ATTENTION ON BURMA
Ruling Military
Class Commits Atrocities

By DAVID CHEN
Ka Hsaw Wa, who co-founded Earthrights International in 1995 with two American lawyers, presented a talk on Tuesday night about human-rights abuses currently taking place, especially the atrocities committed in Burma.

He began by talking about the geography and cultural make-up of Burma. Asking if any audience members knew where Burma is located and observing that few hands were raised, he described that Burma is neighbored by India, Laos, Thailand, China, and Bangladesh. Burma contains more than 60 different indigenous groups with their own customs and languages. In addition, many endangered species live in Burma.

Ka Hsaw Wa, who explained that his name means “white elephant,” then described his own upbringing in Burma. Sixteen years ago, “I was 17, and I was a teenager. My life was so full of fun and all I cared about was my look. If you owned an American jean, you looked so cool I thought I had good care of my pair of jeans.”

One day an unknown person approached him and said, “Brother, I need to talk to you.”

The stranger showed a badge, indicating that he was military intelligence, so Ka Hsaw Wa had no choice but to concede to the demands. He saw that “they took me to the police station, and I thought I was going to identify people, so I wasn’t scared.” Contrary to his expectations, he was brought into an enclosed room without windows and which had a distinctly moldy smell.

A friend of Ka Hsaw Wa’s had fought against the army and was killed. Suspecting that Ka Hsaw Wa knew his whereabouts, the military attempted to interrogate him but he truly did not know the requested information. It was so painful. They tortured me for three whole days.” In an attempt to break him, they starved him and poured filthy water down his throat. He also had to crawl over rocks used for road construction because the interrogators wanted him “to swim over them”.

The next thing he knew, he woke up in the hospital. “I was so angry that I could only think of revenge.” Two weeks later, Ka Hsaw Wa shares his experiences as a teenager in Burma that caused him to become a human rights activist.

BoD Elections Today; Candidates Weigh In

By KEVIN BARTZ
Maintaining unity through the upcoming renovations of the South Houses tops a potpourri of promises from over 20 candidates competing for 12 ASCIT offices in today’s hastily anticipated ASCIT election, a bellwether race for the soon-to-be-resident Board of Directors.

The focal point of this year’s election is the race for Interhouse Committee chair, where Peter Foley ’06 and Melody Grubbs ’06 are vying to lead on-campus houses through renovations and to help shape Avery after last May’s landmark Faculty Board decision opening Avery House to freshmen.

Facing the renovations-neccesitated relocation of South House residents next year to mobile homes on Avery’s North Lawn, Foley sees the IHC’s role as one of “encouraging interaction between the houses” and hopes to procure funding for trailer-park social events and to find temporary homes for the Coffeehouse and ASCIT screening room, both of which will be inaccessible during renovations. In contrast, Grubbs called cultural preservation the duty of the individual houses, though she pledged to help if asked.

Both Foley and Grubbs agreed that the Faculty Board should consider perhaps a point system for the houses to help freshmen make frequent moves, a topic that Foley brought up and Grubbs supported.

Both candidates also agreed that the IHC should not be the official renovation planning body, but rather a facilitator, and were split on whether they believe the current IHC term is too long or too short.

As a current IHC member, Grubbs’ major concern is “the low turnout.” She also sees large problems for the IHC in the future when they have to interact with the new Freshman Orientation Committee and the new Residential Life Committee.

Foley, a former IHC member and the only person running for the same position as last year, said that the IHC is in need of “a new direction” and that the IHC should look at the current problems in the university to work toward solutions.

Jon Senn, who has told Jon he is her scenery room, both of which nothing reputation in planning

Senn Ends Facebook
Friend Competition

By BYON MALMAUD
How many friends do you have on Facebook? Over 200? Over 400? Imagine having over 4000. Such is the case with Page-ated both die-hard fans and enthusiasts and oms.

Tommy Sophomore Jon Senn, who's escapades have generated a new Facebook group, currently holds claim to over 4400 has told Jon he is her face shot as its icon. A University

By ALEX SIEGEL
The oldest man to have traveled into space, as well as a former Senator from Ohio, John Glenn, gave a speech to a crowded audience in the Pasadena Civic Auditorium last Wednesday as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series. Caltech’s own Office of Campus Life takes about ten students, chosen by lottery, to each of these events, including this one, throughout the year.

Glenn opened his talk modestly. He recalled a time when he was introduced as one of the “few, truly great men in this world.” Glenn could only laugh at such a statement. He cracked a few astronaut jokes and once the ice was broken, he began to talk about his experiences in space.

His first space flight in 1962 was a source of many fond memories for Glenn. He orbited the earth at 17,500 miles per hour, which meant that he saw a large amount of sunsets and sunrises during his orbit. The sunrises and sunsets in space are different from those on Earth. Glenn remarked, because the Earth’s atmosphere removes the green and blue end of the spectrum, but in space, the sunsets cover the full spectrum.

John Glenn also commented on the thinness of the Earth’s atmosphere with respect to the size of the Earth itself. When he noticed the stars, it was so black that he knew that the Earth’s atmosphere protects the Earth from pollution. He recalled a time when he was flying over space, the sunsets cover the full spectrum.

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This map depicts the route of the Unocal pipeline through Burma that Ka Hsaw Wa brought a case against for consenting rural Burmese and for forcibly relocating villagers.

Earthrights International Founder Victorious Over Burma Company

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he joined an uprising started by students. “We were students, we were teachers, we were farmers... We thought we got dem­ocracy,” said Hsaw Hsaw described, “Many of our friends were shot in the street.” To efficiently clean up the dead bodies on the streets, the military would load them onto a truck and bury them together, despite the fact that some bodies may have only been wounded and still alive.

The government began to arrest possible leaders, and “it was so clear that I was targeted, so I left town.” Ka Hsaw Wa was hiding in the jungle, Ka Hsaw Wa saw the devastation that the vil­lagers faced and thought, “We need to expose these kinds of things to the world.”

Any commercial developments were in cohorts with the military, with the army forcefully removing villagers from a desired area. In addition, the military would conscript villagers to work on their projects without pay. Such projects included harvesting operations and building outposts and other structures for the military. The military would send power over the villagers, and Ka Hsaw Wa showed a video clip of a covert team that interviewed a woman who said that she was raped by the Burmese soldiers.

