Taking Issues of Gender Inequality to Heart

By Dave Gunkin

On a day when most young men bought bouquets and chocolates to make women feel appreciated, Dr. Alan Johnson reminded his audience that "our good intentions mean nothing if we're silent.

Johnson was speaking on the reluctance of both men and women to address issues of gender inequality. In his Valentine's Day seminar, he said that sexism has become "more subtle and more intrinsically woven" into today's society, causing the false impression that the battle of the sexes is nearly over.

One of the fundamental ways in which sexism is still subtly apparent, Johnson maintained, is the fact that society is highly patriarchal. "Maleness is such a well-recognized identity in this society..." the way words like "manly" and "brotherhood" are used to generalize about the human race.

Also, more recently, girls and women refer to each other as "guys" with increasing frequency. Though they may embrace such practices, Johnson asserted that females are not to blame for most issues of gender inequality. What Johnson said was at the root of sexism was not the relationship between a man and a woman, but the relationship between men.

He claimed that men are driven to control women mostly to assert their power to other men who may suspect them weak. In order to avoid being termed "whipped" by his peers, a man will choose a dominating role over a more equal one with his partner.

Johnson warned that such

Career Day brings opportunities, goodies

By Dave Gunkin

Here at Caltech, most of us are average Techers. We stay up late nights to finish assignments and we complain about bad grades on midterms. On Career Tech Day, however, we discover that being "average" in Caltech's eyes is "best of the best" in everyone else's.

"I felt like a big hunk of meat," commented one sophomore EE major, loaded down with free stuff gleaned from attending businesses soliciting the employ of Caltech students. Almost a hundred companies attended, ranging from the scientific (Lawrence Livermore Labs and NASA Ames Research) to the internet.com's (Idealab! and Excite@Home) to the more mundane (Disney Imagineering and Applied Materials). Endless opportunity abound in Brown Gym, the site of the Career extravaganza. However, as many students discovered, most companies were looking for a commitment in the form of full-time employees. In fact, many of the software and computing companies were exclusively interested in those with a strong CS and EE background. Add to that the necessity for graduating Seniors to fill long-term employment contracts, and the route to summer job looked difficult indeed.

Here's an example of a conversation between a Techer named Bobby and a representative from a prestigious Internet company:

Bobby: Hey... can I have some free stuff?

All was not lost, however. Techers like Bobby still have the competitive advantage over other applicants, and especially over other college students. Our Honor Code, extremely rigorous coursework and numerous experiences with research give us an edge that other, more "liberal arts" students don't necessarily have. The event, organized by the Caltech Career Development Center, is held every year to allow low students to sample the "real world" and investigate job opportunities. In addition, it provides a chance to work on their resume and interview skills.

Excomm appoints Tuttle

By Justin Kao

"In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors due to 'NO' winning the election, the Executive Committee may appoint an individual to fill the office and perform all of its duties, until the end of its term or another individual is elected under the terms of section 12.2 - ASCIT bylaws, article 8 section 9.

In January's election, NO won for ASCIT President for the first time in known history. Following ASCIT bylaws, the Executive Committee consisting of Clifford Hicks (Chair), Puneet Newaskar, Abraham Ankumah, Nicholas Breen and Baldeep Sadhal appointed Eric Tuttle, a junior from LLoyd House, as new ASCIT President.

According to past president Baldeep Sadhal, "No winning the election for a BOD position is, as far as known, unprecedented. The Excomm didn't have any set procedures to follow, and the Bylaws aren't much of a guide... we wanted to be sure that we chose the best-suited candidate in an impartial and efficient manner. The method we decided upon was a combination of written application and oral interview. The idea was that we would be able to make a rough selection based on the written responses, and then do a more in-depth interview for the remaining candidates to make the final selection."

Among the factors considered was each candidate's "hold on reality, their interest in the position, and when you voice your concerns, you are armed with some questions on previous experience, familiarity with students in various institutions, how well they ran in the election, and time to the job, among others."

Said Baldeep, "Similar experience played a crucial role in selection," as he remembers being "pretty much clueless" when he took on the position. In addition, it was important to select a president who would perform well as an "ambassador" for the students. According to Eric, "the selection committee was pretty thorough in the interviews," while Baldeep noted that "The Excomm was impressed by his experience working with organizations and in group situations."

On applying for the position, Eric commented "I was really disappointed with the vote for NO..."
In reports on the progress of the little T and the Big T. He answers to date on the projector Mann's licenses to the movie reels, reports that it has not been tested new equipment will increase funding for third term and first years. Car problems? Tune Lips, old change, brakes, barriers.

