Plans for DVD library taking shape

BY: DANIEL ROWLANDS

The revival of the ASCII DVD library has been placed into the hands of newly elected Freshman Director Daryl Coleman, who plans to move the library into SFL, Logistics which mirrored former FDAL Chris Watson’s attempts at restoring the library have dissipated, leaving Coleman optimistic for the library’s spot back in undergraduate life.

Coleman was unable to give a definite date for the return of the library to campus, but he hopes “that it will be up and running within a month.”

This DVD library, which ASCII purchased with excess funds several years ago, has been in storage since the end of the 2004-2005 school year. The only visible sign of the library’s existence is a cardboard box near the student mailboxes between Lloyd and Page. The library contains several hundred DVDs, including classics, sci-fi films, and a number of Russian and Korean language films.

Complications

There were rumors last October at the旧图书馆 would soon be available in Coffeehouse. The main difficulty with this plan, according to then Freshman Director at the old library, Chris Watson, was that “We were never able to secure a permanent location in Lloyd, so we were forced to lock it up in a temporary spot.”

After this year’s ASCII elections, the new FDAL, Daryl Coleman took over the task of finding a new home for the library. He has secured permission from Marie Noren and Jim O’Donnell of the Caltech Library System to add the library to the “leisure reading” section on the third floor of the Sherman-Fairchild Library. Coleman noted that, unlike Coffeehouse, “SFL is open 24 hours, so the movies could be checked out at any time.”

While the location problem seems to have been solved, there is one other problem that needs to be solved. While the DVDs are stored in Manning’s office, the shop, which is located in the sub-basement of Spalding House renovation and neither the former nor the current ASCII BD has succeeded in finding a place to put their DVD library.

Coleman indicated that he will spend the next few weeks trying to find the cases, which may be in St. Luke’s or in storage somewhere on campus. If he is unable to find them, though, there is funding left over from the past ASCII budget which he intends to use to purchase replacement cases.

Once the library is operational, there is $2500 in the current ASCII budget for purchasing additional DVDs for the library. Some of the students are spending their own money on replacing DVDs that went missing while the collection was in a series of several unmonitored temporary locations over the last two years, but Coleman hopes to significantly add to the collection as well. At the moment, there is no established system for making suggestions to additions to the library.

Inefficiency in the BD?

That a home for the DVD library was not found by the previous BoD is raising questions regarding other projects that the previous BoD may have left uncompleted. However, Chris Gonzales, the current ASCII President and former Student Social Team Director, countered that the transition from the old to new BoD “went fairly smoothly” and that the current library was an isolated incident and not the result of a historical deficit.

“We had to wait until several factors came together in order to find a place that was suitable,” said Coleman. “That happened to take place after the library’s location was determined.”

Impromptu robots to compete this week

BY: DAVID CHEN

With only a week remaining until the competition, the students of the Odysseys are furiously working until the competition, the students are spending their days working away on their contraptions.

The class, which meets twice a week, and only two terms a year, is a less thrilling experience for the students than it once was. Underhill noted that most of the students are involved in other activities, including the ASCIT Battlebots. Students direct their experience in carrying out a project.

David Romney, a sophomore, is a member of the Caltech fencing team.

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Caltech athletics has undeserved bad rap

It’s “common knowledge.” Techers can’t play sports any more than they can dress well. But there is no denying that the Caltech student body of 1970 couldn’t care less about athletic success. And it is not just a few who cannot see that Caltech students of today are not nearly as bad as they were then.

Many Techers have won their share of national championships and have gone on to star on the national stage. And while the athletic teams have had less success in the recent past, they are not as bad as they are often made out to be.

Clarification: submissions to the Tech

The Tech likes hearing from its readers. We especially welcome Letters to the Editor, but if you have a submission you wish to send, please keep the following in mind:

The Tech is printed for every campus group in its eight pages. While we’re happy to print short announcements, it is not feasible to allow organizations to recruit/advertise in 500-word articles. The Tech may abridge or choose not to print any submission. If you have a submission you wish to send, we have a technology program. The Tech prefers you to drop a line at tech@caltech.edu.

Ted Jou was ASCIT president ‘02–’03. He wrote a paper during the summer of his presidency, titled “The little A can start a great system: em- ploye Self-Governance at Caltech,” which can be found on the ASCIT website.

The issues of your year were then:

The President of the Board of Trustees, James Worthy, and Vince Carter have all garnered their share of rough weather.