In these chaotic moments when they are forcefully evicted, the villagers have no time to collect their belongings or even family members. In another videoclip, a man was asked where his wife and children were. He said that he didn’t know but could only follow the rest of the villagers.

Many of these villagers become refugees in Thailand, and especially in the Burmese military. The military systematically trains these youth to develop a sense of loyalty. Earthrights International has created a report, The School for Rape, which examines this process.

Ka Hsaw Wa said that they had reached a “principle of agreement.” Unocal agreed to pay the wages for the unpaid Burmese laborers, a fund for villages af­fected by the pipeline, and to pay the lawyers’ fees.

Another issue was how the Bur­mese situation could be improved by international pressure. Ka Hsaw Wa said, “Although we can not remove all human-rights viola­tions, you can already see a dif­ference.” Previously, conscripted labor was openly used, but such violations are no longer flagrantly employed. The United States has a sanction against Burma, so no new business arrangements with Burma are allowed.

In addition, an import ban was started just last month, but Ka Hsaw Wa said that Burmese ship­pers try to route their products through Thailand. He said that a recent report came out well­ documenting that almost all Bur­mese on how to navigate with thc Burmese military, directly or from family members related to the military.

One audience member asked how Earthrights could teach the Burmese to protect their rights when they didn’t really have a constitution? Hsaw Wa said that if they can’t define and protect such human rights, Ka Hsaw Wa said that they really can’t do anything, but they teach community and village leaders issues of interna­tional law and how to approach the international community. In addition, they instruct the Bur­mese on how to negotiate treaties with military.

One thing that brought up was the growth of Burma’s military. In 1988, there were less than 2,000 soldiers. Today, there are over 300,000 soldiers, many of them young men who were forced to join. Ka Hsaw Wa said that the Burmese military systematically trains these youth to develop a ruthless ness. Earthrights has created a report, The School for Rape, which examines this process.

States is from Burma. There are some arrests made in Burma, but the drug trade continues to flour­ish. In addition, the drug trade is especially dangerous for international organizations to document because the traders have shown a willingness to murder in order to protect their dealings. Ka Hsaw Wa also said that China could be supporting one of the biggest ethnic groups involved in the drug trade.

The presentation was held in Dunbar Hall’s Treasure Room as part of the Caltech Y’s Social Ac­tivism Speaker Series. Ka Hsaw Wa directed the audience to check his organization’s website, earthrights.org., for more information. The next talk in the series will be by Professor Kurt Gottfried of Cornell University who will give a talk on April 19 regarding the politicization of our science policies.

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Poker Tournament In Cards For Sophomore

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The tournament was held in the International Collec­tion's Cafe with over 100 participants attending. The tournament was won by sophomore Jonathon Senn who has been a member of the Caltech poker club since its formation last fall.

Jonathon Senn, a member of the Caltech poker club, described the tournament as a “lot of fun.” Senn said that the tournament was well attended and that there were many good players in attendance.

The tournament consisted of two rounds, with the top 8 players advancing to the final round. The final round was played on a heads-up basis, with each player receiving 100 chips to start. The winner of the final round was determined by the player with the highest chip total after all hands had been played.

The tournament was sponsored by the Caltech poker club, and entry fees were charged to cover the costs. Prizes were awarded to the top 8 finishers, with the winner receiving a prize package that included a new deck of playing cards, a poker set, and a poker table.

The tournament was a great success, and the Caltech poker club looks forward to hosting more events in the future. With more than 100 participants, the tournament was a great turnout, and the players had a lot of fun playing poker.

Jonathon Senn”s Euclidean tournament win was the culmination of his long-standing love for poker. Despite the many challenges he faced in the tournament, Senn remained focused and determined, and his hard work paid off with his victory.

The Caltech poker club plans to host more tournaments in the future, and they are always looking for new members to join. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced player, the Caltech poker club has something to offer everyone. So come out and join us for the next tournament, and who knows, you might just win!
New, Improved ARTS Shuttle Routes Make It Easier to Get Around Pasadena

By ANN ERMAN

Big improvements in the city of Pasadena’s Area Rapid Transit (ARTS) are coming Sunday, Feb. 20, including expanded hours, reduced wait time and a new route that makes it easier for residents and visitors to leave their cars behind and catch a ride across town.

The changes move Pasadena closer to its General Plan guiding principle: reduce the number of people who can circulate without cars. Freeways on the citywide shuttle system remain 50%, or 25% for children, seniors and riders with disabilities.

All ARTS bus routes will be available earlier, at 6 a.m. Monday through Friday, and the city’s busiest routes will include extended hours during morning and afternoon commutes. (There is no change to start times for trains and subways.)

Other changes include:

- The new route 70 will connect southwest Pasadena residents to the Foothill Gold Line Station weekdays during the morning and afternoon commuter hours.
- Routes 10, 31, 32 and 60 will be changed to increase service to more areas and to better serve those who need to travel to and from Metro Gold Line stations.
- Route 119 will end service at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.
- Route 60, weekday service, will expand from 6 to 10 a.m. and from 3 to 8 p.m.

New schedules and system maps are available online, at any branch library, in the lobby of Transportation Department at 221 E. California St., Suite 199, and at www.cityofpasadena.net/arts.

Saturdays.

Caltech Historian Brings Newton to the Light

BY MARK WHEELER

Pasadena, Calif. - As a boy, Isaac Newton was terrible at working on his mother’s farm. He preferred to work on his mother’s farm, where he later became engrossed in a book. But even in grammar school, Newton showed his considerable talent for physics. He once built a replica of a watermill, powered by a mouse on a treadmill, says Feingold. “The diffusion of watermill, powered by a mouse on a treadmill, says Feingold. “The diffusion of

CUE Discusses Changes to Tech UG Curriculum

Issues of Overloading, Reversing Ma2a & Ma2b, Improving Ph2 on Table

By JENNY FISHER

In its first meeting of the term last Monday, the Council on Undergraduate Education discussed several changes to the curriculum that are being made or considered. Scott Fraser, chair of the Core Curriculum Steering Committee, reported that the math department is proposing to reverse the order of Ma2a and Ma2b. However, differentials equations will be taught first and tests and quizzes will be likely to be taught second term. This will help ensure that students who elect to take ACM95 as sophomores will have a full term of introductory differentials equations before the topic is covered in more depth in ACM95. The math department is also dropping Ma7 as a menu course. A class on the same topic but with slightly different uniting will still be offered (with a different course number) but will no longer satisfy the freshmen menu requirement.

