Center, Florida: NASA is all set with the space shuttle Discovery. The shuttle’s mission is to deliver a new crew to the international space station.

Yahoo-new CE wanted!
New York: Yahoo-delivered concerns Wednesday over its first-quarter financial results, which might fall short of previous expectations. It also announced a search for a new Chief Executive to replace Tim Koogle. He will remain the Internet media company’s chairman.

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Have fun during Spring Break!!!
Yoghurt
by: Sue

Some cultures tend to make major events out of ancestor worship. Take the Chinese-in-the-city, whose most revered members are the elderly. Now there’s nothing wrong with that. Personally, I just don’t think that they’re looking back far enough. For my part of hero worship I tend to try to take a bit of a longer view. Fortunately, to my delight and to the delight of 6 and 7 year old boys all over the greater LA county, there is just such a shrine located here. And for a while, not only is there an entire section for worship, they’ve brought in one of the greatest Sue.

For those of you who are convinced that I have gone completely off my rocker (let’s face it, not a bad assumption) let me write truth. The LA County Natural History Museum, from now until April 22, is displaying the cast of Sue, the most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex ever found.

Now what’s the big deal. I mean the T. Rex is dead, deader than disco. Why should you be concerned with the display of a cast? First, we are talking about a huge 13 foot high, 42 foot long skeleton. It’s not a bad assumption) let me write truth. The LA County Natural History Museum, from now until April 22, is displaying the cast of Sue, the most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex ever found.

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Right now, this is a precise cast that can still be used for study, so while it’s not nearly as threatening. If you’re really lucky they’re bringing in one of the best persons that you’ll see in the dinosaur section. Secondly, what person in their right mind is going to try to take a bit of a cast? First, we are talking about a huge 13 foot high, 42 foot long skeleton. It’s not a bad assumption) let me write truth. The LA County Natural History Museum, from now until April 22, is displaying the cast of Sue, the most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex ever found.

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A very house to be allowed to pre-flash this year (the yellow sheet which will pop up a week later would seem to indicate otherwise). A discussion ensues. ASCIT did not support the proposal and neither does ASCIT.

If freshmen are not allowed to live in Avery, it doesn't make sense to allow them to pre-flash there as it doesn't give them any notion of how life is in the other undergraduate houses. The social atmosphere around the seven houses during pre-flash weekend would be hard to reproduce in Avery, especially as Avery is relatively far. It's a whole 5 minutes walk from the South Houses to Avery and we expect the pre-flash to be invaluable.

Given the inadequate mingling opportunities for pre-flash should they live there, ASCIT BoD sends its delegates to inquire further with admissions and sway them away from the idea. Switching to another topic suddenly: we need to start planning the format of the ASCIT budget request forms and to verify that there are undergraduates in the clubs so that the clubs are eligible for ASCIT funding. Some clubs have been formed in Del Mar and Chester facilities. Martha-Helene had a toilet in Del Mar that hadn't been cleaned for a year when she moved in last year. That's gross, and definitely not conducive to a healthy, shiny environment. This issue will be brought up before the undergrad housing committee.

Catalina apartments, or graduate student housing, every two years or so, but it has stopped growing Del Mar and Chester facilities. Martha-Helene had a toilet in Del Mar that hadn't been cleaned for a year when she moved in last year. This issue will be brought up before the undergrad housing committee.

Erik Dill!!! Erik Dill!!!!!! Big T

For all of our lives we've been living in our parents' home, and although most of us still refer to that as "home," it's finally time to make houses for ourselves. But when does a place become a home, or even more interestingly, when does a place stop being one?

A place is a home that makes you comfortable, where you can say and do whatever you feel like without being checked by social conventions. Even in our parents' home, there were things we couldn't do and things we would never say, but here we can be ourselves in our full dorky glory. And unlike almost any other place, there is a complete lack of social stratification and social pressure here. Until I came here I had always felt like a stranger in the world, even with my parents in many ways. Even with the people I was closest with, there was still a distance that could never be bridged. It was as if I was speaking a language that no one else could understand, and for the longest time I was resigned to being alienated forever. Even though we may have grown out of the need to "fit in" to a larger society, we all have a desire for human empathy, and for a lot of us, the only place we've ever found is here.