Having played college basketball for 3 years at MIT, your state school, I’ve been looking a lot at 1970, when the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy. In 1970, the BoC had a difficult time dealing with any issues more complex than simple policy.
ASCIT Minutes (02/21/2007): New Social Team announced

Present: Chris Gonzales, Mike Gri-nolds, Andrea Dubin, Angela Zalb, Ca-lib Chen, Alex Alemi, Nathan Crook, Dy-ring, Daryl Coleman, Zack Highbee Guest: Helen Bermudez, Alex Aleimi, Nathan Crook, the ASCIT so-cial team

- funding requests
  - Helen requests $500 of intime financing for Apache. Approved unanim-ously.
  - Alex Alemi requests $500 of in-terhouse funding for Drop Day. Approved.
- Alex requests money for coffee-house punpy (ASCIT, allocated $500 in it budget for it). The Coffeehouse manages should work with the social team.
- Nathan Crook requests money for Blackberry from the South House Re-opening Party. All of the houses can get up to $1000 of receipts to An-gela to be reimbursed.
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- Big T
  - The advisor to the Big T, Hall Daily, suggested that ASCIT increase the prescribed minimum for the Big T. Angela needs to turn in the new budget so we can start charging our accounts.

- End of Core Party
  - The core party will take place March 16. Lloyd social team will provide all of the funds for happy hour this term to help pay for the party. The Social team discretionary budget can be used to cover the rest of the cost.

The court injunction was given shortly before the ASCIT was due to broadcast the story on its ten o’clock news.

SCIENCE

Sky-watchers worldwide enjoy lunar eclipse

The first total lunar eclipse in the next three years began at 2018 GMT. The moon was totally overshadowed by the earth be-tween 22:44 and 23:56 GMT. The moon appeared reddish in color because not all sunlight reaches the moon. Sunlight reaches the earth after being refracted from the atmosphere.

The eclipse was partly visible from every continent. However, in Asia, Europe, and the Mid-West the best view, weather permitting. It is claimed that eastern-ers Australia, Alaska and New Zealand will have the best view for the next total lunar eclipse on August 28.

Hawking on zero-g flight

Stephen Hawking, British Physicist and professor, is to take a zero-gravity flight in a specially modified Boeing 727 from Ken-nedy Space Center in Florida, next month. The flight is paid for by an American firm, Zero Gravity, which usually charges $3750 per flight. They also plan to have two seats on the flight auctioned off by charities. The plane flies 32000 ft at a steep angle, during which pas-sengers experience being pulled by the earth with strength 1.8 times the normal pull. The plane then dives 8000 ft which then pas-sengers to feel weightlessness for 25 seconds.

BUSINESS

YouTube strikes deal to air BBC content online

British Broadcasting Corpora-tion (BBC) has struck a content deal with YouTube, a video shar-ing website owned by Google. Three YouTube channels, one for news and two for entertainment, will show select content from the BBC con-tent.

Through the deal, the BBC will collect YouTube’s month-ly audience of more than 70 mil-lion users and drive extra traffic to its own website. BBC will get a share of the advertising revenue attained by the traffic to the new YouTube channels.

The three different YouTube ser-vices are:

- BBC iPlayer entertainment channel featuring content that add value like video diaries of David Tennant or BBC correspondent explaining how difficult it is to report from some countries.
- The main pur-pose is to popularize current pro-gramming and drive traffic back to BBC’s own websites.
- BBC Worldwide - Entertainment channel that features excerpts from Top Gear, The Mighty Boosh. The service will carry advertising.

BBC News channel to show about 30 news clips a day only for non-US users.

ENTERtainment

Anna Nicole buried in the Bahamas

The funeral of the former model Anna Nicole Smith took place in the Bahamian capital Nassau. Pall-bearers in pink ties carried her cof-fin down the red carpet. She was buried in a pink gown and tiara next to her son Daniel, 20, who died last year, at Lakeview Memorial Park Cemetery. Smith, 39, died February 8 in a Florida hotel room. The cause for her death is not known. However, her death has led to a battle between the US and the Bahamas regarding the custody of her 2 month-old daughter, Danelynn, who could inherit millions of dollars.

Stolen art discovered at Spielberg’s residence

Steven Spielberg’s staff noticed an FBI painting theft notice last week. They realized that the painting was in Spielberg’s collection. The painting, Russian School-room by Norman Rockwell, was bought by Spielberg from a legitimate dealer in 1999, said FBI. It was stolen in 1973 from an exhibition in Missouri. FBI estimated that the painting was worth about $700,000. Spielberg is being co-opera-tive towards the FBI and will hold the painting until the matter has been settled.

