Ditch Day hits campus

Matthew Glassman slips and slides during Fleming’s Japanese Game Show stack on Tuesday. See pages 6 and 7 for more Ditch Day photos.

Rotation to change

More information on the houses to be given to prefresh

BY HAROLD MARTIN

The IHC has made a series of changes to Rotation intended to, according to IHC Chair Michael Woods, bring about a new emphasis on the “spirit of the law.” The changes encompass both Rotation Rules and Rotation procedures, and will be implemented for next year’s Rotation.

Changes to the upcoming Rotation include a new rankings system and new steps to educate prefresh about the Houses. The new Rotation Code, modeled on the Honor Code, reads, “The spirit of Rotation is to allow new students to Houses to arrive at accurate representations of each other. This serves the purpose of best matching new students with Houses.”

“We want people primarily to worry about the spirit of things,” said Woods, who explained that the purpose of the Rotation Code is to be a simple maxim to guide student actions during rotation. Another addition to the rotation rules are the “Four Laws of Rotation”, which are meant to provide easy to remember rules governing behavior during Rotation, according to Woods. Furthermore, a list of actions requiring IHC approval was added to the lists of specifically prohibited and specifically allowed actions. Included in prefresh welcome packages will be an IHC booklet containing a two pages spread on each of the Houses, intended to

For more historical perspective on Rotation rules, see Opinion, p. 2.

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Party goes Euro

Two UK exchange students bring party culture (and more techno) to Caltech

BY VIBHA LALJANI

On Saturday night, The Winnett Lounge harbored culture from across the Atlantic Ocean. Two foreign exchange students – Iain Cranston from Edinburgh, and Alan Zubocki from London brought the European party atmosphere to Caltech.

The Winnett terrace, now a European pub playing classic rock and class bands like the Beatles, Led Zep and Queen, was bustling with people one hour into the party. The Winnett interiors turned into a club with strobes, lasers and the smoke machine. According to Zablocki, the idea came up when he was hanging out with Cranston and some

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Bylaw changes pass with low turnout

New Honor Chair position created with 15% respondents

BY VIBHA LALJANI

The much discussed ASCIT bylaw changes passed with both low opposition and low voter turnout. Fifteen percent of the student body voted to split the current ASCIT Vice President role, which is also the Board of Control (BoC) chair, into two positions.

A new position, the Honor Chair, will also hold the Vice Presidency. The Honor Chair will be responsible for education and advocacy of the Honor Code. On the other hand, the BoC chair will solely administer the BoC activities and hold a seat on the Routing Committee.

Michael Grinolds, current BoC chair, and Jean Sun, last year’s BoC chair, feel that these changes are necessary for the long term survival of the Honor System.

“There will be someone who can be held accountable for both improving the honor system and for promoting the honor system,” said Grinolds.

However, both Sun and Grinolds agree that there would be several obstacles in implementing these changes.

“It’s one of the first times a large change in the structure of the ASCIT Board of Directors (BoD) has happened,” said Sun. “I think the greatest difficulty will be communicating the significance of it to the student body; after all, only about 15% of students voted for the bylaw changes. It’s up to the current ASCIT BoD and BoC to make sure that communication happens.”

Said Grinolds, “The new position gives students more representation through giving student input into the Dean’s review and appeal’s decisions.”

Lea Kunesh, sophomore, and Vickie Pus, junior, twirl glow-sticks at Saturday’s night’s Euro Star party.

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Stop whining about the paper for its own sake

By Craig Montuori

R otation tries to match up prefrosh and Houses about once a year, and it isn’t always a match between parties’ interests in each other. Seen as better people in the past, pupils were either not interested in helping at all or they were interested in helping, but they wanted to do it their way. I’ve never been to one that had done so much for the people that were actually interested. I think the paper is a pretty good one, even after working on it, that I know this is true.

How about this situation: a House is accused of accessing information about prefrosh before their final Rotation meeting...the House President and Head Waiter are asked to “move off campus and not come back.” The year was 1966 and the accused House was Fleming.

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Four Rules of Rotation

a. Rotation participants are prohibited from unfairly biasing new students toward or against a House in a way that violates the honor code or goes against the spirit of Rotation.

b. Upperclassmen may not provide special or extraordinary favors or services to new students. This includes alcohol and other psychoactive and controlled substances.

c. No upperclassmen or new student should discuss rating strategies or past or future student picks procedures.

d. Any remaining questions or concerns must be addressed by the IHC.

Teachers to be honored Tuesday

Five course instructors, three teaching assistants, and two research assistants were selected as winners of the 31st annual ASCIT awards, which were presented by the Academic and Research Committee (ARC) in conjunction with ASCIT.

Each year ASCIT solicits nominations from undergraduate students for course instructors, teaching assistants, and research mentors whom have demonstrated excellence in teaching. This year almost 100 undergraduate submissions were considered.

Below are the recipients, who will be honored at an awards banquet on May 22, 2007.

