Flems Returning Cannon from Boston, Debate Ensues

BY: MATTHEW GLASSMAN

In a daring display of house spirit and pride, Caltech housemen on a stand to the MIT pranksters who returned to Boston to retrieve their cannon. With only a day’s notice, the 23 students organized themselves and jumped on planes bound for the east coast. There, they met up with 7 alumni from the area to converge on the stolen property early this morning. There, they missed out on a few of the top four teams and had to work a bit harder to get their quietly, but once we went on campus, we wanted to make a lot of noise.

As a token of good will, the Flems left a miniature toy cannon in its place, with a sign that read, “Here’s something a little more your size.”

The 30 students and alumni on the ground in Boston were supported by a team that manned a round-the-clock command center back home. MIT’s theft of the cannon in late March rounded the Caltech community as a whole, particularly members of Fleming, who regard it as an important symbol of their history and traditions.

The east coasters planned their kick as a reply to Caltech’s prank and occurred last year around the same time. While Caltech has received national media coverage from the counter-prank, there are differing opinions as to whether or not students should have gone out there at all. A few students felt that all that money was spent for something that was coming back anyway.

“I didn’t think it was worth the $30,000,” said one Techer, citing the upper bound of the estimate of total costs for the trip. “We could have admitted that we got us this time, let them ship it back, and next year prank them with something much better.”

The fact that the cannon belongs specifically to Fleming did not help to stimulate unanimous support for its return from some unaffiliated students. Perhaps without realizing it, MIT students prodded a tender issue in the interhouse community with this back.

While it is not the intention, the house system can divide us at times,” one student remarked. “This has just exposed some of the divisions.”

Nevertheless, President Jordan has received support and congratulations from the rest of the people go out of their way to tell me that we did a good job.”

The Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Tom Mannion, championed their efforts. Flying out late Sunday to meet the group in Boston, Mannion found the

Premeds Relax a Bit

BY: VIBHA LALJAN

UC San Diego has invited Caltech to participate in its Medi­ cal Scholar’s Program. As a member of this program, the Caltech Admissions Committee will select the best applicants amongst the pool of applicants interested in medicine, and share these applications with the UCSD Admissions Committee. About six of these applicants will be offered early admission to the UCSD Medical School.

Prof. Paul H. Patterson, a Faculty Board Member of the Officers of the Faculty said that Caltech is hoping to make this program available to next fall’s applicants. The admission, however, will be contingent on the continuation of good academic record — a standing GPA of 3.5 and high extra­curricular standing.

This program will avert the stress among students undergoing the competitive procedures for medical school admissions. Also, the medical school has waived the MCAT, which is time consuming and requires a lot of preparation.

For years, Caltech has lost sev­eral of its premeds. In the past, due to Caltech’s rigorous require­ments in physics and math, pre­meds tend to have lower GPAs rela­tive to other fields.

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Blackers Party at Saddam’s Palace

BY: YAN ZHANG

The Caltech Quiz Bowl team took third place at the National Academic Quiz Tournaments’ Invitational College Tournament, the most widely recognized na­tional college Quiz Bowl champion­ship. The team competed in Division II, which is restricted to first-time competitors at univer­sities. Broken up into 4-pools of 8 in the preliminary, Caltech notably beat Harvard, which had the cap­tains of three out of the top four high school teams from last year, and Stanford, which is captained by last year’s College Jeopardy champion Nico Martinez. The team’s only losses were to Princeton by 8 and the University of Pennsylvania by 10. The team scored 125 at the end of regulation play. The right to play in the final then went to tiebreaker, in which Stanford crushed Harvard, and then Har­vard beat Caltech by 20 points in a close match. Stanford proceed ed to crush Harvard in the final, depriving Blacker frosh Mitchell Wang and Dabney sophomore Ning Bao of the chance to ful­fill their promise to perform an a capella version of Kanye West’s “Gold Digger” at the awards cere­mony if the Caltech team finished first. Other team members were frosh freshman Daniel Row­lands and Noah Rahman, who finished as the second highest scoring individual in Division II, and Page sophomore Yin Zhang, who much to his discontent, did not get a tossup about Yao Ming during the tournament.

On a somewhat unrelated note, the Quiz Bowl team will be host­ing their annual Intramurals tour­nament in the near future. Details will be released soon.

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Moles spent countless hours to theme their party as one of Saddam’s Palaces. In this photo, a statue of Saddam gets final touches while a tank stands ready to launch Weapons of Mass Destruction.

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Lizzy Trower makes a bid for the disk in the UCLA-B game. Full story on page 12.
The casts of the various plays rehearse in preparation of Prepresh Weekend. In the foreground, Kim Popendorf reviews a script.

**ASCIT Board of Directors Minutes**

**Minutes from the Olive Wall**

June 12, 2006

President: Todd Gingrich, Jen Sun
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Guests: David Chen, Jonathan Malmaud, Chris Klein, Dalina Thirth-Viveros, Jane Wang, John McNamara, Justin Le, Caroline Li, Benjamin Park

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a. Most likely, the BoD will meet in the side room of Chandler, adjacent to the C-Store, at 12:00 PM every Wednesday from now on. This will be a more central and visible location for our open meetings, rather than the Olive Wall, so the South Houses are under construction.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Pon, ASCIT Secretary

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BY: ANNA HISZPANSKI

Nearly a third of the undergraduate population has lived in modular units for the past year awaiting the completion of the renovation of the South Houses. Constructed in 1931, they were in need of a total renovation for some time, and finally the project was lifted off the ground last year.

The Tech recently took a tour of the South Houses and sat down with Tim Chang, director of institute housing; Tom Miano, assistant vice president of campus life; Margo Marshak, vice president of student affairs; and Brad Smith, project manager for the renovation, to separate truth from rumor about the project, its budget, the mid-year move, and future plans and to give students a sneak peak as to what to expect.

Features of the Restored South Houses

A house which remained with building constructed nearly eighty years ago, the South Houses were missing some modern amenities prior to the renovation and had become quite worn down. For example, plumbing and wiring were old, no room had air conditioning, and students commonly would lose work. Prior to the renovation, random poems and statements could be found written on the walls of Blacker, Ricketts, and Dabney.

"The trustees don’t like the look of graffiti," said Chang. "They don’t mind a well-placed, tasteful mural, but they do mind random writing.

A number of murals were also lost to the renovation because of the re-piping. However, prior to construction, the IHC (Institute Housing Committee) met with architects and told them which murals were important and had to be preserved.

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Changes in the Renovation Budget

Not tiling the entire roof is one example of methods the project managers have used to try to reduce the cost of the project which is currently estimated to run over budget.

"The initial approved budget by the Board of Trustees was approximately $36.5 million," said Marshall. "The $36 million is more than just the cost of the South Houses renovation. The money was also used to lease trailers, rehabilitate Chandler Dining Hall so that two houses at a time could eat there and to relocate all the SAC activities in the basement of the South Houses to temporary quarters.

"The hard and soft costs for the renovation of the South Houses were originally estimated to open at the start of the 2006-2007 academic year.

"We hired a company at the very beginning of the project to do an asbestos assessment," said Smith. "But the building was occupied at the time, and there was only so much they could do. They couldn’t demo since the ceiling was a hard plaster and there weren’t a lot of access points.

Once students moved out from the South Houses and construction workers broke into the walls and ceilings, they found that the six miles of piping in the South Houses were covered in asbestos. The asbestos, however, posed no threat to prior students who lived in the South Houses.

"The asbestos was all above in accessible areas as far as we could tell," said Smith. "It’s a typical material we find in buildings all over campus. As long as it’s not disturbed, it’s fine.

