In addition to the many changes impacting the Caltech community, such as housing renovations, budget crises, and the construction of a new astrophysics building, Caltech also faces an impending change in leadership. The search for a replacement for the current university president, Dr. David Baltimore, is underway.

In an email sent through the Caltech Directory dated October 3, 2005, Baltimore announced his intention to retire from his presidential office of nine years on June 30, 2006. Baltimore will remain in office until a successor is appointed, while continuing in his position as Professor of Biology at Caltech and serving this year as the president-elect of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

In the meantime, the Presidential Search Committee (PSC), composed of Caltech faculty members, was formed to search for the Institute’s next leader. In January, many of the PSC met with then-ASCT BOD members Warner Leedy, Peter Foley, Ryan Farmer, and Parvathy Menon to obtain undergraduate feedback regarding what the PSC should look for in a presidential candidate.

With regard to the undergraduate meeting with the PSC, Leedy commented, “Our own views on the topic were mostly the same: we expressed them in a pretty heartfelt manner and they were well-received.”

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Rudds Work Hard for a Successful Interhouse Party

BY: MARISSA CEVALLOS

Behind the giant elephant, windmill, and bright lights at Saturday night’s OPI was the elaborate construction needed for the latest party, which was themed on Moulin Rouge. The elaborate construction needed for the latest party, which was themed on Moulin Rouge.

“First, Mike Kolodrubetz hit his finger with a hammer,” said Woods. “Another time, our president [Ricky Jones] dislocated his shoulder holding up wallboard. Later in the day, Michael Betancourt slipped on dance floor and fractured his finger—Ricky saw him in the waiting room as he was leaving the ER.”

The construction crew ran into a few problems while building the party—for example, Ruddock’s courtyard is not flat, so the legs under the dance frame had to be measured individually to account for the tilt. With less than 30 minutes before the start of the party, some people noticed that the nose of the elephant was not secured. During a panicked 15 minutes, Rudds reinforced the loose PVC pipe in the elephant’s nose. This work paid off, enabling the nose to shoot out confetti at 60-minute intervals.

“We also meant to have 120-130 light bulbs for the lit Moulin Rouge sign,” said Woods. “Instead, we only had 99 ten-watt bulbs, but that was because we bought out the entire stock at the store.”

NCAA Update from Campus Leaders

A JOINT STATEMENT OF THE BOD AND THE IHC

To the Members of the ASCIT,

Last week IHC Chair Craig Montuori published an article in the Tech suggesting that Caltech was considering dropping all NCAA sports. The conclusions he drew in his article and some of his supporting facts were not completely accurate, so we would like to clarify a few points. Furthermore, the tone of the article implied more than the facts actually supported, so we feel that an explanation is necessary.

Sharon Borbon, an assistant to the provost who is carrying out a special assignment for Vice President Marigo Marshak, initially met with the IHC at the invitation of Dr. Marshak, on Thursday, February 24 to get informal feedback about the importance of NCAA participation to students. In fact, Mrs. Borbon is meeting with many members of the Caltech community at Dr. Marshak’s request in order to assess aspects of our athletic program. It is commendable that Vice President Marshak and Mrs. Borbon went out of their way to contact their constituents. Their willingness to be open with students is precisely the type of interactions that students have demanded, and it is regrettable that Mrs. Borbon was criticized for her openness. While the administration has gone about things incorrectly in the past, this is definitely a case when they did everything perfectly.

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Inequalities Remain for Women in Science

BY: MAREN LIN

Kicking off Women’s History Month, the Caltech Women’s Center sponsored a talk by Dr. Deborah Rolison of the Naval Research Laboratory on the use of Title IX to affect change for women in the sciences. Rolison’s talk drew great interest from the Caltech community.

Rolison’s talk brought up the fact that in schools across the country, women comprise roughly 42% of all athletes. To lay out the current situation, Rolison showed the audience a photograph of faculty at a university. She commented, “This is the predominant photograph you will see in academic faculty; everyone in this picture is white, male—and old.” Rolison quoted the statistic that women have had to work harder and longer than men to attain their goals.

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Editors’ Note: Last week we were alerted to the NCAA story shortly before our printing deadline. We did not have time to send a reporter to gather information from all perspectives, and we were forced to choose between neglecting to cover a potentially major story or presenting a potentially biased account.

