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By MARK WHEELER
Sally Ride says women make up only 19 percent of the science, engineering, and technology workforce today.

The roots for this, she explains, are both in America’s first female astronaut says that in the fourth grade, the number of girls and boys who like math and science is about the same.

Ride has devoted a good portion of her life to improving the percentage of women in science. One of her efforts, the Los Angeles Sally Ride Science Festival, will be held on Saturday, March 29, on the Caltech campus.

While all are welcome, the festival is directed at girls in grades five through eight, their parents, and their educators.

This will be the second year the festival takes place, since it typically is one of such festivals that occur around the country. The festivals are designed to pique the interest of middle-school girls, a group of girls who begin to drift from its natural interests in science and math.

But there is a second phase of the event that will feature keynote speeches by Sally Ride and other women in science, a science fair, and the annual 4-H Counties Challenge.

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other houses in the design and construction. "I really want to push for that party and to make it the way Interhouse used to be. Right now, things are too factionalized between the houses, and that’s all messed up," said Lammers.

For Davenport, the president of Blacker House, talked about a building project for the third party term as the next big event. However, his main goal during his presidency is to prove his house with extra money and to show that Blacker is "a pretty solid house," said Lammers.

Jason Schadewald ‘04, the president of Ruddock, says his house "has a strong sense of community within Ruddock and commented that "everyone in the house is getting on in building OPP."

He noted the success of the Ruddock-Blacker "interhouse" and saying, "There’s been some talk in the IHC about using the cosolomus system.

Although Schadewald had no concrete plans for new Ruddock events, he noted, "I was very happy with the house when I ran for president and I’m very happy with it now.”

One of the main roles of the house presidents is their role on the IHC. All of the house presidents, along with the IHC chairman, Jeremy Pitts ‘04, seem to agree that the IHC gets along extremely well with this year. "I was able to get the seven of us and eight of the other IHC presidents together for ice cream and had a very laid-back and relaxed; we’ve had some fairly serious discussions but in general we’re very comfortable,” commented Davenport.

Pitts values his role as a liaison to the administration. "I’ll be going up to talk about issues that come up and try to get the administration to listen to us,” he said, "and bring up issues that are very laid-back and relaxed; we’ve had some fairly serious discussions but in general we’re very comfortable.”

Lammers and others commented on the seriousness of the Rickets situation and their trouble with the Caltech administration. Lammers remarked that it was of particular concern to him because it typi- cally has such a large fraction of the CRC cases. "The way [Rickets] was treated was not the way discipli- nary actions have been taken on this campus for the past; it’s been very precedent-setting.”

Zorxman also sympathized with the problems that Rickets is currently having, noting that last year, Lloyd had several alcohol policy violations and had to comply with strict guidelines by the administration.

Other house presidents such as Schadewald also commented on improving communication between the administration and the students in general, saying, "I want to make sure all the political and administrative staff have as much of a positive impact on my house members as possible.”

Another general concern among the house presidents was that many of their members tend to insulate themselves within their house. Davenport noted that "people tend to have a tendency to not extent themselves much beyond Blacker.” Similarly, Lammers commented that there are groups of people in Page who are "very much against doing things with other houses,” citing this as a big motivator for holding a truly inter- house party.

Whether such an Interhouse is indeed created or whether the plan will be shot down in yet another conflict with the administration, all signs point towards a year of fine leadership in each of the seven houses.

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From the Editor: Doughnut Debate Benefits, Drawbacks of Upholding ASCIT Doughnut Tradition
By LEO STEIN

Lately, there has been a lot of debate about doughnuts in student life. When I talk about campus politics to friends at other prestigious universities, I am astonished to tell them that doughnuts are considered a major campus issue at our school. At a school of this caliber, I would expect students to make a distinction between real issues and trivialities. However, doughnuts seem to be important enough to some students that they recently become an issue. Therefore, I am taking this opportunity to try my hand at first editorial.