The managers of the project even considered the option of leaving the asbestos in place or encapsulating it because removing it is so costly. However, the subcontractors on the project refused that option since working around the asbestos without disturbing it would be difficult due to the nature of the work and the location of the asbestos.

According to Smith, the restoration project is in some aspects a more complicated job than simply constructing a new building.

"The only unknown in new construction is that maybe there’s something underground," said Smith. "When you’re doing a rehabilitation of a historic building, there’s always unknowns.

Plans for the Mid-Year Move

The South Houses were originally supposed to be reopened for the 2005-2006 academic year, but due to a delay in having students move out of the houses and the
The Housing Office and the IHC have been working over the past week to iron out the details of moving out of the mods and back into the South Houses. Some of the details are going to affect the House picks and off-campus lottery picks going on over the next few weeks. As always, you will be guaranteed a place to live by Housing, if you’ve followed the lottery rules and deadlines. However, the difference in spaces between the mods and (extra on-campus, affiliated housing spaces) and the South Houses create a tricky situation for the transition at the end of first term.

First of all, all spaces in the South Houses will be matched by “On-Campus” spots across campus for first term; these include spaces in the mods, Braun House, affiliated apartments in 150 S., and 566, all on Catalina Avenue, and an apartment at 241 S. Wilson.

To break the spaces down by where you pick into one of these spaces, you will be guaranteed a bed in the South Houses, when you pick. Then you will be guaranteed a place to live by Housing, if you’ve followed the lottery rules and deadlines. However, the difference in spaces between the mods and the South Houses create a tricky situation for the transition at the end of first term. The cost of each apartment will be spread between however many people choose to live in it.

In addition, the IHC will be selecting, as always, students to test out the utilities between the November break and the end of first term. We would like to try to iron out all the difficulties before students move back in. Utility tests will include: water pressure, air conditioning, internet ports, and so on. These students will be selected during first term. Hopefully, many of the difficulties noted in moving into the mods can be avoided through these tests.

This situation was caused by the stays in the renovation of the South Houses; however apologies are necessary for leaving these decisions up to a few short days before Houses have their picks occur. Furthermore, this was the best solution the IHC Chair, IHC Secretary, House Picket Officers (Secretaries, mostly, and Ricketts VP), and Housing Office could come up with. If you have any suggestions, we all would enjoy hearing from you, though most decisions that have been made public here, time is indeed short to change anything. Complaints, as always, should go to the IHC Chair.
The Top Ten Pranks of Caltech History

BY: CHANDRA BARNET
Honourable mention: The Great Traffic Light Ca­ per (unverified)
A prank whose actual occur­ rence can’t be verified, but whose elegant simplicity is top-notch.

Anyone who uses the gymna­ sium is aware of the very brief street-crossing period allowed by the California traffic signal. In days gone by, the destination on the other side of the street was (and is again!) a large num­ ber of parking spaces used by 9- to 5 employees. Twice a day, huge crowds of people (with no vanity of any sort) could be conveniently by the stinginess of the traffic light. The time was ripe for some ingenuity, and some­ body (once again, under cover of darkness) liberated a cherrypick­ er from somewhere or other, and simply swapped the red and green lenses on the traffic light.

10. Toilets at Dawn
In an apparent comment on the quality of Chandler food, a 1999 group of students strolled re­ placed every single seat in the outdoor Chandler seating area with a repurposed toilet. Thanks to the intervention of the Pasa­ dena Department of Health, they were gone by the afternoon, but the visual effect was frankly stun­ ning.

9. Piano Protection Racket
Driven to the breaking point by the incessant tinkling of pianos in the South Houses, some nume­ rous individual hatched a carry­ ing plan: “Let’s take their pianos away.” In proper Techer fashion, this went rapidly from idle non­ sense to the actual sequential dis­ appearance of three of the four South House pianos. Tchers and administrators searched, but never found them – after all, who would look somewhere where the pianos couldn’t possibly be? Of course no one could fit three pianos into a single!

One South House piano and the one at the Athenaeum remained, and in due course the relevant parties received typed missives, informing them that if they would like THEIR pianos to stay put, they would do well to leave $10 in a certain book in the library. But this crossed the line, and in the ensuing uproar the perpetra­ tors thought it would be best to send the pianos home. Notes were sent to the pianoless Hosphes, to be read at the same time of even­ ning, which directed them to the pianoful single. As the stanger on a well-executed prank, the result­ ing crush of people around the single made it quite impractical to move any pianos.

8. The Wayward Bed
It’s common enough currency around here to take off with a frosh’s door or bed, leaving it someplace untoward for the frosh to go retrieve it from. Less common by far are the circumstances that occurred when a frosh unwit­ tingly relocated his OWN furn­iture. It seems a few high-spiri­ ted Hovse residents had been informed that the guy in question would be away at Glee Club prac­ tice, giving them ample time to carry off his bed and install it in the top of what was then the Beck­ man Auditorium construction site. However, midway through the stylis­ h abduction, who should appear but the mark himself, back from a cancelled rehearsal? But was it where the quick-witted­ ness of Tchers comes into play: “Hey so-and-so! Guess what we’re go­ ing to do with your neighbor’s bed?” Meanwhile, so-and-so threw himself whole­ heartedly into the endeavor, and wound up supervising the whole operation.

7. The Wandering F-84
In an effort to attract the na­ tion’s best and brightest, the Air Force believed it would be a good idea to park an F-84 fighter jet (sans wings) on a trailer in the Caltech parking lot outside the gables along with the Tchers... Who borrowed a tractor and took the aircraft into Pasadena, before thoughtfully “return­ ing” it to the lawn of the local AFROTC Colonel.

6. The Disappearing Room
Perpetuated many times, this prank involves filling in some­ body’s doorjamb with a tempo­ rary wall. Victims have included not only undergrads but at least one professor, who came in one morning to find that his office had disappeared, replaced with a plaque on the wall in commemora­ tion of his retirement.

5. Model T in the Bedroom
On the night of a certain Tech­ er’s long-awaited date, members of his Hovse took advantage of his absence to transport to his room, piecewise, a fully-operational Model T Ford. Reassembled in the room (with only some 4” to spare between the front bumper and front wall), the ignition was hooked up to a string, which ran out the window to a conspirator in the courtyard, ready to start the car when the door was opened. The poor fellow arrived home late at night and with lady in tow, to discover the snorting beast in full idle. His first words, which were to be thrown back at him for the remainder of his Caltech ca­ reer: “Where is my bed? Where is my dresser?”

The car, later dubbed “Napo­ leon Blowupart,” was featured in many other campus capers un­ til its eventual noble sacrifice in the WWII scrap metal drives.

4. Professor Apostol’s Time Warp and Other Classroom Disruptions
Although Tchers take aca­ demics more seriously than most other areas of life, when it comes to pranks, nothing is sacred. Prof. Apostol was a victim on more than one occasion, but the standout prank here is the week that someone sped up his clock. Prof. Apostol had at the time been the lecturer in Math 124 for many years, and gave his lectures by heart. Pacing himself by the rear wall clock in the lecture hall, he delivered a set amount of material every day, ending precisely at 10 minutes before the hour. So when someone started adjusting the line frequency of the power being supplied to the clock... Other such shenanigans have included the subversion of some motor-controlled blackboards in Noyes 153 and the perennial re­ versing of all of the seats in Gates 22.