Guests: Christian Thomas, Laura reports that the BoC installation will probably be on March. She is over 29. A director from each house (usually the Social Directors) and ASCIT will just continue. If a large house pulls out a "smaller T," another solution is to hand out copies from previous years to just the freshman or to have a PDF version online. Baldepp tells Sean that he has complete control over the finances of the publications. Laura comments that this is the first year that the BoC bylaws will be printed in the little T. She also mentions that the BoC is going to propose a change in their bylaws concerning the appointment of BoC reps. They would like to have staggered elections to solve the problem of having too many new BoC members at the same time. Baldepp tells her that a two-thirds majority of the voting population is required for a bylaw change. The BoD goes back to the subject of officer appointments. Eric notes that interviews will take a long time. We decide that the sign-ups will be announced this Friday, February 18 and will be taken down next Friday, February 25. The sign-ups will be on the door of the ASCIT office, SAC 33. Martha-Helene proposes splitting up the BoD to conduct interviews, which most people agreed was a good idea. The old BoD members bring the new BoD up to date about the ASCIT movies. Baldepp mentions several movie arguments: they propose social interaction, there is nothing else to do Friday night, and it is the only opportunity to see old movies in that format. The BoD also considers having a DVD video library and/or movies in Moore.

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GUESTS: Christian Thomas, Tim Crosby, and Erik Dill. First time for new BoD called to order at 11:30 pm.

Gurt reports that new officer installations will probably be on Thursday, February 24 at the MOSF house.

Guests: Christian and Tim bring us up to date on the projector Mann's Theater donated to Caltech. Tim reports that it has not been tested yet, but he is confident they can get it to work. They request funding for third term and first year of next year, saying that the new equipment will increase attendance at the weekly showings. Most of the costs are for the licenses to the movie reels, which are about $3000 a term for 10 movies. Erik "Mr. Publications" Dill reports on the progress of the little T and the Big T. He answers the question: "1999 little T, where the hell is it?" It is "on the road to getting printed," according to Erik. He estimates that cost will be $4.55 per book for an order of 1100 books, 300 pages each. As for the Big T, it is "underway and well in hand." Erik reminds us that senior submissions are due February 22, which is next week. He also proposes a monthly meeting with ASCIT and the publications staff to give updates and report on their progress and financial status. Erik is also developing a guidebook entitled "How Not to Screw Up the little T." Quote from Erik: "According to Baldepp, publication directors hide in their office and ASCIT only finds out when things go horribly, horribly wrong." General Meeting: Eric begins with the subject of ASCIT appointed offices, which include Tech, little T, Big T Business Managers; little T, Big T, and Totem Editors; and Election and Movie Chairs. The Social Director also needs to nominate an Executive Director (typically the Social Director from each house) and the President needs to choose an Executive Committee.

Laura reports that the BoC does not have all the house representatives yet, but they will be chosen by Thursday. The BoD starts talking about money and the little T. Baldepp says that the cost to ASCIT is $3000 for third term, but he suggests putting money from sponsored events into the ASCIT account to help with the third term, since the budget did not cover it.

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actions have serious con­sequences.

"It isn't exactly a coincidence that most violent crimes are committed by men...and in schools today, girls are not the ones getting the pens and going on shooting sprees," he said.

He cited that men are generally more disru­ptive and messy than women. In a statement analogous to the unexplainable emotional pain of women in Betty Friedan's "The Feminine Mystique," Johnson attributed men's anxiety to the pressure of living in a society where they are encouraged to seize power.

The solution, Johnson said, is "for men to take responsi­bility" for their actions and try not to succumb to the competition fellow men pose to them.

Johnson is the author of the book "Gender Knot" and is a frequent lecturer at many universit­ies around the country.

Editorial: A Woman's contribution to sexism

BY DANA SAHAVA

When I left the Women's Center on Valentine's Day after attending Dr. Alan Johnson's seminar entitled "The Struggle for Gender Equality Doesn't Have to Be a Battle Between the Sexes," I was very disappointed.

My disappointment stemmed not from the material presented by Johnson, who spoke quite thoroughly and eloquently on the topic of sexism, but rather from the behavior of his audience.

Naturally, the attendees were almost entirely women. What bothered me was that, when it came time for a question-and-answer period, they acted as women for hundreds of years have acted: like they deserved to be dominated.

When they raised their hands to pose a question, the tips of their fingers barely reached eye level.

When they spoke, they began with phrases like "I don't know..." and ended them with "...I guess." They giggled and smiled their way through their sentences as if to say, "Don't worry. I don't need to be taken seriously."