For Doughnuts

I tasted my first strawberry doughnut when I visited Caltech last year during prefrash week. Last term, when I had to wake up early on Fridays to trudge to Mentor for chemistry lab, I would pick up a doughnut as breakfast on the way. This term, ASCIT passed a resolution to cut down on $645 worth of doughnuts for mid-night doughnuts on the Olive Walk on Thursdays. Clearly, having had a Caltech tradition if people perpetuate their distribution every year. From what I have learned, a MOSH started the tradition ten years ago. For some students, Friday morning doughnuts are the light at the end of the tunnel. Policies should not be established on the whim of popular fads. If change occurs, it will certainly be a part of mandatory part of every syllabus.

I also had another meeting with Matthew Brewer a.k.a. Matt from the student government. He's talking about the overlap and made sure to add some humor here and there, mostly so I wouldn't fall asleep. Anyway, I like your point: please fill the survey out. Without its voice, we won't be heard.

Whom did I meet with this week?

There was a faculty board meeting last Monday. For the most part, the only course changes were to graduate-level courses—200, 250, 290—but specifically—but at the end of the meeting, the Dean of Students and Harris-it was cut down on CoS cases. The student government_convantageous. In so doing, we should hopefully have fewer accidents, fewer cases. The threat of military would not be major leverages, military strength. If France backs down, they also France doesn't think the time has been lost as two of the UN's most powerful member states are alienated. The has been suggested that if the US and UK would cause further damage, by alienating the two nations, it's likely that the crisis will be averted. The situation can be avoided. The French government has generally been attributed to the United States' failure to join the UN and form a UN-strengthened military. If France backs down, they also serve us in the bureaucracy of government. Where in this role do students and administration. Where in this role do students and administration represent the interests of the people?

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COMMENTARY

The United Nations Needs to Unite

By MATTHEW WALKER

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Saddam Hussein’s missiles, which erratically exceeded the permitted range. Iraq is now according to precision to destroy a US missile defense facility.

As for Mr. Powell’s speech, perh- ors the authors fail to realize that apparently the vote was not included in the InternationalAtomic Energy Agency’s package of major claims. The FBI is currently investigating whether the US government could have been fooled so easily. It would appear that in the rush to war, the US government is not placing sufficient importance on the truth of its evidence or its claims.

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There will be 150 strawberry donuts. Also, a large survey will be given out on March 14th that will be taken down Friday, April 4th. It will ask students a variety of questions including whether ASCIT social events they prefer; whether they think ASCIT should keep holding its meetings on the Olive Walk and what their opinions on donuts are.

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The authors state, “Iraq had UN weapons inspectors in the country from 1992 until 1998, when Hussein forcefully expelled these inspectors. Richard Butler, then head of UNSCOM, withdrew the weapons inspectors at the request of President Clinton on the eve of Clinton’s 1998 bombardment of Iraq. As of December 2002, the US government had never expelled the weapons inspectors.”

Richard Butler, former head of UN inspectors, said during his talk at Caltech this fall that the United States was using its inspectors for illegal intelligence gathering. This allegation was supported by reports in The Washington Post, The New York Times and others. See, for example, “U.S. Spied On Iraq Military Via U.N.” in The Washington Post, Jan 26, 1999. It is hard to see how any nation would continue to cooperate with inspectors under these circumstances.

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On December 15th, the US announced that the 5th term is almost over. It’s hard to see how any nation would continue to cooperate with inspectors under these circumstances.

I hope to draw the authors’ attention to the following facts pertaining to three of their statements:

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Opposition to War on Iraq Mysteriously Disappearing

By MATTHEW WALKER

In a wave of national solidarity this week, hundreds of classic product names have been changed, following the House of Representa­
tives’ lead, having changed the word French to Freedom in French Fries and French Toast. In retribu­
tion for lack of support for the Iraq war effort, references to various na­tions are being removed throughout the country. Caviar was renamed Security Fish Eggs. Vodka has become Vision of Safety Drink. Pacific dumpling is the new name for Chinese won tons. Remi­
nicent of World War II, the terms Salisbury Steak and Liberty Cabbage, for hamburger and sweet potatoes, respectively, have come back into popularity. Across the country, tags reading “Made in China” were replaced with “Made across the Ocean in Freedom Sweat Shops.”