We apologize to both our readers and anyone whom we have personally inconvenienced, in particular Marigo Marshak, Sharon Borbon, and the rest of the Provost’s Office.
The Outside World-National and Foreign News

BY: HAMILTON FALK

Bush Visits India, Pakistan
President Bush visited India and Pakistan this week in an attempt to decrease tensions between the two nations and improve U.S. relations. In both South Asia, he was in heavy black, and some in Pakistan thought he was not as assertive as he should be. Despite the fact that both nations are considered U.S.-friendly, the Pakistani government has kept itself with the U.S. in the ‘war on terror’ and 71 percent of Indians responded to Bush’s visit with a thumbs up. The promoters are primarily Muslims united with Bush for the sake of the war.

During Bush’s visit, the U.S. and India approved a plan to open some Indian nuclear facilities to inspectors and increase economic ties between the two nations. Pakistan has not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and refused to dismantle its nuclear weapons.

Hamas rebuff's Russia's call to recognize Israel

Hamas has flatly rejected a recent statement that recently won the position of the Palestinian parliament, sent a delegation to Moscow to meet with Russian leaders this week. Previously, Russia has not recognized Israel as a sovereign nation. Many nations are concerned that the U.S. may have forced Russia to accept a Hamas government, a legitimate Palestinian organization, breaking the Quartet principle of flexing its national identity. On Thursday, South Africa, also invited Hamas for talks, furth erweakening the international stance against Hamas.

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Don Gabor Teaches Techers the Skills for Cheap Talk

BY: JOHN MCNAMARA

Joe Techer is at a party. After four Caltech cocktails (4 part water, 1 part ice) he finally works up the courage to talk to that cutie from USC across the room. He makes his way through throngs of people, trips over some black plastic and lands at her feet. She helps him up. Their eyes meet and flicker for what seems like an eternity. She smiles affectionately at him. This sounds saucy if not for the part where he has no idea what to say and chokes on his own tongue.

The Counseling Center, noticing the dire situation at Caltech, invited Don Gabor to give a talk last Tuesday titled “How to Break the Ice, Make Friends and Start a Romantic Relationship.”

Gabor, a “small talk expert,” spoke to a group of mostly graduate students at lunch about the finer points of idle conversation. “What I am teaching you today, most of you already know—how to make contact with people.” Gabor, dressed in a pink shirt and black pants makes his way across the room to greet everyone who walks in with a handshake and a smile. He remembers each person by name and develops a dialogue during the talk.

Gabor’s methods focused on the two needs people have in a conversation: attention and approval. From there, he progressed to starting a conversation, body language and topics of conversation. “It’s about making connections,” he remarked.

According to him, to make these connections, you start with body language. “When you show interest in people in a positive way, people will see you in a positive way.” Subsequently, standing with your arms folded and avoiding eye contact does not show interest in a positive way.

“Non-verbal signals account for more than 70 percent of your total communication. The tone of your voice and the words you say add up to the remaining 30 percent.”

Tutor needed! Looking for someone with some teaching or tutoring experience to tutor San Marino HS freshman with homework, after school, three to four days a week in Biology and Geometry. Contact either Mary or John in the evening at (626) 458-2342 ASAP.

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Imagine a world where there is no war. A world where you can go to East Jerusalem. A world where every Palestinian don't ruthless slaughter every Israeli athlete, in response to a botched terrorist negotiation at the 1972 Summer Olympic Games in Munich. Imagine a world where the Israeli government doesn't respond to the terrorist attacks by killing 11 men responsible for the heinous act.

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There are many movies that are deemed "classic." Often, these movies have great plots, splendid performances, and an immense appeal to some group of people. These films may have won awards and received critical acclaim. Who am I to review such masterpieces? I am but a simple man and I have never seen a film that I did not like. As a person who has never seen a film that I did not like, I must admit that I feel the need to feed.

There is a "classic" overlooked by the masses. It is a standard that may belong in every DVD collection. It is a film that is like an album made by an old friend. It is a film that is like an album made by an old friend. It is a film that is like an album made by an old friend. It is a film that is like an album made by an old friend. It is a film that is like an album made by an old friend. It is a film that is like an album made by an old friend. It is a film that is like an album made by an old friend.

A simple story about a young girl named Debbie. Debbie is the cheerleader, Debbie Does Dallas, follows Debbie and her friends as they head to West Berlin to attend the Olympic Games. Debbie Does Dallas is a film that should not be missed.