3. McDonald’s Contest
If you’ve ever entered any sort of consumer sweepstakes, you’ll be familiar with language of the form, “Limit one entry per person per visit.” This enterprise, immortalized in “Real Genius,” is the likely cause. In 1975, Mc­ Donald’s offered a sweepstakes to its customers, using what at the time was a standard entry cri­ terion: each entry must consist of an individual’s name and address, printed legibly on a 3”x5” card. Students wrote a program which generated entry forms using Caltech’s brand-new line printer, and ended up claiming a substan­ tial number of the prizes – and forever altering the way in which sweepstakes were conducted.

2. Hollywood Centennial Sign
On May 18th, 1987, Holly­ wood with its customary fansfare celebrated its 100th anniversary. Hoping to contribute to the cele­ bration, Tchers conceived a plot to leave their mark on one of Hol­ lywood’s most ensur­ ing symbols: the hillside “HOLLYWOOD” sign in Griffith Park. Some clever individual quickly discovered that the Os in Caltech could be aligned with the Os in Hollywood, and that in this configuration one of the Ls could also be retained, leaving only minor modifications to be made to the other letters, so on the night of the 17th, a small army of Caltech students scaled the hill with an arsenal of rope and heavy black and white plas­ tic. Working in small teams, by morning they had successfully amended the text. Unfortunately, the Hollywood Chamber of Com­ merce would not admit to having been amused.

1. Rose Bowl, 1961 / Rose Bowl Redux / Third Attempt
Already one of the best-known pranks in pranks of its own right, this caper is distinguished by the fact that it was pulled off more than once. In 1961’s Rose Bowl game between Washington and Minn­ esota, Caltech students re-engineered the “card stunts” planned by the Washington pep­ band, which involved members of the audience holding up pro­ grammed sequences of coloured cardboard sheets. During the week between Christmases and the New Year’s Day game, students traveled to the band’s temporary headquarters and abducted first a single seat instruction card, then the master instruction sheet. On the eve of the game, a Hovse­ worth of students spent all night “correcting” the stunts and gen­ erating a brand-new set of seat cards. A third break-in in the early morning saw the successful sub­ stitution of our cards for theirs, and the improved stunts aired na­ tionally that afternoon.

In 1984 the prank was updated to take advantage of the Rose Bowl’s electronic scoreboard. Students built a wireless override device which they installed on the data cable running into the score­ board, and used it to display their own graphics and animations on game day. Starting with simple sentiments such as “DEI” and “Go CIT”, the high-tech graffiti culminated in the famous score­ board legend “Caltech 38, MFT 9”, set off stylishly with twin pix­ elated beavers.

A third attempt, made in the late 1980s, did not succeed.

In accordance with rotation rules, all names and Hovse affilia­ tions are replaced. Prank informa­ tion and a few titles that were too good not to use are courtesy of the “Legends of Caltech” series, the first two volumes of which can be had in the Caltech Bookstore. The third expects to see publication in the fall.
Cannon Returns for Prefrosh

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students literally minutes before they rushed the cannon. "MIT was impressed," Munro said from what he felt then. "They were surprised by the fact that we showed up, and quickly. That was the key for Fleming and Caltech—to get the cannon back fast."

This was the pressure that Jordan was balancing in the hours that preceded the decision to fly two dozen of his housemates 3,000 miles across the country.

"I don't know how many people realize that letting the cannon get shipped back to us was not an option," said Jordan in response to the suggestion that the trip was a waste. While Fleming had its own stake in the cannon's quick retrieval, "from Caltech's standpoint, it was a little embarrassing that MIT had it there in the first place," Jordan argued.

"We don't expect Fleming traditions and memorabilia to be important to other students," Jordan added. "But we would hope that they can respect that these things are important.

Another concern for returning the symbol quickly was Prefrosh Weekend, which occurs at the end of this week. Even if MIT wanted to keep it, there is no evidence that it would keep it back in time for the event. "They would have had to ship it out a day or so before Prefrosh Weekend," said Jordan. "I doubt it would have been back here for the Prefrosh," Jordan reasoned.

Now that it is on its way, it is slated to be returned just before the newly admitted students do, most likely sometime Wednesday.

"It is as yet unknown just how the newly admitted students do, most likely sometime Wednesday."

BY: MASON PORTER

Caltech Laboratory Animals Discover Secret to Life, the Universe, and Everything

Continuing my recent, personal April Fools Day prank tradition, I recruited an insider from Caltech's PR department so that a "press release" would appear on Caltech's website 4/1/06.

There has been some circulation among appropriate Nobel Laureates, but none of their reactions has made it back my way. Here is the information about the new "discovery" that Caltech recently reported:

"Taking the campus completely by surprise, physicists at the California Institute of Technology announced yesterday that a pair of white mice from one of the biology laboratories has discovered the secret to life, the universe, and everything.

In a sudden epiphany, they also announced a reorganization of the department's research groups, with the elimination of all the old elementary physics group as its primary goal.

Known only as "Boris" and "Natasha," Caltech's red-haired physicists said they were inspired last December by the second problem on the Physics 1A final. The solution to the previously unsolved equation they splashed their Grand Unified Theory.

According to Natasha, "Fol­lowers of late author Douglas Ad­ams's teachings believed that 42 was the answer to the question of life, the universe, and everything, but that's really only true in appro­priate units--basically, one needs to measure everything so that the speed of light, Planck's constant, 2, and pi are all unity. Then one has to apply the miracle operator twice. (A few of the Phys 1 stu­dents actually figured out this last part on their exam solutions.)"

"I think the prefrosh will be impressed by [the cannon being back]," thought sophomore research assistant Boris. "They'll like the idea of pranks going on and the rivalry with MIT."

Up until recently, the concern with funding the adventure has been a very real problem facing Fleming, particularly since students charged the plane tickets to their personal accounts. Just last week, President Baltimore agreed to cover the remaining costs of the trip that could not be earned through fundraising.

"We knew that this was risky. If anything went wrong, and we were willing to accept the possibility that we wouldn't be able to raise any money at all," said Jordan. "We didn't go into this expecting administration to bail us out. Still, we are very ap­preciative of the gift."

Over the past week, alumni have pledged over $3,000 to pay for the cost of recovering the cannon.

As a consequence of the scale of the prank-counter-prank activity, Caltech has received national attention from a variety of media sources. Interest has been so in­tense that it has had to answer its phone nearly every twenty minutes instead of sleeping during his last few hours in Boston.

This developing relationship between Caltech and MIT poses interesting challenges to students from the schools to be both in­novative and safe in the interests of a friendly rivalry. Both cam­puses are planning their next big prank, and everyone is expecting exciting things in the future.

To see pictures and read more about the recovery of the cannon, visit www.flemingcannon.com.
Prefrosh Dinner Schedule

Note: This is not the final list. The finalized lists will be in the prefrosh folders and posted in the houses.