Scott Fraser also noted that the physics department and the Core Curriculum Steering Committee are looking into ways to improve Ph2a, most likely by dropping either thermo or waves from the course. The CUE is, in general, in favor of lowering the maximum number of units students can take without petitioning to overload. The student members of this committee do not favor this idea. The committee is trying to gauge student opinion on this issue and has posted a survey at http://donut.caltech.edu/vote.php?ID=5. Regardless of whether you’ve ever overenrolled, please take a few minutes to complete the survey and share your opinions on this issue.

Other issues discussed at the meeting included future additions to the Riggs online scheduling system to make it easier to perform a gradia audit, rectifying schedule conflicts and possible improvements to Teaching Quality Feedback Reports. If you have questions or comments on any of these issues, please contact Jenny Fisher at arf@donut.acs.caltech.edu.

Free Tickets to see William Shakespeare’s Measure for Measure

The first 16 Caltech students who apply for tickets at the box office for each February performance will receive one in FREE thanks to the Hallstein Fund.

The Beckman Political Internship

The Beckman Political Internship will be given this summer. The internship, supported by funds of Arnold O. Beckman, will pay a stipend of $5,000. It allows a selected intern to spend the summer working in the office of a politician or a government agency and to see from the inside the process of government. The applicant is expected to make arrangements to work with the appropriate public or personal organizations. The internship is open to any Caltech undergraduate who intends to be a student next year. If interested, submit a proposal describing where and how you would use the stipend along with one faculty recommendation, to the Deans’ Office, 210-R, e-mail measure@caltech.edu by MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2005

2004-2005 Everhart Lecture

The first 2004-2005 Everhart Lecture, “A New Shutter in the Window: Reversing the Topic of Waves.” The lecture will be held in 101 Engen Lab (Leon K. Kubota Lecture Hall) Thursday, March 3 at 4 p.m. Refreshments and Spring Fling/Luau! The extravaganza will be held on March 9th, from 11 am to 3 pm, outside of the Tech Express. The contest is open to all undergraduates. The entry fee is $5. Students who win are invited to come watch and help themselves to the above mentioned prizes. Last year’s winner will be participating in the upcoming Christian Club Hula girls will also perform.

Caltech Public Events: Coming Soon...

MARCH 28, 2005

Measure for Measure
Feb 18, Mar 1, 5 pm

Brightlightings
Feb 6, Feb 23, 10:00 pm
$20, 21, 17

Space - Boldly Go
Feb 26, 20:00 pm
$20, 21, 17

Cavani Quartet
Sun, Feb 27, 7:30pm
$29, 25, 17

Walter Mosley
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By MIKE RUPP
Calleth Athletics Weekly
Roundup
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Track and Field: Individualshine at season-opening All-Comers meet

The Caltech Track & Field team opened its season with its annual All-Comers meet, featuring opponents from a wide variety of backgrounds. Junior goalkeeper Leibis won the 110 Meter High Hurdles competition with a time of .15:44. A runner-up at the SCIAC Championships the past two years and Caltech’s all-time record holder in the 110, Leibis represents the school’s best opportunity to send a representative to the national championships. Freshman Matt Kiesez made a tremendous showing in the distance running events, running an impressive 4:30 in the mile and 4:51 in the mile to get top three finishes, both team bests. Junior Ramadan Polythress has had a career personal best in the javelin-throwing competition with a throw of 53.12 meters. Senior Kristin Zortman also had an excellent performance with javelin, throwing a 34.24 meters off her school-record of 34.32 set last season. Meet April 10 Joel Taylor also had a good day, with a personal best of 15:43 meters in javelin, as well as his personal best of 65 seconds in her leg of the 4x400 relay. The team compete again at the Pomona-Pitzer Athletic Center this weekend. Their next home meet April 17th, as an SCIAC Quad meet.

Student Athlete Spotlight: Men’s Swimming: Senior Jason Lee

Competing in favor of his collegiate career this weekend, Lee is obviously happy with his progress, “If I hadn’t come to Caltech, I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to pursue my athletic hobbies.” Head Coach Clinton Dodd will miss Lee’s contributions to aquatics. “As captain of both the Water Polo and Swimming and Diving teams, Jason has been a solid, dependable athlete and a joy to coach. He will be missed by his peers and coaches and I feel very fortunate to have him at Caltech and on my athletic teams.” Jason just keeps on improving and is justifiably satisfied with being just an average orchestrator of an A biology major. Lee plans to take a year off before entering medical school.

Track & Field: (from left to right) Junior Jeremy Lewis, Freshman Matt Kiesez, and Junior Helen Tai gave strong performances at the season-opening All-Comers Meet.

Caltech Athletics Weekly

NFL Season Over: Trying to Fill in the Time

By HAMILTON FALK

Clown. So that’s what I think about when the NFL season ends. Maybe that’s not true. Maybe that’s just what someone said when I asked what I should write about. But regardless, thinking about the NFL season ending is something I have been forced to do.

After spending nearly half the year following professional football, and in my case the Philadelphia Eagles, the end of the season brings up large parts of my brain normally devoted to things like much more depth the Redskins or matters of offensive line, if Jack Plummer will manage to actually hit a fan with an errant pass. Many of our humorous last days of a certain New England defense.

Now I have time to focus on other important things, like family. And now that I have ended feeding my cat for these last few months (football makes you forgetful) and other such tasks. Or I could focus on the Draft, free agent signings or other such important things. In case you’re strong enough to resist such temptations (like I hope to be), I’ve decided to compile a list of things to do in the time between the end of the playoffs and training camp.