*ASCIT Secretary
- Andrea Dubin
- There were no buggies this week. Gordon needs to stop over sleeping.
- Correction
  - On the minutes from February 14, it states that a transfer of $500 was approved from the ARC budget to buy gift certificates for people tak-ing the donut survey. However, only $50 was approbated and approved to be transferred.
- ASCIT Kiosk
  - Ecka and Caleb both want a bulle-tin board to post project informa-tion for their respective committees.
  - Ecka would like to post a calendar on the ASCIT bulletin board.

Tired of CDS lunches and dinners?

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Caltech Athletics Events for This Week (Monday 5 Mar - Sunday 11 Mar)

**Friday, Mar 9**
10:00AM - Men’s/Women’s Track & Field @ Mt. SAC
Ben Brown Invitational

**Saturday, Mar 10**
10:00AM - Men’s/Women’s Track & Field @ Mt. SAC
Ben Brown Invitational
2:00PM - Baseball vs. Alumni

**Sunday, Mar 11**
9:00AM - M/W Fencing @ NCAA West Regionals UCSD

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**Women’s Tennis**
3 March: Home vs. Mills College
Won 8–1

**Men’s Tennis**
2 March: Home vs. Biola University
Won 5–4

**Track & Field**
3 March: SCIAC Invitational
6th/10, Men’s Distance Medley
8th/8, Women’s Distance Medley
5th/5, Women’s 4x200m Relay
8th/8, Men’s 4x400m Relay
9th/9, Men’s 4x100m Relay
6th/6, Women’s 4x100m Relay

**Baseball**
2 March: Home vs. Cal Lutheran University
Lost 1–31
3 March: Away vs. Cal Lutheran University (doubleheader)
Lost 0–19
Lost 0–11

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Harish Vasudevan in the match against Biola last Friday. Harish’s set clinched the match for Tech to win 6–4. “He had no idea the entire match was riding on the outcome of his match!” comments coach Mandy Gamble.

Chen Yee Liaw intent on her return during last week’s winning match against Mills College. Chen Yee has not lost a singles match all season.

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Caltech Athletics Scores, 26 February – 5 March 2007
Decisions, decisions...

BY: JERRY HOUSER
DIRECTOR, CALTECH CAREER CENTER

How Most Students Make Career Decisions
(I hear these remarks often in counseling sessions)

1. I avoid touchy-feely courses like the plague. They aren’t real science.
2. I’m really busy, (but I play World of Warcraft until 4 in the morning at least two days a week).
3. I only talk with my professor when absolutely necessary. They are very busy and don’t want to talk to me.
4. Career tests are stupid. I took one in high school that said I should be a mechanic.
5. Nobody does on-campus interviews for people in my major. Why bother?
6. I guess I can always go to grad school (or do a postdoc). I’ll want to apply later – maybe I’ll think of something interesting by then.
7. Forget about applying to traditional companies. I refuse to be a Dilbert stuck in an office behind a computer all day.
8. I met this guy at a party last month who said I should apply to law school. Maybe he’s right.
9. My parents keep pressuring me to get a job after graduation. I’m not about to lead the same boring life they have.
10. What’s the big deal about networking? It’s just a bunch of shallow people kissing up to each other.
11. I already talked to a counselor once about my career. They couldn’t tell me what to do either. They were useless.
12. I’m avoiding interviews. I’m just too shy.

How Most Students SHOULD Make Career Decisions
(How I respond to those remarks)

1. Pay attention to your values, assumptions and feelings. Career choices are no more rational than falling in love is.
2. Talk to someone about your career questions at least weekly. You can even get an online mentor and email them at 4 am. Ask about MentorNet.
3. Talk with your professors – all of them. You need at least 3 for references.
4. Career tests can’t tell you what you are “supposed” to do, but they can compare you with others who share your interests and who like their careers.
5. On-campus interviews only reflect the market. If your major is not in demand, who you gonna call?
6. Grad school is a good option for many. But a productive year off doing something interesting usually won’t hurt your application the following year.
7. Traditional companies have many unusual jobs, unusual companies have many traditional jobs. Find them.
8. The guy at the party last month is just as likely to be as clueless as anyone. Talk with people who are like your majors.
9. Present a sensible (even if tentative) career plan to your parents. They are more likely to listen if you outline your future. Arguing only creates resistance.
10. Networking is like looking for someone to drive you to the airport. They don’t have to be a licensed chauffeur; they just need directions and knowledge. You have to ask around.
11. Nobody, including counselors, can tell you what is best for you, but they are good at brainstorming options with you.
12. After subject matter competence, the most important career skill is communication. Are you any good at it? Try attending Caltech Toastmasters.