Last First Thu. Fri.
Albaugh Tyler Ru Fi
Almasco Hannah Ru Pa
Antognini Joe Da Ru
Atmore Kyle Ru Bi
Baldin Vadim Da Av
Bennie Mike Da Av
Bhumdi Swati Ru Fl
Brainard Andrew Ri Bi
Bramston-Cook Pa Li
Britto Nevin Ru Da
Cao Andy Li Bi
Chan Warren Av Ru
Chang Stephanie Ru Fl
Chao Issac Pa Li
Chen Jedly Av Da
Chen Lu Av Fl
Chen Xi Av Fl
Chen Edward Li Pa
Chen Tao Pa Bi
Cherney Alan Av Bi
Chock Chris Ru Da
Chong Anthony Ru Pa
Chou Evelyn Fi Bl
Chuang Frank Ri Ru
Cochrain Jack Bi Av
Coleman Daryl Ru Li
Congean Christopher Da Av
Dana James Da Fl
Deng Alan Ri Bi
Demilica Domenic Da Ri
Devan Chris Fl Li
Dias Fabian Pa Li
Dou Diana Pa Li
Dreeschler Andrew Ri Bl
Ekin Jonathan Ru Bl
Evans Laura Av Ru
Fang Joe Fi Fl
Farshaw Larry Av Pa
Franks Riley Fi Av
Freddo Andrew Fl Da
Garapati Vidyas Bt Ri
Gaikwad Evan Av Da
Go Brian Bi Bl
Gonzales Xavier Bi Li
Gould Julianne Av Li
Graves Michael Ri Da
Grinstead Marshall Av Da
Grogan Gillian Bi Da
Guled Hassan Bi Da
Gunn Kathryn Ri Av
Gupta Manasi Da Li
Hai Oren Da Ru
Hebbale Swaroop Ri Av
Hansley Brandon Li Ru
Harreffshaw Marcello Da Li
Hong Anna Li Fi
Huang Fan Av Ru
Huang Dan Li Ri
Huang Li Ru Av
Hunter Joshua Ru Da
Hwang Kevin Da Ri
Im Jennifer Av Da
Jim Shao Ri Fa
Johnson Greg Av Pa
Johnson Jonathan Da Av
Jonsdammery Ram Fi Ri
Karl Robert Pa Da
Kassof Brett Pa Ru
Kasturia Shirin Av Ri
Kay Michael Av Fa
Kim John Av Ru
Kim Phillip Bi Av
Kim Heeje Ri Da
Kiner Jeff Av Da
Ko Albert Av Pa
Kornblith Simon Li Bi
Kondaveedi Anily Ru Fl
Kratz Dave Av Li
Kuan Jeff Ri Ru
Kurdyumov Ruslan Ri Ru
Kuznetsova Gley Li Av
Lam Amy Av Ru
Lam Hailey Av Ri
Leber Justin Ri Li
Lecanet Daniel Av Bi
Lee David Av Li
Lester Brian Bl Pa
Lieszczynski Philip Li Av
Li Lidang Fl Li
Liang Patrick Li Bi
Liao Warren Bi Ru
Lin Ben Ru Li
Lin Cordelia Ri Li
Liu Christopher Av Fi
Liu Leon Av Ri
Maatta Sara Li Fl
Makuluni Tumvama Li Li
Maks Alisa Li Da
Martin Harold Av Li
Matschuk Andy Li Da
Maurer Matthew Bl Li
McCarter Joe Fl Av
McEntee Connor Av Li
McMillan Ben Bi Av
Mintun Eric Av Li
Mishra Ankita Fl Li
Morley Caroline Li Av
Mostowy Walter Da Pa
Mukeyian Hamik Ru Av
Ng Justin Fa Fl
Nguyen Long Fl Pi
Nikolaus Joel Fl Li
Norris Noele Ru Pa
Ojeda Alejandro Ri Fl
Pacilini Robbie Fl Av
Parikh Ravi Ru Fl
Paryani Jason Ru Da
Patel Hetal Av Li
Petrykiewicz Jan Fl Li
Plummer Diane Pa Fa
Qiu Kai Bl Pa
Rajagopal Apparcia Pa Av
Rath John Av Fl
Reheznikov Nick Li Da
Roebber Elinore Li Ru
Rosa Nick Pa Bi
Russell Rebecca Li Av
Ryu Ernest Mi Pa
Sacco Andy Da Ru
Scheffler Erik Ru Fl
Schaffert Paul Fl Pa
Schants Jarred Pa Da
Schlansker Steven Ru Av
Schmering Edward Ru Av
Schulman John Pa Da
Scott Kim Pa Fa
Shamir Katie Da Pa
Shender Dinah Da Av
Shiu Phil Fa Ru
Sidersis Costis Fa Pi
Singer Ted Da Ru
Smith Michael Aa Ru
Solomon Adam Bi Ri
Song Da Bi Av
Sotto David Bi Ru
Souganidis Ellie Fl Ru
Stamp Dave Ru Ri
Stevens Thomas Fa Pa
Suffoletta Paul Pa Ri
Swanson Irene Da Ru
Slay Tan Fa Bi
Tan Geng Av Ru
Thakoor Kavi Da Av
Tong Leslie Li Ri
Valdes Carolyn Fl Bi
Volofk Tyler Pa Ri
Wade Nick Av Fl
Wang Albert Bi Da
Wang Alice Av Pa
Wang Perry Pa Ri
Webb Renaldou Ru Av
Widgren Heather Fi Bi
Wilke Stephen Bl Av
Wilkowski Aaron Bl Ru
Wokilewololo Plotr Ru Pa
Woodin Christina Pa Ru
Wu Yi Li Fl
Xu George Av Ru
Yang Le Bl Li
Yeh Christine Da Li
Yeh Olivia Fi Fl
Yen Andy Ru Ri
Yeung Serena Bi Ri
Yu Brian Da Da

Todd's Paperside Chat

Welcome Prefrosh,

As the president of the Associated Students of Caltech, I would like to welcome you to our unique little school. To many Caltech students my official role is to provide donations every so often. You will soon have a chance to experience the amazing phenomena that is Midnight Donuts, but first I would like to share a few of my thoughts about Caltech if only to support the illusion that my responsibilities extend beyond donuts.

As you hopefully have heard by now, Caltech is a hard place. If you choose to attend, you should expect to be challenged to the point that you may question your own ability. I recognize that this is not a very encouraging thing to hear, but I do not wish to sugarcoat. All admissions are simply meant to complete the coursework, without a real passion for math and science it can be difficult to find the motivation to put in the required effort. Luckily, Caltech's saving grace is that everyone is going through the same struggle together. I feel that this collective fight against the coursework combined with the House culture creates a nice sense of camaraderie amongst the undergraduates that helps students get through the work and have a little fun in the process.

When I attended Prefrosh Weekend a few years ago I was prepared to find a school with difficult academics, so I was confused when I found the weekend to be extremely fun. I became suspicious that the weekend was not actually a representation of the school. As you'll surely notice, there are some very superficial-looking events. I think that an upperclassman accurately described the situation to me a few years ago. He suggested that the Prefrosh Weekend experience is more like the fun time when so many fun events are packed into such a compact period of Prefrosh Weekend are very realistic in that the events really are things Caltech students do for fun throughout the course of the year. It is likely that you will meet people this weekend who hold a very different opinion than my own about Prefrosh Weekend and about Caltech in general. You will find upperclassmen who have become slightly bitter about their workload. It is important for you to talk to these people and hear them out, but it's also important for you to know that there are many people at Caltech who wouldn't rather be anywhere else. If you really love math and science then this is an amazing place to be. The combination of challenging classes, brilliant peers, and quick social lives is very refreshing for most Caltech students. I couldn't imagine myself at any other school, but I encourage you to check out the school for yourself this weekend. Be sure to have a little fun in the process. Todd Gingrich
BY: CRAIG MONTUORI

IHC CHAIRMAN

Those of you that have brought your high school or college-level, for that matter my heavy workload to do over the next few days, for the love of jeebus either burn it dose in gasoline and burn it
ok it into tiny pieces and burn it
or... well, you get the picture.

What we ask of you during this weekend is to kick back and enjoy this fine SoCal climate (wax, as Mother Nature mocks me) by training sometime during this week), especially while we laugh at you behind your backs.

You guys do on the ending of a fine place in its own right, can’t help but try to show off to your prospective classmates and enjoy the school’s offerings of free food, while mocking the falsity of the image presented to you and showing off for you in your own right.

Hopefully, you see through this image; if not, it will be realized with your eyes open at the times during the weekend (odd names that might be seen through Saturday morning, but whaddaya gonna do?).