1- Stick hard, get all your sets done early, achieve an A average and do some research as an undergraduate. (Hey, I do write a humor column. I am allowed to support my studies sometimes and a while).

2- Get a hobby, like gardening or stamp collecting. There’s lots of fertile land on campus to dig holes in which to stick plants. There are even lots of free plants. Just make sure you do your gardening at night, and run away if security shows up. If you prefer stamp collecting, just get a back saw and “search” those wonderful boxes everyone puts their mail into. There are lots of stamps that people don’t seem to want (why else would they just glue them to a piece of paper and send them away?) and taking them is hardly a felony.

3- Watch hockey. The season is really heating up this year, as no team has yet been eliminated for playoff contention, nor has any team secured a playoff spot. Some people thought that just because a team from Florida won the Stanley Cup that the NHL would be “cursed” but we seem to just be a bunch of superstars who don’t follow the game as closely as I do.

4- Take up a sport. Like, actually playing one, instead of sitting on a couch watching football and eating buffalo wings. Buffalo even have wings. You can easily use up some of your time by taking advantage of Caltech’s strong NCCA program, offering things like tennis and other stuff. I think Track maybe? Clearly a way to improve yourself physically.

5- Learn to knit. If you have some obsession over the NFL to an obsession over some novel hobby, like knitting, cultural events, do deep-breath exercises, improve your diet, turn off the television one hour earlier each night, read one book per month, or perform community service. It will do far more for you than feel the urge to do one of these things, I recommend watching an NBA game.

(1) Except in the United States and its territories and probably Canada.
(2) I was just informed that all of the hockey players have an strike this year and the season was canceled. This makes it no less fun to follow.
(3) Thanks to NFL.com’s Gregg Easterbrook for these suggestions.
Reflections of a Watson Fellow--Exploring Tanzania and its Dance

By IRAM PARVEEN BILAL

Watson title: Dance: Language of emotion or culture? Countries on itinerary: India, Tanzania and Turkey

Now is the time for current juniors to start thinking about what you have really wanted to study in life, a passion that you did not have time and money to pursue earlier. You just might be able to get the dollars now, thanks to the Watson Fellowship. Freeze your life for a year and do it now because it is now or never. About that one little thing that you always love doing and that you can do for a whole year, accompanied with the wild experiences of travel. It could be studying “the concept of hate,” to learning “new massage techniques,” or even researching “the origins of these traditions in Africa.” This summer is when you should start making your contacts and put your Watson proposal together. You are free to contact me if you have any questions.

My latest stop was in the African nation of Tanzania, and here are a few of my observations about the excitement and challenge of being a Watson fellow:

Tanzania is very expensive, educationally. “Would you pass?”, etc. The birth of dance was in the lap of tradition. As a result, a family “business” for ing in observing and learning dancing, “Fundi,” for example, means worker—and can be used for everyone from a qualified engineer to an unskilled fruit picker. “Naomba” can be used as “please,” or “May I have?” or “Would you pass?”, etc.

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Some people get upset. Suspicions about taking someone’s picture abound, and more than a few think you’re simply going to make money from the pictures you take of them. The Maasai seem to do well by demanding before allowing tourists to film them—up to $2 for a simple picture!

—Women’s rights are manipulated. Women can get injured in so many other uneducated society. In many sectors of society, pregnancy and childbirth are still considered the females’ responsibility—exclusively. Fidelity also has its limits, as I found out when a Maasai man offered to kiss me in front of his wife, who smilingly nodded her acquiescence to the idea. But I didn’t.

The Watson includes obligations, and the irony I am facing in observing and learning more about dance in Africa is that dance here is not necessarily associated with religion. Instead, it seems more connected to age-old tradition, unlike in India where the birth of dance was in the lap of Hinduism. While religion does not affect as much by education through the years, tradition does. Hence, the more people are getting educated, the less they feel that most of these tribal practices are necessary. In fact, because a lot of the traditions are based on principles that crash once education sets in, it makes their survival harder.

—The existent tribal dances are done to celebrate a wide variety of ceremonies ranging from death to circumcision, celebrating the latest crop of maize to instances of war. However, like most other cultural traits and traditions in the fabric of modernization, these are also at the risk of being wiped out. Many dances are staged only as a show for tourists, at least in the villages bordering developed or developing towns. With education still lacking, the intellectual curiosity to research the origins of these traditions is lacking. Many tribesmen have never thought why these are done, and one is left to wonder how long this spread of tribal dance will be as easy and unquestioned as it is now.

Next on travel itinerary: Ireland, with street dancing, jigs, reels, and more. Peace and all the best for finals!

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The origin of these traditions is not lost on Tanzanians, just as in parts of the developed world. While on the subject of the desire of the Watson, I met this group of eye camp missionaries from America and they also said that people were more concerned with the style and popularity of the eyeglasses than their use when they were asked to select a pair of free glasses!

—If you get a single entry visa into Tanzania, you can basically use that to enter multiple times and children are the prevailing within East Africa, which includes Ke­nya, Tanzania and Uganda. Swahili is an easy language to learn. It uses one word for a whole range of things at times. “Fundi,” for example, means worker—and can be used for everyone from a qualified engineer to an unskilled fruit picker. “Naomba” can be used as “please,” or “May I have?” or “Would you pass?”, etc.

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Feb. 15 ASCIT Minutes: SFC, Budget Surplus

ASCIT Minutes
February 15, 2005
Absent: Shaun Lee
Guests: Warner Leedy, Michelle Wyatt

Introduction:
1. Call to order, 12:15 pm
Money requests:
2. Fleming requests multihouse funding for beer pong with the Shogun of Thursday, February 23, motion passes 5-0.
3. Rickets requests multihouse funding for both beer pong with the Flens and broomball with the Ruds the previous Saturday, motion passes 5-0.
4. Ruddock requests multi­house funding for both beer pong with the Shogun and drink the previous Saturday, motion passes 5-0.