Men, as Johnson said, may be the root of the sexism problem, but no matter how much they change for the better, issues of gender inequality will not be resolved until women behave like they want to be treated fairly.

No woman deserves to be the victim of sexism, but if she exceeded the attitude that she wouldn't tolerate it, men would have no choice but to comply.

Too many women claim to aid the women's movement by discussing men's faults without realizing the subtleties of their own actions that contradict their stated desire to be on par with men.

Women have come a long way in the last century and no one is expected to change in an instant. But if women today were just a little louder, a little less giggly, and a little more obnoxious about what they want, perhaps they would not be the kind of people men love to dominate.

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Sports Update

CALTECH ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Nita Losoponkul, Women's Tennis (Junior/East Hills, N.Y.) - Junior women's tennis player Nita Losoponkul's three-set win at No. 2 singles last Friday clinched a 5-4 victory for Caltech against Occidental. The women's tennis team is currently 4-0 on the season, tied for the best start in program history.

Losoponkul is undefeated in singles competition during those four matches and is 3-1 in doubles play.

She has dropped only two sets in her four singles matches thus far.

Baseball

(3-4, 0-3 SCIAC)

The Beavers were swept last weekend by Pomona-Pitzer (1-13, 1-12, 1-21) to open the conference season.

Senior left fielder Matt Sullivan hit safely in all three games, going 4-for-11 (.364) with a double, a home run, and an RBI. Junior catcher Tim Buschman also collected hits in all three games, batting 3-for-10 (.300) with an RBI. Junior Eric Tallford pitched four innings of relief in game two of the series, scattering six hits while allowing just two earned runs.

Men's Basketball

(1-20, 0-10 SCIAC)

Caltech dropped a pair last week to La Verne (39-62) and Redlands (54-48). On Wednesday against La Verne, Jonathan Bird added 10 points and a team-best nine rebounds while Jay Henderson came off the bench to tally 10 points.

Men's Tennis

(2-1, 1-0 SCIAC)

Caltech dropped its SCIAC opener on Friday against Occidental (2-5). The Beavers won two of three doubles matches, with the teams of Matt Musick/Arjun Narayanan and Jason Wong/Freric Sheer helping Caltech earn the doubles point. Chris Lepley was the lone singles winner for Caltech, earning a 5-7, 6-1, 6-2 decision at No. 4 singles.

Women's Tennis

(4-0, 1-0 SCIAC)

The women's tennis team swept Occidental (5-4) and Biola (6-3) last weekend, improving to 4-0 and tying the school record for the best start to a season.

Caltech also opened 4-0 in the 1994 and 1997 seasons. Against Occidental, the Beavers swept the three doubles matches, but Oxy rallied back to tie the score at 4-4 with one match remaining.

Caltech's Nita Losoponkul needed three sets, but pulled out a 7-5, 2-6, 6-3 victory at No. 2 singles to secure the 5-4 team win (see athlete of the week).

Losoponkul and Susan Sher each earned singles wins against both Occidental and Biola while the doubles teams of Nalini Colaco/Doriniska Rytwinska and She/Caroline Lim won twice.

Not many new things are being planned by the Y currently. However, one item that is Ying Tian, who is in charge of Caltech's contribution to Project Angel Food, is once again requesting assistance with his weekly runs. The purpose of this program is to deliver food to housebound people living with HIV/AIDS. The time commitment lasts but 1 hour from 2:00 PM to 1:00 PM on Fridays. For more information, please e-mail Ying at ccy@caltech.edu.

As a reminder, students who are eligible for Federal Workstudy can get paid for performing community service. Various activities which the Y offers in which Workstudy funds can be made available include Project Angel Food, tutoring middle/high school students through the Y, and Alternative Spring Break.

Alternative Spring Break

For people who are planning to stay at Caltech during Spring Break, consider doing a community service activity in one of two locations away from Caltech. The first location is Earthtime Ranch in Arizona. This trip will take place from March 16-20 and will be limited to 7 or 8 students. Later during Spring Break is the March 23-26 trip to Tecolote, Mexico which will be limited to 15 students. Interested students should contact Annette Cady (cady@caltech.edu) at ext. 6163.

George Trip

There will be a trip to the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles on February 26, 2000 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The cost of admission is free and transportation will be provided. Spaces are limited. Contact Athena Castro (castroa@caltech.edu) or ext. 6163 for more information.