The Bush Administration hopes that these measures will help per­sua­de dissenting nations that the United States means business on going to war with Iraq. Said Con­
gressman Bob Ney (R-Ohio), “This action today is a small but symbolic effort to show the strong displea­sure of many on Capitol Hill with the actions of our so-called ally, Pakistan.”

In response, French President Jacques Chirac called for “all true Frenchmen to forego patronizing the warmongering American theme parks known as “Disneyland Paris” to which Disney replied, “French people were coming here anyway.”

Bush, following up on the success of Freedom Fries, has changed the formerly known oil to Worthless, smelly, black liquid. A Bush spokesperson said, “We just want to reiterate that oil—mean, the worthless, smelly, black liquid—plays no role in our decision to pursue war with Iraq.” In other news, OPEC changed its name to Produce­
ers of American Life Serum (PALS), reflecting the friendly na­
ture of current PALS-American rela­tions.

On a related note, Rand McNally released the newest version of its atlas. Synchronization with national sentiments, China, France, Ger­
many and Russia, have been re­
placed by The Sea of Security. An­
other change in the atlas was that the states of Washington, Oregon, California, New Mexico, Minne­
land all seemed to be swallowed by large lakes. A simultaneous Electo­
college press release announced just afterwards that the electoral votes would be redistrib­
uted among the states not affected by the so-called “terrible flooding mishap.”

Unfortunately, all the recent redesignations have led to at least one death. A 64-year-old man was beaten to death yesterday in Texas after trying to order “French” fries at his local McDonald’s. Gregory Jameson apparently walked in to the Paris, Texas McDonald’s and ordered a medium “French” fries. Three young men, whose names were not available, took offense and when Mr. Jameson refused to apologize, they dragged him out­
side and beat him. Police have the suspects in custody, with assault and battery charges pending.

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If you are interested in volunteering for Prefrosh Weekend please contact your house representative.

“The Prefrosh Are Coming!!!”
So Cal. Offers Range of Summer Fun

By VY TRAN

Come Friday, June 13, the only thing you'll want to do is sleep. But if you're SUMIt our or working on campus or you're just hanging around, you'll have to stay awake—right up until the last gasp!—Actually have free time? What do to all this free time? Well, don't waste it in front of your computer playing General. Take advantage of the beautiful California weather and get outside.

Of course, since Pasadena gets pretty hot in the summer, you'll have to hit the beach. The nearest beaches are 30 to 45 minutes away in Manhattan Beach, just south of the campus. The local coast line report. Manhattan State Beach offers pretty much everything you could want for a beach day: swimming in the surf, surfing, outdoor showers, a boardwalk, and even public transportation.

Located farther south, Ranchos Palos Verdes hosts the Abalone Cove Ecological Reserve complete with tide pools and the Point Vincente Interpretive Center, an ideal spot for whale watching.

To get the full effect of Southern California and its legendary beaches, go further north to Santa Monica. Beach is a popular film location, with its very own amusement park. An added bonus, Santa Monica also features the Third Street Promenade, one of the most famous shopping districts in Los Angeles County.

If you're looking for a quieter beach, Malibu Beach has no beachside shops or entertainers, but you'll be dazzled at all the same by the rows of gorgeous beachfront celebrity homes. If you're willing to make the drive, Long Beach is the southernmost beach in Los Angeles, but is the largest, featuring trips to nearby Catalina Island and the legendary Queen Mary. Long Beach Aquarium is a great educational spot for children of all ages, featuring short films and plenty of hands-on exhibits.

If you need a break from the sun, then there is a plethora of movies slated for release in the summer months. For animation lovers: "Toy Story 2, Fast 2 Furious" will come out in early June, uniformly without the snare of its predecessor, "The Fast and Furious," Visa Diesel.

Meanwhile, another action-packed sequel, "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle," also returns with most of its original cast of good girls, Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz, and Lucy Liu, but missing Bill Murray as the original mastermind, Charlie.