But a free and friendly environment doesn't just become a home, you have to make it one. The only way to do it is just to care. We all got here because we care about science, and no matter what bitter upperclassmen say, we can't get through Caltech without caring, either. One of the most amazing things about this place is the conspicuous lack of apathy. Caltech demands that we care about classes, and because time is so precious, all the activities that we choose to do are ones we put our hearts into. Thus, Caltech is much more of a home than anywhere we've ever been because this is one that we've made. There is a transience to it — living out of a single room, moving several times a year, and knowing that in a few years we'll be gone — but for these four years, Caltech is not just home, it's our entire lives. At the same time that Caltech is becoming home for all of us, though, our old homes are becoming ever more distant. Although there may be many places that we hold fond and familiar, I think that just as we can only see an optical illusion in one way at a time, there is room for only one home in our hearts. It's often hard even for us to appreciate how much we have changed here, so it would be all but impossible for someone who hasn't gone through the same thing to understand. Even after spending just a summer and two terms here, I know no other life than as a Techer. The last time I went back to Arkansas, I felt even more alien than ever, like I had left my life to go to a place that my heart had already left behind. I still try to keep in touch with friends from high school, but there are more than just miles between us now, there is a whole world. And although my old boyfriend thinks "Maybe someday..." like Arkansas he's past tense.
Caltech men's tennis wins at Cal Lutheran

BY JAE-WOO CHO

The men’s tennis team notched their first win against Cal Lutheran on Tuesday by a score of 6-3, 6-4, 6-1. The match was marked by unfortunate circumstances. Due to the recent rainstorms, the match-up was rescheduled twice. As a result, singles matches were played before doubles matches. However, this did not prevent the rain from interfering with the matches.

The rain started up once again midway after play had started in the matches. Thus, the Caltech players took two roundtrips to finish the game against Cal Lutheran. Even under these circumstances, Caltech showed up confident and ready to defeat Cal Lutheran.

The pace of this conference game was set early. First to win was #2 singles player, Vivek “V Dog” Sankaran. He is a freshman who was once ranked as one of the best players from Wisconsin during his first season. Bulldozing through his opponent with his 6-0, 6-1 showing, he scored. Team score: 1-0.

Next, #3 singles player, Eric “Squealer” Shearer, continued Caltech’s winning tradition. Currently undefeated, he is a senior known for his big shots and smooth style. He won 6-1, 6-0. Team score: 2-0.

Playing inspired, #1 singles player and co-captain, Jason “Smooth” Parthasarathy, showed off their style. They went on to show the world that Caltech was not to be outdone. They went out and promptly won 8-3. Team double score: 2-0. Team score: 4-0.

The #1 doubles team of Sankaran and Palmore were not to be outdone. They went out and promptly won 8-3. Team double score: 2-0. Team score: 4-0.

Amanda Sherer finished their opponents, 8-3. Team double score: 2-1. Team score: 5-1.

The #2 doubles team of Fernandez and Chou showed off their skills in their 8-5 showing. Unable to join on this re- cent trip to Cal Lutheran were the usual #5 singles Arjun “Mr. Happy” Narayanan, Yuki Takahashi and Joseph “The Forehand” Koo.

At the end of the day, Caltech defeated Cal Lutheran, 6-2, 5-7, 5-7. In exchange, the Ducks seemed to get the raw end of the deal by only getting Steve Shields (a backup goalie) and wing Jeff Friesen along with draft picks. Logically this trade makes very little sense from the Ducks perspective, except perhaps to give Selanne a chance to play for a contender. Also making deals before the NHL trade deadline were the Phoenix Coyotes, Tampa Bay Lightning, New York Rangers, and St. Louis Blues.

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# Outside World:

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Stars seen after galactic explosion

NASA's oldest orbiting observatory noticed gigantic star clusters that formed when galaxies collided. On Wednesday, The Hubble Space Telescope released images, with unprecedented focus, of the universe when galaxies crash into one another with greater frequency. The pictures were used to rebuild one particular violent encounter and determine its age. The small galaxy M82 collided with its much larger neighbor M81 approximately 600 million years ago during an event that lasted about 100 million years.

**Bush open with North Korea**

Washington: President Bush reduced South Korea's hopes and plans for a quick resumption of negotiations to end North Korea's missile program, on Wednesday. Instead of continuing with former President Clinton's initiative, Bush, in a straightforward manner, told South Korean President Kim Dae-Jung that he viewed North Korea as a threat.

**Iraq meeting with sanctions**

United Nations: On Wednesday, the chairman of the U.N. sanctions committee said that Iraq was attempting to obtain illegal kickbacks from companies selling humanitarian goods under the United Nations oil-for-food program.