This weekend is Caltech for Prefreshman Weekend; we are a school of wealth and taste.

Your role as a representative of the community to check out the classes here, see what’s going on during the week in some of the houses here, and see a giant gathering of students who’ll give you a chance to participate in at Caltech. I’m here, as the Inter­

house Committee (IHC) Chair to explain the house system and to give some perspective on your short glimpse of these fine houses.

Let me note that quite quickly, you’ll be hearing the phrases “In my opinion...” and “In the
past...” and you’ll be hearing them a lot.

You see, we hold ourselves to certain traditions to try to assure that you are unbiased until you enter a house here. The IHC ex­

pects participation in the traditions hold to these rules while you are here; in addition, it mediates be­

tween you and the house of your choice as a resident student interested.

House Prefreshweekend, while we hope that you are interested in the stories you’ll hear, we will share with you, we also hope that you consider the House System as a whole, carefully, thoughtfully, with an understanding of how it works, what it can do for others and why we consider it so im­
portant to this school’s environ­
ment.

While you’re here, each House will be showing off for you, both as individual houses and as rep­

resentatives of the entire House­

ing system. Keep in mind that you will be welcome nearly any­
where at nearly anytime during the week in your house. You may feel uncomfortable, offend­
ored, or just confused. Feel free to ask your mentor or specifically ask for the house’s prefresh rep.

This person, or group of people, volunteered to help you get the most out of this weekend. Also, you may be able to see other undergraduate House dur­ing your time here, since you are free to go around to the house you were assigned to other than to give your parents a place to keep your things and sleep at night.

Not every person meshes well with the community and will be rooming in for two nights or the house they will be eating dinner for the next week. However, we do ask that you give both of these a chance, though, for you may find that you enjoy throwing rolls at dinner or any number of House eccentric­i­

ties that you may discover during your time here.

Also remember that quite quickly, this weekend is an excellent counterpart to the intensive workload here, as din­
ners give students a chance to re­

 lax and unwind after a long day.

Many Houses put an empha­sis on food, it’s sometimes a place to take a break from working and still the entire time you will have dinner with the other members of the House. We take care of each other through academic and socialcookie here. We can’t get along together as a result. We like to make sure that the members of our House are striking a healthy balance between work and fun, and when you have time, and when someone has all work and no fun.

Caltech is about providing students with opportunities, both academic and social. We’d like you to keep that in mind while visiting, I think you will see how the House System can be a place that keeps you healthy and active. If you are our guests for the week­
end, so please allow us to treat you to an enjoyable weekend.

In 1927, Werner Heisenberg wrote in his uncertainty paper that the position is determined, the less precisely the momentum is known in this instant, and vice versa.” This paper laid the foundation for the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle which states that one cannot assign, with full precision, values for certain physical and/or observable variables, including the posi­
tion and momentum, of a single elementary particle at the same time even in theory.

After you pass it through your Freshman year and hit your second year Physics, this the­
ory will become a part of the everyday pain or joy you feel in Quantum Mechanics. But the reason I bring up now is because I think it addresses the decision each of you is making in the next few days. Should I tend Caltech next fall?

I graduated from Caltech this year as a member of the Caltech Alumni Association Board of Directors and an Undergradu­
ate Admissions Support Area

role in the Caltech Community ever since. When I first met prospective students, I chatted with their parents, I share with them all of the wonderful reasons they thought Caltech was the right school for them. I find the brightest and most creative student­

body anywhere; access to faculty and students in the forefront of the scientific fron­
tiers is small community. What truly cares about the well-being and success of every one of its members? Caltech has a communi­

ty that deserves a ten­

dentious amount of energy, time and funding to its shrunken mother and future graduates.

I talk about the wonderfully unique house traditions, the opportunity to play a varsity sport, sing in the glee club and write for the student newspaper. All at the same time (granted, you have to give up sleep if you still want to pass the class while having white social life); the access to cultural activities through the campus activities association (CAAC); the opportunity to work with a Senior with a car; why a Negative Time Tommy’s burglary just $1.00 (ask upperclassmen); why Dick Day is Tomorrow and they need your help to make it happen.

I let them know that I too got on a plane as a 17 year old who grew up in fancy Orange County, lived in Newport Beach, good to go of my parents and landed in Chicago for the first time, excited and ready to take on the world... and I sur­


ived it. We chat for an hour or two, I fi­

nally tell them the most impor­
tant word in this sentence: “IHC.”

And that is... Because no matter how hard you try to explain the Caltech experience to your friends, your family, your peers or any­

body else, it’s a Caltech experience that to “get it”. They can’t. It’s too hard to explain. It’s too unique and not different than what you’re living and breathing it every day.

This is why the Heisenberg Un­
certainty Principle, you cannot assign an IHC with full precision an exact value. As soon as you try, another variable changes and your perceptions, expectations and results change as a result.

And that’s exactly what makes it “the” one in a lifetime experience. It’s why alumni stay so involved with the Institute ten, twenty, thirty years later. It’s why we’re proud to be Tocchers even though it was tough and so painful sometimes. It was still fun, amusing and energizing.

As you all experience the weekend, meet everyone you can and explore every nook of the campus, you will find some facts, remember that there’s only one Caltech, and the only way to know it is to feel it. We would be honored to have you join the Class of 2010.

Welcome, Prefresh!

BY: JEAN SUN

CHAIR, BOARD OF CONTROL

You’re presumably here on campus and browsing through this newspaper to learn some­thing about the Honor Code. What are the perks are, the drawbacks, what is the undergraduate culture is like here? What makes Caltech stand out above its peer institutions? What makes us a great school? Is it that we’re telling the virtues of the Hon­
or Code, which in truth we need to now that makes every student. But I don’t think a column of exuberant, sugar-coated praise could hope to do it justice.
The Honor Code is meant to promote honesty and trust, so that its name says, and the IHC doesn’t exactly hold the honor code for its fun. This trust is, for me, what makes this school truly unique: from the moment you arrive, you’re created as a responsible adult and be given the privileges that come with acting like one.

Secondly, the Honor Code is in large part responsible for shaping the culture on this much more. You’ll come to find that, even though every student here is naturally competitive, we turn our backs on the cutthroat. In order to survive at this school, we have to learn to collaborate, to work together, do not compete. The rather gen­
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The California: MIT Perspective

MARISA CEVALLOS

The Tech interviews Andrew Westerdale, an MIT freshman living in East Campus near where the cannon was (re)stolen:

What were your experiences on the day Caltech stole the cannon?

4:30 AM: Getting ready to go to bed, a few kids come running through the lounge and say, “Caltech is coming for the cannon, we’re having a send-off party for it, come help us set it up for it.” They tell us to show up down the block where the cannon was being kept and see between ten and fifteen people taking the ring of the cannon. I was told that Caltech called at 13:30 telling us they would be here within 12 hours for their cannon and wanted the ring off in three hours.

4:30ish: After people get the ring off, we start setting up for the party. Some people went to the campus general store to get food for the barbecue, others decorated the building with streamers, palm trees, etc. Others made signs welcoming our guests, and I helped bring over tables and a barbecue grill cooking and hot dogs.

5:45ish: There are now closer to 15 to 20 people (and growing) around the building for the grill cooking and hot dogs.

7:45ish: After the truck pulled up, Caltech students came back to our party (and finally) had some food. When we got back we were surrounded by the cannon walking and actually cut metal F. While we were standing there about 6 Caltech students were actually standing (and also cut metal F). In the windows. This took them about 15 minutes while a similar number of time and people that it took MIT students to take the cannon) and they almost put the N up backwards. The Caltech kids shared stories of their planning for their trip to MIT. By 9:00 the celebration had ended, we cleaned up and it was time to get ready for class.