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to San Gabriel, but the 10 minute commute is more than worth it. Besides, it is fairly easy to find: ge east on California, make a right on San Gabriel, left on Las Tunas, and it is a block or so away on the left, next to the Pizza Hut.

One of my favorite things about this restaurant is the number of free banchan (side dishes). First, everyone receives a small bowl of salad with a refreshing, vinegar-based dressing. Then, the waitress brings out three varieties of kimchije (cabbage, cucumber, and radish), two cold dishes (beancurd and seaweed with ample bits of minced garlic), and pajon (pancake made with eggs, flour, and green onions). In our small group of 3ve, even before any of the food we ordered was brought out, there were 12 small plates of banchan crowding the table. There is also free ice water or wheat tea (though sometimes you have to request it).

When it comes to ordering your tofu stew, gluttony is key. Young Dong specializes in two things: sundubu jjigae (stew made with soft tofu) and galbi (beef ribs or what is typically referred to as Korean BBQ). The beauty of the combo special is that you can try both for about $14 (not including tax and tip). In addition to galbi, other meat entrees include bulgogi (sliced marinated beef), chicken, and pork bulgogi. For seafood lovers, you’d also love the shrimp and scallop sizzle, which is a stir fry dish made with bean sprouts, onions, and peppers. All of the meat entrees are served on iron plates with a wooden base and they sizzle.

Young Dong’s galbi and bulgogi all have a similar, savory taste. Initially, the soy sauce base to the marinade and the generous amounts of chili hit your taste buds. Then, a hint of garlic and pepper can be detected. Finally, the lingering sweet aftertaste stays with you long after you finish eating.

There are a large number of tofu stews to try, including beef, seafood, and mushrooms. For those brave enough to order a spicy stew: the “extra spicy” option will make your mouth feel like on fire. Though the stomach-tingling burfiul ground for chili peppers, the overwhelming taste of chili drowned out some of the other flavors in the tofu stew. With your kimchee, the waitress will give you a couple of eggs – do not crack them open until you get your tofu stew! These eggs are raw and for poaching in the stew, which will arrive still boiling.

Every entree also comes with an unordinary rice — Young Dong serves their slightly glutinous rice in an incredibly hot stone bowl (do not touch it!). I prefer to soak my rice in the tofu stew. For those who are adventurous, the trick is to scoop out all your rice immediately, leaving a very thin layer of rice in the bowl. At the end of the meal, when the rice cools, you can lift out a crispy layer of rice that tastes like a cracker. You even dip it like a chip into your kimchee or whatever sauce is left.

Every time I walk out of Young Dong with my box of leftovers, it is a hit with the ladies. One of my favorite restaurants; it gets a 6.5 out of 7 day board. In a shaker, pour the rye, Campari and Pernod in America—and swirl it around in a glass. Make sure the glass is coated and pour the extra down the nearest hooker’s throat. In a shaker, the pear, Campari and lemon juice over ice. Add enough Angostura to ruin the cocktail. Shake and strain into the Absinthe coated glass. This turns into a pink drink with green around the edges. It reeks of anise and somehow manages to taste similar to a spoiled grapefruit. It does not matter; it will be a hit with the ladies.

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Women's Polo Beats U. of Arizona

BY: LISA STREIT

Last weekend the Caltech Women's Water Polo Team achieved an 11-7 victory over the University of Arizona in the Chapman Tournament, despite having only had four practices prior to the tournament.

All members of the team stepped up to make the win happen. Scoring was led by the birthday celebratory goals from sophomore Christine Pary and two goals each by seniors Natalie Badrakhan and Bekah Eason. Junior Chelsea Sharon, junior Preetha Sinha, junior Becky Streit, and freshman Katherine Zak accounted for the other four goals with one apiece. Senior goalie Ashley Grant assisted the Caltech offense with her strong outlet passes and led the defense with five blocks and five steals.

Junior Becky Streit had 11 blocks in her debut in goal in the 5-17 loss to Chapman University.

The team lost its other two games of the weekend to Fresno State (6-17) and UC Davis (2-11).