Other business:
5. The installment dinner for the new BoD is scheduled for the evening of March 4, and the details for food and money for the event, et al. have been invited. 7. Rickets requested a standing committee is now a standing committee, hopefully we will be appointing someone to it soon. Also, Mouthing forward with related negotiations and red tape cutting.
8. The BoD was supposed to be a barbecue this past weekend, but it didn’t happen because Ryan got a “sickness.” Happy, Ryan is feeling much better and with luck we’ll reschedule it soon.
9. Apparently a lot of people have gotten sick recently and are sleeping abnormally, thanks. So, you heard it here first: BEWARE OF MONO AT APACHE! 10. Jen gave an update on all things academic affairs-related. The Academic Affairs Conference (SFCs) need to appoint faculty co-chairs, the quality of life package, and she’d like to see Avery choose an ARC rep very soon since this is about the time their next group of ARC things start (the bylaws would be amended accordingly once the new ASCIT BoD is installed).
11. Kim updated us on Ibac affairs; the Ibac is currently being flooded over by including the Avery Chancellor as a standing guest right now, the South House renovation prep­arations are going smoothly, and Andre is being helpful regarding food concerns. The way the damage fund is run is changing although Housing assures us that the Houses should receive the same amount of money as before except more of it will be through Housing instead of the damage fund.
12. Ryan, our treasurer, in­formed us that he has eliminated the multi­house funding for beer pong and it was leaving us with a balanced budget for the next two terms—and also a nice surplus.

13. Galen moves that we put SFCs under Assistant Dean for the benefit of future generations of ASCIT; vote 3-2-1, the motion is tabled.

Meeting adjourned 12:58 pm. Respectfully submitted, Meaghan Paceley interim ASCIT secretary

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The Literary Life
Fri, Mar 4, 8:00pm
For more information on events see Entertainment Calendar:
Events at the Caltech Women’s Center
Slim Hope Special showing as part of Body Image Awareness Week Date: Thursday, February 24, 12:10-pm; The average woman in the United States today is 5′4″, 140 pounds. The average model is 5′11″, 117 pounds. In Slim Hope, Jean Khusru explores how the turn of the decade has affected food concerns. The way the issues of her day lead to her assign­ment, no RSVP needed.

Reel Women Film Series Tupperware! March 10, 12:00- 1:00 pm; 2nd floor of the Center for Student Services; This film reveals the struggle of women and their success: the success of the women all of shape, size, and background who have covered they could move up in the world without leaving their house. Free pizza! No RSVP needed.

International Women of Hope Poster Series
The month of March; Lobby of the Center for Student Services; From Ella Bluth of India and Peace Bikojo of Rwanda. These posters highlight the remarkable achieve­ments of international women. Their courage, compassion, and contributions to their respective countries.

Lela Lee: What’s A Girl Got To Be Angry About
9:00-9:30 pm; Beckman Institute Auditor­ium; The International Film Club and the Women’s Center will be hosting a showing of Rosa Luxemburg, a film that details the life of the woman who led both the German so­cialist parties and whose anticolonial sympathies were important in the South House renovation prep­arations. The film was released in 1996, and its issues of her day lead to her assign­ment, no RSVP needed.

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COMMENTARY
ARC Chair Candidates

James Berglund

If I were elected ARC chair, my primary goals would be to have an effective Student Faculty Conference (SFC), and to increase the visibility of the ARC. I would work to make sure that classes are canceled during the days of the conference, and encourage everyone to go to the presentations that are relevant to them. I would work to make the conference to make sure the suggestions that the committee members were presented by the appropriate department.

The SFC is a unique opportunity to improve the quality of academics here, and I would make sure it’s fully utilized. As a previous ARC member, I am familiar with what the ARC does each year, and I could run those duties smoothly. Finally, I would work to increase the role of the ARC, by having it be more active in promoting the use of the CLUE, more promotion for various committee sign-ups, and have more meetings with faculty to discuss relevant issues.

Meng-Meng Fu

Academics are an integral part of life at Caltech. We all have gripes about certain classes or certain academic policies. I believe that the role of the ARC Chair is to present the opinions of students to faculty committees and administration so that they can be turned into tangible changes in the curriculum.

Currently, the ARC is not an efficient committee - our sole responsibility is to appoint other students to other academic committees. As ARC Chair, I would initiate regular meetings of the ARC and hold ARC reps responsible for requesting student input from their respective houses. I would update CLUE so that we can continue to use it as a resource when researching classes. I would streamline the sharing of information from the vast number of academic committees on campus by posting regular reports on the actual website and by writing articles for the Tech. I would also encourage cooperation of the ARC with the BoC to aid the Honor Code through better education of TAs and usage of the cooperative policy workshops in all classes.

The immediate duty of the new ARC Chair is to facilitate the Student Faculty Conference (SFC) next term. I would review the protocol, and to turn the suggestions of the SFC committees into beneficial changes. Issues of particular importance that affect everyone are:

-Number of overload units
-Adding humanities/social science minors

My main goal for the SFC is to accurately represent the opinion of undergraduates. For example, mixed opinions exist about decreasing the number of overload units. Some think that this is a good idea, because it will effectively decrease the workload and allow more time for the pursuit of other interests (such as sports, extracurriculars, or research). However, others feel that if it is decreased, it will make life more difficult for those who are already carrying an overload.

-Ability to cooperate with faculty and administration.

Recently, I helped call the students who had already been admitted to Caltech under early admission. While I'm sure it was an interesting experience for them, I can surely attest that it was a very interesting experience for me— the strangeness of talking to possible future Techers.

As trained by the admissions office, we were supposed to start our phone calls with, "Hi, my name is..." I'm calling from the California Institute of Technology. First, I just wanted to congratulate you on being admitted to Caltech and that you have any questions you have about Caltech that I could answer for you?"

"No. I had already had the enthusiasm talking to someone I knew. I was excited to send them away. And of course, I got to talk to the overly enthusiastic high school seniors who wanted to know anything and everything about Caltech. "Caltech is my first choice school? Tell me about the honor code! Is house life really as fun as it seems on the brochures? What research have you done? Will I be able to do research in the freshman year too? Why is the social life like? What's the food?"

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Melody Grubbs

As a candidate for the position of IHC chairman, I am aware that if I am elected then I will have my work cut out for me. With the South House renovations soon to be underway and freshmen being admitted into Avery this fall, one of my main goals will be to make certain that this upcoming year’s renovations move smoothly and is as fair as humanly possible. Although many of us are against the idea of allowing freshmen to live in Avery, it will be necessary to put that sentiment aside during the rotation in order to ensure that this year’s incoming class has as pleasant an experience as possible.