What you think of Flemming’s response, given the amount of time they had to prepare?

I understand that they didn’t have time to do something clever, so given that constraint I guess their response was fine because it got the job done. The cannon and “F” were a nice touch, but overall I was expecting a more swift recovery because of the more than twenty man hours.

What sort of impression did the stolen cannon make on the pristine “F”?

I think it really helped show some of the fun/carefree/ramshackle stuff MIT does. I did a few campus tours and made it a point to show the professors the cannon. What did you think about Caltech’s prank at CPW last week?

I was a preprof at the time. I have one of the shirts and I think it’s a pretty last year thing. It was clever and humorous and I don’t see my problem with it. Do you think that the pranking culture between Caltech and MIT is revived?

There seems to be a healthy relationship going back and forth between the two schools. Personally, I think that the whole caltech.mit.com thing is a little over the top. Hacking shouldn’t be about who’s winning and the scoring is fairly arbitrary.

Some Caltech students were upset that the hackers didn’t leave a note, and was probably the cause of the police report. Is this something that the hackers overlooked, and would it fit in to situations that follow legitimately under MIT’s “pranking” policy?

That is not part of MIT hacking ethos/culture so I’m sure it was just a thought to the MIT hackers.

Baja Fresh on Lake and Del Mar

A better than McDonald’s

BY: JOSHUA GUTMAN

“Know any good places to eat near campus?” seemed like a easy enough question to answer when you first joined in school, but there are so many factors to consider when running around for food, price, quality, distance from campus, and hours of operation close, fast, and reasonably priced, this is your place. They have a good selection of Mexican food and are only a few blocks away. I am not a fan of Mexican food, but I want a place where I do not have to wait for a lot of people. My personal favorite is the Salsa Bar. It is in the Barraco Centro. The key in ordering this is to ask the substitute the sour cream with cream cheese, which is way better with the no charge. You can also make a useful trip out of it with Black-

Polycsics: DEVO/kraftwerk child

BY: JAVIER SOLIZ

Polycsics! What can I say? I love the DEVO/kraftwerk scene. It has always been one of my favorite bands to see live hands down. I finished up finals early last term and followed them to the Bay Area. It was pretty sick.

I don’t have any idea how anybody can argue with the Polycsics. They not only got pumped up to the point of dancing, jumping, and otherwise throwing yourself headfirst into the musical gauntlet which is this show is high energy, practically incessant and will hit you with musical influences from all directions.

New wave, surf rock, ska, techno pop, punk, rock, Japanese garage, German rock, techno, etc., all all mixed together is probably a good way to describe Polycsics. My favorite part of the concert was from their tour manager at the Cafe du Nord (San Francisco) audience. “If DEVO and Kraftwerk were to have a child this would be it.”

Don’t worry that you won’t enjoy this band because you don’t know Japanese. Lead singer Hayashi would assure you that no matter what language is being sung the music or song lyrics. The band has been on the road every year since our indie days... A message? There is a real message? This is, evidenced by one of my personal favorite songs, “I My Me Mine”, in which the lyricist Empous are listed off and accompanied by recorder solos.

High energy is the philosophy of lead singer and guitarist Hayashi, who started Polycsics with only himself and a programmable Korg Polyox synthesizer. The band started on the underground in Tokyo in 1997 and it wasn’t long before Hayashi was on tour and got a major label. Along the way he picked up Fumi (bass, voice), Kayo (synth, voice, vocoder), and Sutter Yano.

Each member brings their own element of style to the show. Yano drives the band stylistically playing sets with ease. Hayashi, authoritatively dances around throwing himself into every position you can think of while playing a guitar and showering the stage with sweat. Kayo is a nice contrast with her cute shininess and robotic dance movements. She pokes at the keyboard and amuses the crowd with pom-poms and a backpack with a big-bad-attitude and combines this with cute voice work. Everyone loves her voice, which is the dedication to their albums or watching their DVDs won’t do the band justice. Where they really shine - or shall go off like a flash-bang in your face – is on the stage. There’s no substitute to dodging the sweat and beer flying from a happy Hayashi while having mind-numbingly loud speakers and your loin with the sweet melodies of Kayo’s synthes and Fumi’s vocals. Fucking awesome!

There newest album “Now is the Time” is available in the U.S. and has two additional tracks which weren’t on the Japanese version I imported. Check out the official Polycsics home page at www.polycsics.com

Green faces the Charge of Tower Records, and Good Guys right across the street.

Sandwiches by Conall

I think it’s safe to call this the Mexica of delicious and greasy food near Tech. They have a huge selection of delicious sandwiches, but they also have various types of fries like zucchini fries and over 10 different flavors of milkshakes.

I’m sure you’re starving by now, but I would like to make a few honest observations that had to be left off for one reason or another.

The Pastry

This is THE place to go when working all night on sets. You can get enough food to leave stuffed to the brim for around $6. It’s a bit far being all the way in the Pantry, but well-worth the trip.

A good pastry run can be done in 45 minutes.

Go Fresh

If you like the Mongolian BBQ you’ll love this. I was surprised when I tried this place. The noodles are a little thicker and flavorful, and they actually let you stack your own unique which unfortunately CDS has stopped.

If you heard about the first event in the comedysemicon you know that eating 16 of these in 20 minutes is a requirement for a $1.09+tax on Tuesday nights is quite a deal.

Krispy Kream

The one in Burbank is blessed by a rabbi. That doesn’t give much weight in the red states, but it goes over quite well with the Jewish Tude Gang.

The Coffeehouse of Yore

I’m sorry, but the Coffeehouse has lost its hold a candle to this coffeehouse. You should try it when it moves back to the area. When we redo the South Houses in 2005. See you guys at the grand opening.
On Caltech Security

I was disappointed to read that Caltech security caught thieves from MIT/Tech stealing the Fleming cannon and let them get away, foiled by a story about being movers. It was originally a hoax, but the "moving company" was composed of people with. And who do we deal with day-to-day? The Deans. Although the Caltech administration is a complex organization, we are lucky enough to enjoy the benefits of a small school: far from faceless, the people deciding our campus policies are people we deal with day-to-day. But who are the people who handle our day-to-day stuff, and how do we communicate with them? How is the cannon's caisson, as I've heard, a 40,000 pound- plus-worth of logistics divided amongst all the various departments? There are two words you are likely to hear: "The Administra- tion." And sooner or later, you will probably want to talk to the Deans: The Dean of Student Affairs, and the liaison offices for the Caltech MBA program. The Deans: The Dean of Student Affairs, and the liaison offices for the Caltech MBA program. If you're not sure where to go with your problem, you might give the deans a call first. This is really two divisions in disguise, since the graduate community is served by the separate office of Dean of Graduate Studies Michael Hoffmann.

Campus Life: By far the most complex organization under Student Affairs, it's headed up by Tom Mannion. If you're not sure where to go with your problem, you might give the deans a call first. This is really two divisions in disguise, since the graduate community is served by the separate office of Dean of Graduate Studies Michael Hoffmann.

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Next week: Housing and contact info

Drinking O' The Week

SATURATION

BY: JOHN MCMANAMA

I part Galliano
1 part Kahlua
2 parts Créme de Cacao
4 parts sugar syrup

Build this drink in a Caltech Dining Services glass and knock it back. When you set off aうまく飛ぶバホン with this drink, the taste consists of mismatched herdies. No worry, what matters is the sugar shock. Your tongue, washing away any vestige of taste you once had. It is not pleasant nor does it make sense. This is just there to clean the mouth out and help you for- get anything else you swallowed. But think for a minute: you got that glass from the north kitch- en. One million cockroaches defecated on the glass you use to prepare it. That's right, you are drinking cockroach feces. That does not matter for you. This drink has enough sugar to knock the rest of your rea- tion. I guess that is how you like your life—a sugar coated glass of flavor of reality. Have it your way, but I will not be drinking this one.
The Tennis Southern California Interscholastic Athletic Conference held its Men's and Women's Championship tournament last weekend, and the Caltech Men's and Women's teams placed 6th and 7th respectively out of 8 teams. Both teams performed as they were seeded, though the Men had hoped to earn a 5th place finish.