General Info

The Caltech Y holds weekly meetings on Mondays at 12:15 PM in the Y Lounge behind Steele House. We welcome anyone who is interested in learning about what the Y does or who wants to get involved. Bring your ideas, your friends, and your lunch. If you would like to get e-mails about Y-events, Y-outdoor events, or Y-community service events, please e-mail Andrew Hafer at hafer@caltech.edu with the e-mail mailing list you would like to placed on. If you have further questions concerning any of the activities mentioned above, feel free to e-mail me at dogbert@caltech.edu.

Ynews

by Kenneth Kuo

The annual Caltech Invitational was held last weekend at Fox Stanton Track and Field. Ian Sherry won the 800 meter (2:05.2) and 3000 meter runs (9:06.5). Adrian Seymour took second in the 1500 meters and fifth at 800 meters.

In the women's competition of the Caltech Invitational, Serena Eley finished second in the 400 meter dash, third in the 200 meter and fifth in the 800 meters. Amy Kelly took third in the 300 meter run and sixth at 1500 meter while Amy Dulio finished third in the javelin and fifth in the discus. Submitted by Chris Hughes, Director of Athletics Media Services.

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Bryce Engelbrecht is a 1996 alum of Caltech and a senior manager at TenFold. He will be interviewing candidates on Feb 25.
Parents are always hungry for news of their children away at college. But the students, while they love their family, are mostly relieved to be semi-independent and often find it hard to say anything. This week, however, there was a ready-made topic—Valentine's Day. You did write to Mom and Sis, didn't you? Or has your heart already been hardened by all that physics or biology? You love them, yes, but there was a math homework set due. Love is a very complicated and unfaithable thing. It has been put more elegantly, but I'll let you read Donne, Shakespeare, or one of many other poets who all wrote red-ribboned verse about this great day. Even NASA, not usually renowned for its romantic propensities, celebrated by placing a space probe, NEAR (Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous), in orbit around the asteroid Eros on the morning of the 14th! And you, Jean-Paul, didn't you know, Eros, when seen from the right angle at least, looks a bit like a heart.

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Congressman Jim Costa seeks: the contributions of all Caltech students for service during this exciting summer at the California legislature, and would share in the joy and labor of the political campaign. To apply or for information: vannyvory@its.caltech.edu or phone 626-791-5103.

Be a part of the earthquake team. The U.S. Geological Survey (on cam­pus) is looking for a part time intern for ongoing monitoring and program­ming of an automatic, web-based system for reporting, monitoring, and damage data (see http://pa.sedan.wr.usgs.gov/cim.htm). Sometimes exciting and sometimes mundane, Monitor the Caltech Bruer Center. Email: kru@gec.caltech.edu.

Caltech guitar classes for the win­ner quarter will meet on Tuesdays in Sloan 118 for 7:30-8:30 pm, with the following: Beginning Guitar Class 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.; Intermediate Guitar Class 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.; Advanced Guitar Class 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Classical and flamenco repertoires are explored, but techniques transfer to electric guitar also. Beginning Class includes a jazz/folk chord system. Classes are free to Caltech students. Inquire at the Caltech community (space permit­ting). Undergrads can receive 3 units of credit. The winner, Darryl Den­ning, has an international background in performance, teaching and record­ing (two of his CDs are available in the Bookstore). Mr. Denning can be reached at 323-465-4831 or by email david.denning@home page at http://www.its.caltech.edu/ u015m55/guitar.html.

Independent Record label looking for part time intern. Duties are based in music industry and will include someone reliable and responsible. If you have a resume please send via email to independent-recordlabel@its.caltech.edu, visit our website http://orcl.net to learn more about our company.

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Department through the Safety Office. Training will be held Monday, April 18th from 12:00 noon in the Baxter Lecture Hall on Thu., May 9. Learn what to do be­fore, during and after an earthquake. The session is limited to the first 100 people who sign up. For reservations call Caprese Anderson at x7602.

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The Literary Facefulness is pleased to announce the Annual Hall Smith Competition, honoring the finest essay devoted to Shakespeare. Only full­time, officially registered undergradu­ates are eligible to enter the essay. All submissions must be typed and double spaced, and should not ex­ceed 2,000 words. All of the essays will be reviewed by a panel of judges, and the winner will be announced in late May. For more information, contact Prof. LaBelle, x5005, or Barbara Estrada, x3609.

The Jewish Loan Association is offering interest-free student loans to qual­ified individuals for tuition, books and supplies, and living expenses. Ap­plications are due at the Caltech Off­ice of Student Financial Aid minimum of one year of undergraduate study and have a 2.5 GPA or above. For further information, please contact the Jewish Loan Association at 213-761-8830 or 844-464-3331.

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