Mark Eichenlaub's Track Prattle

Techers Run Like Refrigerators

The men’s and women’s track teams, like a fifth grade class in sex ed, were separated last weekend, with the men running at Redlands on Friday and the women at home on Saturday. The meets were the “SCIAC Invitationals,” in which all of three meets this year where Caltech will compete against the entire conference. Seth Hendrickson who captured the spirit of the men’s cold, wet meet by getting a giant stink on the butt of his sweats. When asked for comment on the stink, Hendrickson replied, “You’re not going to write about that in The Tech, am I right there helping the officials make fun of the throwers too if only the guys from other schools would stop beating them. The techers in second place.

The men's 4x100m team, consisting of some girls, took sixth. Gina Gage, who fortunately can swim, was fifth in the 2000m steeplechase. Katherine Broeden ran a very intelligent 1500m race, seizing the last lap to fly past a large pack of girls (a.k.a. “clump”, “hoarde”, “pod”, or “gaggle”) like they were standing still, or at least like they were running a little slower that she, to secure sixth in 5:24. Natalie Szwedz tied her own pole vault record of 10’ 0”.

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The women’s team not only succumbed to the CMS miler team was fourth in about 3:27, an impressive 1200 leg to lead off the Distance Medley Relay, putting the techers in second place. Our distance runners, captained by Eichenlaub (hey, that’s me!) and again was faced with the defending champs. That concluded Caltech’s scoring in the meet. Our field event runners, captained by Eichenlaub (hey, that’s me!) also failed to score any individual points, so I probably shouldn’t have made fun of the throwers too much. Tony Falk does a pretty good job of that anyway. As do their mothers.

The women’s team not only placed higher than the men, they also managed to look slightly less ugly while doing it (this, however, is not to be considered any fantastic accomplishment). The ladies took sixth place of eight teams and compiled a total of 29 points, which they plan to redeem for a Sammy-The-Seal Beanie Baby and fifteen of those little plastic butterfly clickers that make lots of noise and drive your parents crazy.

Based on my observations of the event, Helen Tai’s main tactic in the 100m hurdles seemed to be to go very fast. This, as many of you surely know, is considered the oldest trick in the book in track, and the other girls should have seen it coming. Still the strategy worked, as Helen captured fourth place. In fact, Helen had fourth all to herself, who held off her TaDy form promises to make her a strong contender at conference championships this year, unless she gets Talphus from a ceiling TAile, which she probably won’t. She generally runs in TalGals. She can even run the 300m hurdles without getting too TalRed. She took second in that event.

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BY: JOHN MCNAMARA

Last issue, there were several articles responding to us. Here are my responses in random order:

Committees are Crush

I have no idea where you get the idea that our articles are about that so-called "truly us." If you had read my historical explanation of the title, you would know that none of us actually came up with the title. I wouldn't be surprised if some Lloydie hallucinated hard enough for Page to look like Lloyd and wrote it on our door. I wouldn't be surprised if you wrote it one our door. You seem to like this "crunk" speak of.

Aside from stylistic issues, I did forget to provide additional evidence. Evidence is forthcoming and will be in a future issue. What the article provided was a teaser and was mostly to show how awesome Todd Gingrich should be—or better be or else we will castrate him with a dirty pair of pliers from the PB 1B practical and a rubber band found in the steam tunnels. That is, metaphorically speaking.

Committees are what the administration uses to represent student opinion. If a committee is filled with a bunch of people who worship individuals with great minds, then you have a problem. Furthermore, there is a lack of communication if there are too many of these committees. That is why you appoint a committee secretary to get this information out to the undergraduate body. Then we can tell you how you have spent all your time turuing your nose the color brown with evidence. Evidence is forthcoming.

As for Avery, it was rather annoying to read in your articles. By the way, you spelled "specific" as "spyecific." Word should automatically correct that for you.

This article does bring another reason for the lack of character. Clubs rely on a critical mass of people to keep the activity running. Many Caltech students do not commit to multiple clubs and sports. This relies on having a few friends involving other friends in their activities. Hence, social groups need to be large to last.

In the houses, there are mechanisms in place that force people to know each other. We call these traditions. I hope Avery is at least attempting to jump on this tradition bandwagon. That way they can contribute to the extra­curricular life on campus. We can delude ourselves into thinking all we are doing in college is wanking and applying, but that is the life we make here and the experiences we have built character.