As new blood in the student government, I will be able to serve as an impartial liaison between the IHC and ASCIT and I will also be able to impart the opinions and views of the students to the administrators without altering them because of my own personal stances. Also, since I possess good interpersonal skills, I will make certain that the students, faculty, and staff that I interact with are treated professionally and that their ideas and opinions are received with respect whether or not I agree with them. Finally, I will ensure that the duties of the IHC are carried out in a manner that either maintains or improves the students’ quality of life and in order to do this effectively, I will do my best to make the administrators aware of the affect that changes will have on campus life as well as they decide to alter Institute policy. "As an impartial liaison between the IHC and ASCIT and I will also be able to impart the opinions and views of the students to the administrators without altering them because of my own personal stances. Also, since I possess good interpersonal skills, I will make certain that the students, faculty, and staff that I interact with are treated professionally and that their ideas and opinions are received with respect whether or not I agree with them. Finally, I will ensure that the duties of the IHC are carried out in a manner that either maintains or improves the students’ quality of life and in order to do this effectively, I will do my best to make the administrators aware of the affect that changes will have on campus life as well as they decide to alter Institute policy.

Peter Foley

From my perspective, the role of IHC Chair is to act as a mediator and channel of communication between undergraduates and the rest of campus, including administrators, faculty and graduate students. As a member of the ASCIT BoD, they must truthfully represent the interests of the House Presidents. For these reasons, it is of utmost importance that the Chair be willing to overlook their personal opinions and work entirely in the interests of the student body as represented in the House system. My two most important strengths, in the context of this position, are my openness to discussion of viewpoints contrary to my own beliefs and my willingness to compromise.

This coming year will be a difficult one for the IHC. Rotation will be confused not only by Avery, but also by the distance and quality differences between North Houses and the South House trailers. Similar problems will be faced for years to come, especially after the South Houses are complete and the North Houses are sent to trailers. The decisions we make now regarding Rotation and the House system will have repercussions long after everyone here has graduated.

The havoc of renovations will hurt our sense of community and there is a distinct need for strong, independent, and truly representative student government. South House traditions and coherence will be disrupted when half of the south house students are scattered around off-campus residences. We have been able to retain nearly autonomous control over student life for decades, and in order to keep it, we must keep the undergraduate community and government unified and strong. I will do this.

I am a stickler for organization and would have little difficulty keeping track of the myriad issues, meetings, and decisions. I am well aware of the time commitments of the IHC Chair, and have accepted that sacrifices will be made in my academic and personal life. While willing to act as a moderator, I am incredibly stubborn when I feel that my voice (and in this case the voice of the student body) is being ignored. Undergraduate influence in Caltech cannot be compromised.

Interhouse Committee Chairman Candidates

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Treasurer Candidates

Franklin Jiron

I have been a Caltech student for almost three years, and in that time, I am saddened to say, I have not been involved with many activities on campus. As a Junior in E&AS done with the bulk of my stringent required courses, I wish to spend some of my long overdue free time doing something for the general student body.

Most people do not realize how much work goes into many of the ASCIT events. Donors, formal, theater nights, student clubs, and all of the other activities that ASCIT offers to Caltech students are all made possible by your dues. As treasurer, it would be my job to guarantee that all ASCIT activities have adequate funding. I would like to ensure that when it comes time for elected officers to deliver promises of great events that there are enough resources to uphold their commitments.

Aside from the ongoing funding of activities, it would be also my job to keep track of ASCIT’s assets and ensure that they serve the student body.

Aside from keeping track of where you are going, it would be my responsibility to harvest positive relationships with all of Caltech and do business with a good relationship with current business partners could result in better rates, and attract more business to contract with us. What this means to you is more money for other activities, more possible venues for off-campus events, and higher quality of current services. Also, if approved, I will have oversight over several student publications. I plan to support these groups both financially and otherwise, and serve as a liaison between them and the BoD.

I am very much committed to serving my fellow classmates, and I believe that the best way that I can help is to serve as treasurer. Being treasurer is a responsibility not to be taken lightly, and I fully commit myself to the job.

Thank you.

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Todd Gingrich

If you’ve decided to read The Tech this week rather than burning it in the nearest recycle place, then you’ve taken the first step toward voting for Todd for Freshman-Director-At-Large. The FDAL is well known for carrying out some small jobs such as delivering club checks, but clearly all of the candidates can easily carry out these menial responsibilities. I know it’s tempting to vote for me because I’m good at minor tasks or because I happen to be the founder and king of the four-square club, but in order to get re-elected I must demonstrate that I will be a voting member of the BoD. This coming year will see the BoD deal with several major problems: renovations, Avery’s roll as a “house,” and finding ways to spend all the surplus money from raised ASCIT dues. The FDAL is generally the only freshman with influence over these decisions. It needs to be a person who can really push for what the freshmen desire. Furthermore, the FDAL must serve as a liaison between the freshman class and the BoD. As FDAL, I would increase this role as a liaison by better informing freshmen about opportunities through the BoD. The BoD still has a big bamboozle, and there are ways that freshmen can use this money to start clubs, plan social events, or perform service. It is important that the freshmen learn about these opportunities in order to make full use of their ASCIT dues. I hope that you’ll vote for me. The Tech this week rather than burning it in the nearest recycle place, then you’ve taken the first step toward voting for Todd.
Jon Malmaud
Salutations, Caltech undergraduates. Allow me to introduce myself. I am Jon Malmaud, a junior from the Los Angeles area, and I am running for the Upperclassman at Large position on the Board of Undergraduate Affairs (BoU).

I first became interested in BoU in my freshman year when a friend of mine who was a Sophomore at Caltech mentioned the BoU website to me. The position of Upperclassman at Large intrigued me because it seemed like an opportunity to engage with Caltech community and to have a voice in the decisions that affect us all.

My past experiences have taught me the importance of effective communication and organization. As a Cell and Developmental Biology major, I have learned the value of being able to express ideas clearly and effectively. These skills will be useful in my role as Upperclassman at Large, where I will need to represent the interests of all the students and to work with the Board of Directors to make decisions that benefit the entire student body.