Time Management 101
With Angela Lau, Ph.D.
Where: Caltech Y Lounge
When: Friday, March 9th at Noon

Do you wish you could manage your time better? If so, come and join this informative workshop. This workshop will explain what is time management and will focus on tips and strategies to help you: (1) be more efficient with your time; and (2) get things done with less stress. It will also talk about the importance of balance in your life and how to create balance between work and play in your life.

This workshop is sponsored by the Counseling Center.
Caltech student graces red carpet at Oscars

BY: RADHIKA MARATHI

While millions of Americans could only dream of walking the red carpet at last Sunday’s Oscars, Caltech sophomore Irina Chiriac joined Hollywood’s biggest stars at the glitziest event of the year.

“It was an amazing experience,” said Chiriac with a spark in her eye. “I walked in on the red carpet at the Kodak Theatre just as everyone else, it felt like I was suddenly being compared with all the big stars.”

Chiriac, a chemistry major from Romania, was invited to the event as a guest by a friend she met through a tango dance party.

“There was a pre-ceremony dinner with a live band at the Kodak Theatre,” said Chiriac. “Although the celebrities were on the upper floor and we were at a seat caf, Le Thô/tê, I recommend the second set, it’s very sexy.”

The ceremony itself was an enchanting event. We got a pair of binoculars since the stage was split in two. Well, my friend and I were supposed to take turns using them, but I monopolized them during certain times for example, when George Clooney walked onto stage,” said Chiriac.

Chiriac’s favorite part of the evening was “the compering by the hostesses, Ellen DeGeneres, whom she knew from the film Finding Nemo as the voice of the absent-minded fish Dory. She also spoke of “this amazing group of performers who can’t believe how beautiful the Virgin and the Unicorn are,” she said smiling.

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From Microscopes to Telescopes
What immunologists want to know about space

BY SARA MCBRIDE

In honor of Max Delbruck, one of Caltech’s legendary cross-disciplinary professors, The Tech will contribute to the great tradition of scientific inquiry by publishing a series of Q & A sessions between world renowned scientists from completely different fields of study. The Immunologists who contributed questions for this story are: Doug Green, Head of Immunology at St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital; Kris Bowen, Scientist at CowX Research, LLC; Sara McBride, Immunologist in the lab of Sarkis Mazmanian at Caltech.

Last week, a team of astronomers led by Dr. Carl Grillmair made headlines by taking the first spectra of a transiting planet outside of our solar system. Dr. Grillmair has worked extensively on NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope project, and he is now doing lead of the Infrared Spectrograph team at Caltech’s Spitzer Science Center. In what is probably the only division at Caltech that actually disperses money to outside researchers, I was able to sit down with Dr. Carl Grillmair and discuss the cosmos from an immunological point of view.

Bacteria were the first life forms on Earth and most species, especially mammals, have co-evolved to form a complicated symbiotic relationship with bacteria. But theories suggest that bacteria might have whizzed to the Earth via cosmic debris, not by emerging diseases or material is required. Just come ready to turn yourself into somebody else for a few minutes! For more details, email out@caltech.edu.

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Proper Sports Fan Etiquette

BY: HAMILTON FALK

In some recent (and perhaps even current) editions of the Tech there has been some commentary on the kind of behavior that is acceptable from fans at a Caltech sporting event. While the rewards are not as great as at a Division I school or a professional sporting event, in that you don’t win very many games or make the playoffs, but the risks are not as dangerous, with a very low chance of Ron Artest attacking you or being hurt when goalposts are pulled down.

The point is that there need to be some basic rules and regulations about how to behave oneself while viewing a sporting event in “The Beaver Dam” as many students call the Caltech gym in which sporting events often take place.

First, there needs to be a strict dress code for sporting events. No one wants to see the naughty bits of fans! or be forced to see offensive words such as the f-word, names of naughty bits, bad puns or Chicago Cubs logos. That being said, it would be unfair to subject fans to an NBA-like dress code requiring both pants and shirts in addition to close toed shoes and a lack of offensive words.