Avery is Not a Horse and You Are a Tool

I like the title. That's about as far as I am willing to go. One common misconception is how the horses resemble fraternities. Fraternities actually do service projects in the community. We do not. Frats make you act stupid for a week then paddy you. Houses make you do stupid stuff for a day then take you out to dinner. Also, frats have the advantage of the black ball which ensures every­one in a frat is the same.

Within houses, there is no homogeneity to that extent. The houses place people with like personalities together so people with like interests within that group of like personalities can form interest groups that accomplish something. This could be community service, appreciation for the arts or athletics. This is how you can have such diversity in a community that is so small. If you want to write for the paper, nobody makes you sit in journalism so you will get printed. For example, I am classified. If you got cut from the team in high school, nobody here is going to the pros so there are plenty of spots for you. If you are curious about acting, I will be directing a one act play next term. All these were made possible by a group of people connecting and pursuing an interest.

As for Avery, it disturbs me that the apparent focus of the house is not being a house. Cheers to those who are trying to give it some character, but until then all I see is the focus on isolation. Fur­thermore, I have never seen any evidence of the "entrepreneurial concept of Avery House." Sure companies give presentations in the Avery library, but how does that involve the residents? Either you do not publicize your entre­preneurialism or there is none. If you have some event to prove the contrary, send me an e-mail and I will cover it.

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Escape

BY: JEFF PHILLIPS

Classes are classes, and we all have to pass. But in between problem sets and essays we all need a laugh. Most Techers I see today are not engaged with their studies but mired in them. When the work and the pain become so intense that we just want to scream, we quit the scholasticion of the day to day (or night to night in your schedule may have it) and turn to more liberating pastimes.

Escape from work and care is not unique to Tech. Working and partying have long walked hand in hand beneath the vaulted halls of higher education. Students are free range chickens; classes are foxes. The weak are picked off. But real people at real colleges deal with a very different dynamic than John Q. Tcherch.

Classes ravage like alligators set loose in a cramped hen house; we can dodge a bit easier, but the tail end will knock you flat. The scaly beasts require unorthodox escape maneuvers. The exits are well blocked by the bulky creatures, so we Tchers cluster at the hard to reach corners and hope for the best.
Asking others for help is not a sign of weakness. Rather, it is a sign of strength. It is an indication that you are willing to seek out additional resources and support systems to help you overcome your struggles. Remember, you are not alone in this process. Many others have faced similar challenges and have found ways to overcome them.

What is procrastination? It’s the problem set that doesn’t get turned in on time. It’s the research that you need an extension for. It’s the research that you just can’t get around to. It’s the grades you don’t get turned in on time. It’s the drop card you don’t turn in on time. Procrastination is the act of putting things off with yourself to do what you know you should. Inability to change. This can manifest in different ways, including putting off things that you know you need to do. The reason people procrastinate is very different, depending on what you need to get done. Is it the frustration of a task, the fear of failure, or the desire for immediate gratification? Procrastination is often a coping mechanism for dealing with difficult emotions. It’s the problem set that doesn’t get turned in on time. It’s the research that you just can’t get around to. It’s the grades you don’t get turned in on time. It’s the drop card you don’t turn in on time. Procrastination is the seemingly never ending battle to get things done on time. It’s about things being done late and the torture you go through to get to the end of a project. Procrastination is about promises to change but not being able to for reasons you don’t understand. Procrastination is a habit that tends to place more value on being outspoken. It’s the wall you come up against feelings, though not in a way to help you through. Procrastination is important. It’s not possible to overcome procrastination, often a long time. The key is to have a simple resolution or promise to yourself to do things differently. It takes a plan that includes understanding the source of your emotional conflict and a strategy for dealing with your avoidance. Often times it takes someone else to help you through, but you have to do it yourself. If you will, the reason you procrastinate, and just as importantly help guide you in taking steps to deal with your procrastination over time. If you still have the motivation to address your habit of procrastinating, I suggest your read an article on the Counseling Centers website. It’s a good beginning, but it will help you think about your procrastination and help you to decide your reasons for procrastinating. From there, you can consider what it will take for you to change your habits for reasons. You may be able to come in to the Counseling Center (x8331), read the article, and talk with someone about your procrastination. From there, you can or maybe you’ll use the internet to access more information on specific strategies such as time management or goal setting. There are small steps, sometimes repeated over time, to address your procrastination, but it can be done.

**Committee Yet to Commit to Candidate**

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