If elected, my goals as Upperclassman at Large would include:

1. Improving communication between the Board of Undergraduate Affairs and the student body.
2. Facilitating more effective committee activity.
3. Restoring to BoU the simple virtues that, in my opinion, have been lost over time.
4. Improving the quality of student publications.
5. Promoting the interests of students involved in various academic and extracurricular activities.

I am confident that with your support, I can achieve these goals and make a positive difference on campus. Thank you for considering my nomination, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve as Upperclassman at Large.

Jon Malmaud
Candidate for Upperclassman at Large
To the Class of 2006, we propose a toast. Here’s to us. Here's to three years of being pushed around by our work, our profs, occasionally each other, and especially the administration. We think the commencement speaker truly is important, and we’d like to say that we’ll find a great one. The administration also thinks that the commencement speaker is very important, so of course they are not going to take much feedback from the students. If we were allowed to choose, we would say that we should have Shaquille O’Neal, because according to Stoelarski, he is like the Pythagorean theorem, he has no solution. Kim’s dad knows his lawyer, we could totally hook this up, but then again there is no way that Baltimore would like that because Shaq’s greatest scientific achievements are growing 26 feet and that great film classic, “Kazaam.” We’re totally wondering about a guy that huge comes out of a boom box in a puff of smoke. Conservation of energy? Ha, you in Shaq’s house here at Caltech.

Here’s to overcoming difficulites and working with what we’ve got. To remind us of the power of having little over the selection of the commencement speaker (a process in which we truly will fight for your rights and try to get us the best possible from the options presented by the admin.), we propose having a different ceremony earlier in the week. The senior class has the right to propose having a commencement speaker, and maybe some other sources, or its connection to choosing a speaker, and the Institute does not want any influence in the decision. The past several years have been designed to be cool, having their star-hopping days, but speak to one of the other types of stars... Why don’t we ever have concerts on campus? No, we don’t mean a cappella. We mean REAL concerts, with REAL bands. Bands that rock, bands that have videos on MTV or are too cool for that, bands your high school brothers and sisters have heard of before. We are pretty sure that we can make at least one concert happen, we’ve got Moore Huffmanstick funds for a reason! It’s there to improve student life! We propose having one concert a term, with the band playing to be determined by our senior class (hey, seniority has got to be good for something other than getting the “cool” trainer in the South House Compound). We’re talking big names, people cheaper than you’d think. Stoelarski says Weezer. Kim says Red Hot Chic Peppers, Stoelarski says Dave Matthews Band. Kim says Ludacris, Jay-Z, DMX, featuring a bunch of other guys especially Lil’ Jon. You get the picture, we could get anyone, and it wouldn’t be too bad. You could be1 good for something other than getting the “cool” trainer in the South House Compound. Here’s to that chance.

Here’s to old traditions. Traditions can sometimes suck, but Ditch Day is not one of them. We’d like to keep Senior Social Hour and maybe some other sources, or its connection to choosing a speaker, and the Institute does not want any influence in the decision. We’d like to keep Senior Social Hour and have it do what we want it to do, but Kim’s always wanted there to be an Avenue Walk, because we all want something cool. Whatever art we might get can be displayed proudly along with some of the other cool and sometimes cruddy art around campus, maybe next to the shed by Thorpe Pond. We have a lot of smart people, and Stoelarski and Kim think we if we worked together we could build a great class gift rather than something impermanent and lame.

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Jeremy Leibs and Shelby Montague

The senior class co-presidents need to be representative of all members of the senior class in all houses. They need to be people you recognize around campus and feel willing to come when you have concerns. They also need to be people who will take the time to chat with you and find out your opinions. They need to be people who won’t be easily pushed around by the administration but will work within the system to achieve their goals. Jeremy and I fit all of the above. If you disagree, then just don’t vote for us. Vote for whoever you ever feel fills the above requirements the best. Go ahead, we don’t mind. We want a good pair of people as our senior class co-presidents, not just anyone else. We want the graduation speaker to be a choice of our class and not of the administration. We want the senior class to be in charge of their senior speeches. We want the speaker to be someone representative of our class and/or Caltech in some way. We want Ditch Day to happen when we want it to happen (tomorrow, of course). If someone else is more qualified than we are to make these things happen then please, elect them. But we’re going to vote for ourselves, and we suggest you follow suit.

Class of 2006 Co-Presidents

Kim Hiscox and Daniel Stoelarski

We like having fun. We like people who like fun too! We’d like you to have fun! That’s why we’re running for Senior Class Co-Presidents. In addition to being very personal, persuasive people, we’re responsible, energetic, and committed, and will use these skills to make our senior year as fun and carefree as possible! We’ll make sure that everyone’s opinions are heard in planning senior class events, including parties, the barbecue, and commencement. We’ll put together a kick-ass senior class girl and make sure that Tomorrow is the best day ever! As for qualifications, we’ve got the hook-ups with essentially everyone who we’d need to work with around campus, and are totally on top of planning social events and organizing committees (experience in Lloyds Social D and IHC Chair, among other things). We hope to be a part of making your senior year the best ever, so vote happy! Kicks and giggles!! <3 Kim =) & Angelina Z

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Ryan Farmer and Corinna Zygourakis

Senior year is the pinnacle of our time here at Caltech: we’re done with core, we’ve taken the toughest classes our major has to offer and, most importantly, we’re moving on. Our success should be sealed with an exciting and memorable graduation, as well as a meaningful class gift. That’s where the senior class presidents come in. As you may have noticed, the Institute does not always invest its resources, or its connections, to entice a meaningful speaker. We want the senior class actually supports. The past several commencement speakers have been inspiring individuals, but have lacked the stature, interest, or appeal that many students desire. We can, and will, do a lot better. With our combined three years of service on the ASCC Board, we actually have the ability and experience to work with the administration and students to get an exciting, senior-approved speaker for our graduation. Think Kurt Vonnegut... Al Franken... Madonna... Ok, probably not Madonna. The point is, we’re the people who listen to your opinions and we attend the class meetings. We’re the ones that listen to the class meetings. We’re the ones who listen to your opinions. We’re the ones who listen to your opinions. We’re the ones who listen to your opinions. We’re the ones who listen to your opinions.