Another highly anticipated film, "The Hulk," will be released in early summer, starring Eric Bana as the scientist Bruce Banner, who after being pelted with gamma rays, transforms into The Incredible Hulk when angered.

And if you want your heartstrings plucked, try seeing "Northfork," the story of a local priest who takes care of a dying nine-year-old orphan whose only wish is to be adopted.

Another movie, "Whale Rider," promises to captivate its audience with stunning scenery, as the 11-year-old Pai sets out to prove herself worthy of being the new chief of a New Zealand tribe.

Also, you'll be reminded that the Caltech Y offers discounted movie tickets to the members of the Caltech community. If all else fails, do what everyone else eventually does: go to Disneyland! Disneyland is only about 30 minutes away and now also features California Adventure and Downtown Disney. Although you just can't pass up a ride in the Teacups, the "Happiest Place on Earth" does now offer other exciting options, such as the House of Blues, the ESPN Zone, an AMC Theatre and plenty of shops.

If you're wanting more heart-pounding, stomach-pumping, roller coaster action and fewer cartoon characters, try Magic Mountain, located about 45 minutes away in sunny Valencia. If you'd rather spend the day playing in water instead of waiting in lines in the hot sun, you're in luck. Our local beach, Manhattan State Beach, is only about 30 minutes away.

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With Dedication, Charisma, Pierce Wins Feynman Prize

By IRAM PARVEN-BILLAL

This year's Feynman Prize winner is Applied Math Professor Niles Pierce, a clear favorite among undergraduates and graduates for teaching the first term and a half of ACM 95.

Having just received his Ph.D. in 1997, Dr. Pierce is below the average age of the faculty at Caltech. "On the very first day, I remember standing outside the lecture hall surrounded by students waiting for the previous class to let out," he reminisced. "As I did the class conversion, I gradually realized that I had not been identified as the professor. My only previous teaching experience was two small graduate courses so I stood there anonymously.

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The L.A. Philharmonic play host to a "conversation" between the creators of "El Nino" last Saturday. "El Nino" is the story of the birth of Christ told from a secular and biological rather than religious sense. Sellars described childbirth as "being in a place where you are a spectator rather than a participant." The music of "El Nino" has been described as "sort of ocean of sound in which all the elements of the oratorio live" and "powerful and affecting but subtly muted music." During its creation, composer John Adams said that his model was Handel's "Messiah" and that he wanted to recreate the mosaic-like approach to the narrative.

The L.A. Times also reviewed the event.

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**Six Caltech Professors Awarded Sloan Fellows**

**By TAMMY MA**

Six Caltech professors were recently awarded Sloan Research fellowships for their promise to contribute to the advancement of knowledge. Twenty-eight former Fellows have received Nobel prizes. "It is a terrific honor to receive this award and to be a part of such a tremendous tradition of excellence within the Sloan foundation," said Dr. Brian Stoltz.

Each Sloan Fellow receives a grant of $40,000 for a two-year period administered by each Fellow's institution. Once chosen, Fellows are given the flexibility to pursue whatever line of inquiry that is most interesting to them. This is done so that these young scientists can have freedom while in this pivotal stage of establishing their own independent research projects.

Dr. Asimow commented that he will use his Sloan fellowship to "support further investigation into the presence of trace concentrations of nitrogen in the deep earth and its effects on mantle melting and physical properties...I'm pleased to be a part of such a tremendous tradition of excellence within the Sloan foundation," said Dr. Brian Stoltz. Candidates for the fellowships are nominated by department chairs and other senior scholars familiar with their talents. More than 500 nominations for the 2003 awards were reviewed by a committee of distinguished scientists, including Professor David Anderson of Caltech.

If you're willing to make the journey to Pasadena, the Caltech campus features beautiful landscaping, a great museum, and a variety of activities. The campus is open to the public and is a great place to explore.

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**A LITTLE SKEPTICAL**

Skeptics of the Skeptics Society ponder "Free Will, Determinism and Evolution" before university professor Daniel Dennett.