George Haagstrom won his matches for the Men's team against Bakersfield Occidental and Long Beach State. She continued with wins versus opponents from LaVerne and Whittier.

The Women's Coach, Mandy Gamble, was running the Men's competition, so the Women were led by Assistant Coach Chico (David) Simon. He did an excellent job handling all the delays, organization, coaches, disappointing moments, and probably most frustrating of all, handling us,” said Jenny Haas.

“Throughout the season, we had trouble with team unity. The team members who stand out as always being great team players were Diana Lin, Anna Hiszpan (who turned out to be an excellent doubles player), Rachel Reddick, Rachel Yo and Sonia Tiko (who have improved dramatically throughout the season), and Ellen Hua. However, I believe we ended on a great note team wise this weekend with everyone supporting each other.”

Both teams graduate some of their top players this year. The Men's team will need to have at least four spots filled by new players for next year.

Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team Advances to Regionals

BY: MARIANNA CEVALLOS

Caltech's women's ultimate Frisbee team qualified for the Southwest Regional tournament this weekend by placing sixth in the SoCal Sectionals. Though Caltech was summarily defeated by first and third seed teams UCLA-A and Santa Barbara, they smashed UCLA-B and UCSD-B, and narrowly beat fifth seed Cal-Poly to advance their seed from seventh to sixth. In addition, Caltech also played an edge-of-the-seat match with USC, with an amazing comeback from Caltech in the second half until USC narrowly beat Caltech 11-10.

Great plays came from Snatch members in every match. Katherine Poslin continually made impressive lay-outs in the endzone for the disc, including one during the Cal-Poly game where she slid in the dirt for the disc. Sarah Payne made countless passes to Tai Carvalho for the score, especially in the UCLA-B game. One of Snatch's more ingenious plays came on the field during the USC match. While USC's general strategy was to attack the disc down the field and have someone catch it in the end-zone, a few Snatch players discovered in the second half that USC had a hard time playing against a four-man cup zone defense, where four players surround the person with the disc. With this weakness exposed, Snatch came back and scored 7 points in the second half, much to USC's fear.

Along with Snatch's sweet and teas was a bit of blood. Lizz Trower laid out in the end-zone match with USC, with an USCs fear. "When we soon realized that the weather was quite colder than we imagined without our shirts on, we kept warm by shouting chants and rearranging to form new words," said RJ Krom, sophomore in Lloyd and Snatch supporter.

Not all of the Snatch members are convinced that they will play at regionals - after all, the tournament will be held in San Diego during midterms week. But after being seeded sixth in Southern California, and having beaten other Southwest teams like Arizona, there is no doubt that Snatch will be able to pull some wins in the regional tournament as well.

Correction: In the previous issue of The Tech, the caption under a fencing photo read “Park William Cream makes his opponent look retarded.” This slang usage of the word “retarded” as a demeaning adjective is needlessly offensive to some, and I apologize to our readers for my mistake.

Sincerely,
Jon Senn, Editor of the Sports section
Techer Aids in Cancer Research

BY: MATTHEW GLASSMAN

Do you think you could swim 1500 meters, bike 40 kilometers, or run 10 kilometers? How about doing them in a row? In under three hours?

This is ultimately what Freshman Rebecca Barter and other triathletes hope to accomplish through months of training for hours on end. New tack: training under pressure of raising $4,500 to support research for a cancer you and she have realtively few hands full.

The principle of Team Training, a program organized by a Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. It is described as “the world’s largest sports endurance training program.” Participants are asked to raise money for the society’s research and in return receive training to compete in Olympic distance triathlons.

While this support network includes two days a week of guided workouts with certified coaches, the pressure of training for the event, a concept that Barter has been involved in for over two years.

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This battle has been more than a physical challenge for Barter. After losing her father to cancer during her freshman year of high school, Barter has pursued many different avenues to aid in the search for a cure. This most recent activity is one that she hopes will not only financially contribute to research, but also inspire those who are battling the disease.

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Depending on how well time in the future, Barter is considering participating in the Iron Man competition, which is by far the toughest triathlon. It is the same race, just with an additional long distance swimming component.

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If successful, Barter will be part of an organization that, over the past 18 years, has raised $660 million for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

As long as she has the chance to contribute, Barter will keep fundraising and exercising, which means more hours at the pool, on the bike, and on her feet. To help Rebecca fulfill her goal, you can visit her website at http://www.active.com/donate/mega/implantBarter.

Where the Wild Things are Drinking Gatorade

BY: MARK EICHENLAUB

With special assistance from Maurice Sendak, Dashiell Hammett, Lindsey Lohan, William Barter Jr., Bjorn Stroustrup, King James, the Man from Nantucket, and my good friend, the internet.

It was a dark and rainy day. The disgruntled athletes crowded around me in the meager confines of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. It is described as “the world’s largest sports endurance training program.” Participants are asked to raise money for the society’s research and in return receive training to compete in Olympic distance triathlons.

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Dear Loyal Readers,

Already in our short stay as Tech Editors, some of the content we have published has probably offended you. To a lesser extent, some of this content may have been extended to us as well. While this does not necessarily indicate a job well-done, it is, indeed, a sure indication of our failure. As long as students possess interesting, controversial ideas, some of our readers will be offended. However, we are bound by our policies to not let our editors or students from other on-campus who have themselves received numerous complaints on our behavior.

It is clear that nobody has any desire to curtail student freedom of speech. Primarily, the complaints express wishes for us to limit gratuitously vulgar tones employed in some of our articles. Perhaps little effort was made to give adequate attention to tone, but we strive to see the benefit to the reader of a more refined vocabulary or a less outlandish presentation of ideas.

In our opinion, Henry M. Jackson’s quote that “Osama bin Laden is the "most brilliant and charismatic leader on the face of this planet" is shockingly offensive; it is a sentence purposefully selected to agitate the reader and instigate emotional response. We have no desire to limit the form in which students write Commentary. But perhaps most of you feel any potential gains in style are far outweighed by the content of this paper at all, go take the poll.

Another equally flawless solution to the problem would be to hold what I like to call a "rummage sale". This way houses could air all their grievances towards other houses while frosh could get a feel for the house's personalities by their comments. Students submit articles for publication, and the Tech will plan to attract other possibly offensive or vulgar material if students show a desire to do so.

For those of you who are not undergraduates, we care about your concerns as well. Please let us know your opinions at tech@caltech.edu. If you provide a longer email, please indicate whether you wish for us to publish your letter. Additionally, we invite all members of the community to attend our weekly staff meetings on Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. during the spring semester, at which time we will solicit feedback from those who may be interested. In the near future we will have a form for this purpose on our website, http://tech.caltech.edu/.

Thus far, we have personally received very few email complaints; in fact, only the ones that have been previously published in this paper.

We are receiving feedback to our articles. Whenever you are offended, you may contact us by email. If we fail to respond to your feedback, please send us an email and let us know—even if it's just a sentence or two.