In addition to selecting a commencement speaker, the senior class presidents are also responsible for organizing the class gift and running social events. We have both been involved in planning class events (namely the sophomore C4 dinner and the upcoming junior picnic), and have worked for several years with the Alumni Fund that supports the senior class gift. And finally, for those of you concerned about our future events, we can’t wait to come together our entire class.
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THE CALIFORNIA TECH

CRC Chair
Elizabeth Shay

The CRC's mission should be to allow techers the freedom to have fun without endangering the Caltech community. As CRC co-chair I will try to represent the student body while balancing the more conservative views of the committee. Having been through the process before, I have some knowledge of it from the student's perspective. We are a small community of reasonable individuals.

By realizing that most problems can be solved within that community I hope to foster an atmosphere of mutual respect and open communication.

Alex Sheive

I didn't sign up for this; please don't vote for me. I don't even think I used that semi-colon properly. Vote for whomsoever you have your best interests in mind. Or you could vote on another level by voting for whoever has the best interests of those who have your best interests in mind, in mind; this will get confusing very quickly.

Rocky Velez

Dear Techers,

It's finally Saturday night! You are ready to get some sleep in the night before and relieved knowing you can sleep in the next day and could forget about your sets until Sunday. Now, energetic and ready for fun, what do you do? After some strolling through campus, you find nothing especially interesting going on, and wind up doing whatever you normally do. Sound familiar? As techers, we like to work hard and play hard, but opportunities to have fun on campus are not as readily available as we would like. I believe that the mission of ASCIT Social Director is to create opportunities for students to get away from the normal stress of everyday life and have fun, relax, and enjoy themselves.

If you were to imagine the social committee as having a kind of social chairman who has a Social Committee in his charge to look after the social affairs of the students (and non-students) at Caltech, then I think you would have that would make him for the job? I know how to have fun, always meeting new people, seeking out new adventures, and often taking others along for the ride. More importantly, I know how to put together an event. For instance, I have helped organize the recent "Ace the Interview" panel at the Consulting Club, filling the Avery library with over 30 undergrads and grad students. A couple of years ago I helped organize and promote off-campus parties and club events, planning, organizing, setting up, and passing out flyers. I have used this experience to arrange a professionally set-up sound system for the full ten hours of the upcoming Drop Day party in Dabney for $300 (typical market prices is about $600) and invited some of L.A.'s best DJs to spin for a fraction of what they normally charge.

I'm not really sure what you're waiting for? Vote for me, your local cure to the Cabin fever! Rocky Velez

Melody Grubbs

When we hear the term "honor code violation" many of us immediately think of academic violations; however, instances of non-academic honor code violations and policy violations must be dealt with as well and this is where the Conduct Review Committee (CRC) comes into play.

As many of you may or may not know, one of the primary jobs of the CRC co-chair is to determine whether or not a given case goes up for a hearing. As the CRC co-chairman and as a reliable and responsible person, I will do my best to see to it that cases are selected for a hearing and tried in an unbiased manner and that the reparations administered upon conviction are comparable to the magnitude of the offense.
I will change this by organizing more events and advertising them with more channels, including any other possible channels."

But any social event calls for funding, and just who holds oversight over this remains a bone of contention among current BoD. Specifically, outgoing President Galen Loran '09 wants the BoD to retain responsibility for club funding from the freshman director-at-large to the BoD. Proposed retasking goes through "six or seven" spokesperson dates—Mike Easter '08, Patricia Menon '08 or Meaghan Yan '08 would take the reins of club funding.

Easier said than done, but club funding should be redirected to the treasurer instead of the secretary, but added he’d be happy to help with anything. "To have two people with the ability to watch over fund allocations, that might actually lead to the use of funds in a more organized and cost-effective manner," he stated. He also pledged to record minutes with a minimum of bias.

In contrast, Pacey said the retasking presented a great idea and said she’d be excited to work with clubs on everything from funding to keeping the concert band from getting kicked out of its rehearsal space. Actually, clubs were the reason she became interested in running for ASCIT BoD in the first place," she said. She added that she'd like a poll on how students would like the surplus spent from ASCIT's recent dues hike.

Menon declined comment on the retasking. Her statement draws heavily on metaphor, calling herself "Erik Bloodaxe, Viking Warrior, reborn with the task of bringing back the ASCIT glory days of old." 

Instead of overseeing club funding, the new freshman director at-large—Jim Hanwen Yan '08 and Todd Gingrich '08—would act as the BoD's liaison to freshmen.

Yun supports retasking club funding, saying she'd still accept the duty if called upon. Regarding freshmen, she called school spirit "gently pushed away even in order for the flames to stay lit."

Glenn then began to narrate a twenty-minute silent video of his recent space flight. He explained, in great detail, everything that was going on from take-off to landing. Glenn concluded the speech portion of his talk by comment about the importance of the Space Station and how the current government needs to do more to fund research. Thus Astronaut John Glenn ended his speech and reiterated John Glenn's speech began.

Glenn feels that the United States is "in a crisis." He also feels that the wide availability of public education is a "misconception," but added the United States to become the most well-educated nation on Earth, required a "strong government for undermining the current system that once had national education so great by both the cutbacks in research and the failure to fully fund education.

During Glenn's time as a senator, he was on a committee to study education, which was vital to our education system. The committee was tasked with the number of teachers in a field that they never studied, and "without 90% of teachers in most fields, leave the profession in three years, and 50% are gone in five years." Glenn blames the United States' lack of education on the fact that the government is too large, and the few governments who still refuse to have some sort of national education system, even though the local levels are not doing a good enough job educating our youth. In order to compete in the new global world, the United States needs to do a better job with education and research.

John Glenn began his career in the military. He became an astronaut and a national hero. He served four terms as a Democratic Senator from Ohio, and then he went into space once again.

Throughout his many great accomplishments, John Glenn has been involved in education and research, and, above all else, to his country. Therefore, he says he can admit it, he truly is a great man and a national hero.