Ideally one would wear a large fur suit (not real fur, that’s murder) dressed like a beaver or beaver related mammal. If this is not possible, wearing shorts and a thin painted letter is acceptable. The best letters to choose are the ones that appear in Caltech or Beavers or Go. If these letters are unavailable I would go with something that doesn’t stand out (perhaps an I or D) and avoid Q’s and Z and X. Those letters will just confuse people, and an X will probably get you punched in the middle of it, due to its target like properties.

Large signs with phrases like “All about Caltech” or “the People Behind me can’t See” so that if for some reason ABC or PBS is broadcasting the game (they aren’t) they’ll show you on TV are allowable, although you will look like an idiot. Avoid being nude, wearing colors associated with the other team or combin- ing orange with teal, and never, ever wear a Hitler (or even sexy Hitler) costume. Finally, a little known NCAA rule states that in any game if one or more fans arrive at the game wearing an authentic and accurate Fighting Okra costume to a Delta State game the opposing team must play while blind folded, and there may be other rules that are similar, so always avoid dressing as the other team’s mascot, even if it has been creatively altered.

A guideline for physical activ- ity is also required. Clearly there are some things that should be out of bounds, such as streaking, discharging firearms in any direc- tion but into the air or jumping on a referee’s back and riding them around as if they were a bronco. On the other hand, there are always some exceptions. While normally it would be wrong to throw batteries at a member of the opposing team, but if that player has recently made racist com- ments in the media the fans are forgiven. Additionally, throw- ing is always a bad idea, but if the Santa Clause that comes out seems pretty drunk, or the oppos- ing team is the Dallas Cowboys, they probably had it coming.

The wave on the other hand is never a good idea, but always a great one. Simple precautions of making sure everyone present knows that wave activity is going down is important though, since a single person doing the wave is punishable by a 5,000 dollar fine and up to six months in prison in the state of California. Attempts to distract an opposing player dur- ing free throws are usually a good idea, although due to the “unique” setup of the Beaver Dam this is best done vocally since only the people on the treading are actu- ally in view of the player shoot- ing. One last thing to remember is that approaching or physically touching a player can cause you to be thrown out of the game and some sort of penalty applied to your home team, so only do so when the game is out of reach for one team or the other.

A last and perhaps most im- portant set of rules for attending sporting events is that govern- ing the transmission of informa- tion vocally. When attempting to communicate with members of your own team you should be friendly and informative, but a different style is often necessary when speaking with the opposi- tion. It may be required to shout, in order that you are heard over the ambient noise and other fans. In addition, to make sure your comments are not only noted but also comprehended it is a good idea to speak in unison with several others, a tactic that also shows that the fans are united in support of their home team.

Because the opposing team has been invited into your home it is only polite to make conversation, with questions such as “Why are you so bad at defense?” and observations like “My dog can play better than you!” Roman- tic suggestions can be useful; al- lowing fans to date someone new as well as distracting the players with thoughts of romance, so feel free to ask for phone numbers or other information. During a girls’ game it may be helpful to point out that the other team is losing to a bunch of girls, and during a time in which a shot clock is winding down it is of- ten helpful to offer an alternative idea of what the numbers might be, counting up from 1 instead of down from 10 or perhaps, simply speeding things along. Finally, a psych out, as described in the popular movie Basketeball, such as simply stating “Steve Perry” can be effective as a distraction, allowing your team to gain the upper hand. It may be important to remember that shouting “Dis- cotheque” may sound like you’re saying “Let’s go Tech!” but in fact is as meaningless as a turkey muffin on Halloween.

Remember, in sports it is more important to win than to have had a good time, but slightly less important than those two is to behave in a way that shows good sportsmanship. Be kind to visiting teams and avoid of- fensive behavior unless it will effectively hinder the opposing players. And most importantly, the visiting players are not mem- bers of the Caltech community, so the Honor Code doesn’t pre- vent you from mistreating them, so you can do whatever you want to them without getting BoCed, but you should still behave for some reason.

(Footnotes)

1 Many being defined as at least one.
2 Well, technically, no one wants to see the naughty bits of male fans, but those are the only ones likely to be seen. Isn’t it ironic? Don’t you think?
3 Fuchisia (See: Lessons Of Integrity from a Journalist by Eichenlaub et al., 2/26/07).
4 Murder on the wallet, know what I’m saying?
5 Creating alterations would include being cross-eyed with the tongue hanging out, having the head not attached but rather carried in the hands, and being on fire, although of course there are other acceptable alterations.
6 Although to be fair my dog is NBA-all-star Dirk Nowinski when in the human portion of his ware- wolf cycle.

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