Sincerely,
David Chen
Jon Malmaud
Julie Senn

BY: JEFFREY PHILLIPS

Caltech is a place of freedom. By and large the administration is not deeply involved in the process, but rather the other way when it comes to the minor indiscretions of its students. We, as a self-governed House; we are all responsible to a higher sense of the word. Being part of the free world and the rest of America, it is difficult to imagi­ne the current generation fighting for freedom as much as we do. However, the freedom we now enjoy. Each of us has too become the custodian of that freedom to the extent of posterity to very badly which would guarantee the future of the institution.

The right which weighs on my mind this week is freedom of religion and it is all familiar with the Rotation Rules. We often discuss the weekend. We are all so familiar in fact that they are enshrined year after year in this article, with people abide by them because the penalties fail not upon their own hands but upon the backs of their house.

The choicest thing to an evaluation a particular house and the contents of surveys from 2003 and 2004 (not a comparable statistic, though, in terms of divisio­ny capacity), and the results were not even released to the general public. We cannot do with the fact that a majority stated that restrictions should not be placed on porn watching, even though it can be said. Or perhaps the fact that a majority would have ranked Hov­

...if we are free to talk about our ideas and our lives at this blessed/cursed institution?

BY: JON MALMAUD

I have come to the opportunity during two very special times of year basically makes no sense to talk about fact whether it exists in the present or future. Hence, I will attempt to air my views on this subject with the following statement: None of the following information, regarding house lore and common household verbs represent present or future events. The information refer to fact and would of course only refer to theoretical houses or organizations.

So I obviously realize the definitions of fact and would of course only refer to theoretical houses or organizations. Rules in effect during Prefrosh refer to fact and would of course only refer to theoretical houses or organizations.

Our standard, however, is that any vulgarity con­tribute to the effect of the article. We refuse to stifle the tone or worse yet the actual content of our stu­

...but what really ends up happening is that the frosh get false impres­sions of the houses because they draw their observations based on some fairly atypical times at Caltech.

BY: JOSHUA GUTMAN

I have come to the conclusion that during the past two years, the frosh have not even known the importance of the Rotation Rules. As a frosh, I have been unable to talk about the houses and mak­ing sure the frosh don’t get a bad impression of the house. However, houses ARE allowed to act completely out of charac­ter, and they absolutely give false impressions of the houses. For the other houses Rotation Rules somewhat hinder them from be­ing themselves.

You may be confused at this point. I will give you a couple of EXAMPLES.

Let’s say there were a fictional house that were to engage in every activity that they had their doors open, people in the house they were (with their houses among themselves), and people in this house used more than one bathtub and they didn’t do much cleaning. The house would be the same house, but if this hypothetical house host pre­frosh or have some kind of formalized social events, then they might not necessitate frosh from getting a false impression of the houses. Let’s say there was another house which their up­perclassmen have been doing certain things and a bunch of other things which the house is bound to them. And if they have a single event that should let pre­frosh “come to their OWN conclusion”. Well. I have no idea how people should let pre­frosh “come to their OWN conclusion”.

Yet with the recent cannon affair I have seen the looming specter of Rotation Violation slip into the picture.

Whatever shall we say about “how much?” Most conclude that it is best to say something rather than nothing at all, because a subtle nuance or a justified reason for a man against an entire House. The public automatic, since the reporter’s legitimate in­

The Rotation Rules state that you can’t talk about your letters. To a lesser extent, some of these rules are irrelevant to the aims of the article and could have been adequately described through text alone, that it was simply gra­
Caltech's Off-Campus Traditions: A Look into the Future

BY: SHAWN LIGOCKI

On Dec. 12, 1972, Caltech alum Jack Schmitt was awakened to "The Ride of the Valkyries" above his dorm room. Friends of Caltech's...
I've Made a Huge Mistake

BY: BRIAN HANLEY

I must start this article by saying that I doubt many of you will read this and even if you do, you probably won't believe me. As advice, it really doesn't matter what I say anyway.

I am here at this school for nearly four years. Four of the most painful years of my life. Why do I say this? That's a rhetorical question. I am nearly positive that the only reason I am still here is that I doubt many of you will read this article anyway.

One thing that everyone here knows about Caltech, but you have apparently been censored for some of my previous articles, is that the administration is never to be trusted. I can tell you why that is. It's because the Caltech administration is just like sitting on a pile of sand and then graduat- ing. It's just the same cone fits. The analogy represents not only the fact that those cones somehow get more difficult every year, but also all of the other failings of the university.

One thing that everyone here knows about students and definitely mentions as one of the faults of Caltech is the "C-Stores." Yes, yes, it is a bad thing that there are about these for men and women and that every boy is played, but that is only half the story. These cones are not regular cones. Recently, I thought I would try the 'we'll drink 'til she's hot' philosophy, but it didn't work and when 'we'll drink 'til she's hot' doesn't work, you may as well be at a men only university.

When I toured Caltech when I was in high school, I was told that Caltech cared about the stu- dent body. I don't know whether or not things have changed, but at this point, I know it is not true. Now, Caltech cares about sales and building buildings. Caltech seems to accept money from anyone who will pay, no matter how much money comes from the school. The school seems to have the attitude that if a person donates money to the univer- sity, we have to do whatever that donor says, regardless of what it means. Caltech has recently started to build buildings for donors without looking in to the extra costs associated with having these buildings. They forget about costs for parking structures, extra em- ployees, building maintenance, and so on in this won- derful budget deficit. Who does the administration charge for this deficit? Not the donors or them- selves, the reason for the deficit, but the student population.

They have increased the cost of tuition, housing, and board, and we get nothing in return. Housing costs go up and they no longer give us linens and starting next year, they will only clean our rooms once a term instead of every other week as it is now. The Caltech Dining Services now need to make more profit from students, despite the fact that it was designed to break even and the fact that the only profit they make now is from people who pay for board but don't eat. As for tuition, Caltech is still some- what cheaper than other universities of similar caliber, but the fact that tuition has increased beyond simply the rate of inflation sug- gests that for some reason the school needs more of our money than before, but I see no benefit to me for this extra money, so I shouldn't be charged. Add to this extra cost, the knowledge that most services are actually doing less than before, such an increase is unacceptable.

Furthermore, the administra- tion has taken the stance of politi- cal correctness and requires us to take care so as not to offend our employees and create a harmful workplace. We cannot have pen- tags or suggestive pictures or vulgarity in murals. This isn't just an administra- tion taking away things that we pay for, but the administration taking away our constitutional rights, our freedom of speech, our freedom of expres- sion. What else are they going to prohibit us from doing? Burn- ing flags? Protesting injustice?

Whatever you think of me, I have but one thing I need to say. Don't come here, and if you are already here, just leave. I've been here for too long, so transferring doesn't do me any good, but if I can just save one person from this misery, I've done my job. So real- ly, don't come here and if you're already here, just leave.

I already charges enough that the store at least breaks even from sales, but please, anybody, cor- rect me if I'm mistaken. Another objection others have raised is that the C-Store would need to be restocked more often in order to satisfy the patently increased demand. While this would prob- ably be the best policy for the store, it would not be a necessary one. If additional restocking were infeasible, the store could simply receive the same shipments as now. Yes, by the end of the week the more popular items will have all been purchased - such is the case to some degree even now - but such a situation could not be worse than the present. Students will have more convenient opportu- nities to purchase most items in the store. They can, if they wish, stock up during the early part of the week or items likely to run out. They will be able to procure some sort of snack during the late hours of the night as they slave over sets, even if the C-Store's late-week selection leaves much to be desired.

If you can think of any other hidden costs or reasons the store should not open 24/7, please send me an email and clue me in. If you’d like the C-Store open 24/7 for a cost of at most 28 cents per day, send an email to Tom Mans- mion and let him know.