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# Second Thoughts

- Having second thoughts if medical school or graduate school is right for you at this moment?
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# ASCIT:

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not meant to be a make out love shack. We're all for making love, not war, but please not on the new couches. Also, while we can not control the material which will be aired, appropriate judgement should be used in making a selection.

Movies can be reserved for the room, but ASCIT members may not be excluded from watching anything. We hope that student discretion is adequate to allow ASCIT to skirt the violent/pornographic content issue. Keep in mind also that kids shouldn't try some of the things they show courtesy of la Presidenta.

The grad students want ASCIT to help in advertising their ac­


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The Alumni Fund seems to be growing by leaps and bounds, and they want us to milk them. Proposed uses of money include more scholarships and more ac­


activities for alumni and undergrad­


ming. One of the spiffy ideas that came up was to have student-alumni company visits, where undergrads thinking of going directly into the work force can shadow alums at some company.

Alumni would also be willing to serve on advisory committees and making submissions to the option review book, an anthol­


ogy of reviews for respective options. Alumni-student advis­ing is good for choosing elec­tives and all. Having an option review book could steer us away from choosing options we might regret in the future altogether.

At the faculty-board meeting which some of our delegates also attended, there was a major dialogue on the addition of menu courses. There were so many people taking Ge 1 last year that there was a cap this year. If en­


rollment is free and open, the class will become too large and spiral out of control. Oh, the chaos. But it's hardly fair to the Ge major. Dana adds that the number of students who selected that major has tripled since the Ge 1 enrollment has ballooned, which is cool because the Ge profs feel loved now.

More choices need to be available, and in light of this need, Ma 4 will be an intro to chaos, it's not an intro to math in the same respect that Ge 1 and Ay 1 are intros to geology and astronomy, respectively.

In addition, it's unlikely that non math-majors will be taking the class, whereas the menu op­tion was designed to broaden the fields of study of students who weren't planning on taking any more Ge or Ay classes. Well said, well said. On that note, having Env 1 again or an intro to Mechanical Engineering based on building legos would be fun. Also, CNS should totally offer something that isn't gradu­


ate level.

Long, long ASCIT minutes, but a lot was discussed at the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:39 am, Friday morning. Evidently, Justin
**DILBERT® by Scott Adams**

- I'd like my soul back. Here's my claim ticket.
- You've been demoted back to non-management very well.
- Get back in the cubicle.

- Glue glug glug glug glug.
- Wally, would you... um... Glue glug... Wally...
- Okay. I'll wish my company made that one.

**FoxTrot by Bill Amend**

- What are you doing?
- Changing the bulb in my reading lamp.
- The one that was in there with you.

- It made it hard to study.
- Tired.

- If I'm stuck reading a book that puts me to sleep, I change the pillow case. Is this why people are decoration geniuses?

- I see that another daydream is about to go belly-up.
- Any chance the Bizarro Plan B?

- A bad business plan. Lucky management means-the-key forecasts.
- Your father didn't deserve your stock. Application?

- Your comicputer is down, so we're stuck chatting by phone.

- I told you it was possible. Excuse me, Shelly. And while we're at it, I'll make a secure.

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- Wednesdays 125 Baxter, 1:45 PM
- Teaching Assistant: Lisa Waar and Jenifer Haines

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Dreaming of Spring Break? Make plans to join us for an alter-rant Spring Break to Mexico from March 25—March 29, 2001. We will travel as a group and help local people to do various service projects that include painting, laying tile, and general community service projects. Watch for a forum about this information, or please contact Kim Goodfield at extension 685 or by email at Kimberly.Kelly@caltech.edu

Free End-of-Term Ballroom Dance Party What: Caltech Ballroom Dance Party Date: Fri Mar 01 Time: 8:00—11:00 PM

February's theme will be "starting a new chapter" - a theme that appears to be true for many of us. The party will feature an open band and a variety of ballroom activities. See our website for details on tickets and its Web Cam near the front of the store. Contact Kristin Abbott at kristin.abbott@caltech.edu

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The Biomedical Engineering Senior Seminar will continue for the Winter Term on Friday afternoons at 3:40 at Baxter Lecture Hall. More details and applications today require tools and methodologies from a variety of disciplines. It is no longer enough to know only molecular biology and genetics or even their relation to complex physiological systems. This seminar will focus on research in engineering, computational science, chemistry, physics, and biology.

The group usually discusses a particular topic of interest to the general discussion. Refreshments will be shared and there will be a Web Cam near the front of the store. Contact Kristin Abbott at kristin.abbott@caltech.edu

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