Course Instructors
Fulvia Castell, Lecturer in Psychology
Peter Dervan, Bren Professor of Chemistry
Glen George, Lecturer in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering
Douglas Rees, Dickinson Professor of Chemistry
Ellen Rothenberg, Professor in Biology

Teaching Assistants
Nawaf Bou-Rabee, Graduate Student in Applied and Computational Mathematics
Victor Liu, Undergraduate Student in Electrical Engineering
Michael Salmen, Graduate Student in Physics

Research Mentors
Adolpho Aldecoa, Bren Professor of Psychology and Neurosciences
Professor of Biology
Jesse Bloom, Graduate Student in Chemistry

New appointees to committees

Academic Committee (APC)
Chris Klein
Christina Theodoris
Mary Wahl
Alexander Hudson*

Core Curriculum Exchange Programs and Study Abroad (CEPSA)
Caila Heitz
Angela Shih
Gina Gao

Core Curriculum Steering Committee (CCSC)
Daniel Walter Rowlands
Mitchell Wang
Swati Podder*
Brian Yu*

Committee on Undergraduate Education (CUE)
Craig Horst
Caleb Ng
Alex Siegel

Graduate Committee (GC)
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GREVIANCES
Jon Napolitano, Aryan Safaie with Mike Woods as Alternate

ATHLETICS AND PHYS ED
Eric Tait, Caleb Ng
Alt: Ilia Shadrin

STUDENT HOUSING
Full: Kevin Watts, Ryan Bogner
Alt: Ben Yang

FOREIGN STUDENTS
Full: Junwoo Lee, Misha Initial
Alt: Alex Velian, Calyani Gunesan

STUDENTS NEEDING
Full: Kevin Watts, Ryan Bogner

ALTERNATES: Ilia Shadrin

FUEL: Full

APPS
Full: Kara Hung, Kim Sung

ALTERNATES: Abhi Gulati, Daniel Walter Rowlands

UASH:
Full: Mitchell, Hyoungjin, Abdul, Chris

ALTERNATES: Ashok, Alex Roper

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholarship pays room, board

Alumni donate in honor of then-MOSH George P. Mayhew

“I always thought about giving back what my family could afford,” said Milder, who attended Caltech on a scholarship and was physics major and tech editor from Ricketts House.

Milder looked up to Mayhew as a welcoming figure on campus.

“Mayhew stood out particularly for his easy dignity and kindness. In the use of informality he insisted that we call him “George,” something we managed to do during the duration of frosty camp,” said Milder.

“Because of what George Mayhew meant to me and my generation of students, the gift feels personal,” Milder’s company Arte Associates specializes in providing technical solutions to engineering problems—Milder specializes in the scattering of acoustic and electromagnetic waves below the ocean, and worked for DARPA detecting waves from submerged submarines. Milder is married to Maureen “Mo” McGee who works as the Assistant Conservator at UCLA’s Grunwald Center.

Films and lectures this week

Speaker Regan Demas and the Power of One
Director of Operations, Africa, International Justice Mission Hosted by the Caltech Y Social Activism Speaker Series Tuesday, May 22, 7:30 pm in Beckman Auditorium, Caltech FREE: no tickets or reservations required

Reagan Demas serves as the Director of Operations, Africa for International Justice Mission. Founded by Gary Haugen in 1997, IJM is an international human rights agency dedicated to rescuing victims of violence, sexual exploitation, slavery and oppression. Based on referrals from relief and development agencies around the world, IJM conducts professional investigations of abuses and mobilizes intervention on behalf of the victims.

Letters: From Two Jims, with Screenwriter Iris Yamashita
At 7 PM on Tuesday, May 22, the film Letters: From Two Jims, with Screenwriter Iris Yamashita (2006) will be screened in Baxter Lecture Hall. Letters tells the story of two Jims from a Japanese perspective. The film, directed by Clint Eastwood, is almost entirely in Japanese language, even though it was produced by an American crew.

Letters won a Golden Globe for Best Foreign Film and Best Picture from the Los Angeles Film Critics Association. The screening will be followed by discussion and a question-and-answer session with screenwriter Iris Yamashita, who won an Oscar for Letters. This event is part of the Ethnic Visions Film Series and is sponsored by Caltech’s Words Matter Program. Admission is free and open to all.

Leadership awarded

From left to right, Todd Gingrich, Neha Das, Richard Jones, and Christine Watson of the Robert N. L. Noland Leadership Award for 2007.

Neha Das, Caila Heitz, Todd Gingrich and Richard Jones were awarded the Robert L. Noland Leadership Award at a dinner presentation in the Athenaeum Library on May 2, 2007. The Robert L. Noland Leadership Award is for outstanding Caltech students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership abilities and have encouraged and supported others in realizing their own leadership capabilities.
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Above: Answer a question wrong in this Japanese game show trivia game, and Rene Davis will make sure you regret it.

Below: Professor John Hall takes a test spin in the go-karts used in Fleming and Blacker stacks.

Above: Mastered the normal Sudoku’s in the Tech each week? Try this one on for size.

Below: Armed with a badge and facial hair, no clues would get past these Lloydies-turned-detectives.

Above: MIF funding made possible this go-cart adventure for the Italian Job, the stack.
Clockwise from top-left:

1. Nothing like refueling at Mannion’s to get you back in the Ditch Day mood.

2. Russell McClellan makes his way from one clue to the next.

3. Fortunate for the Lloydies, these ducks couldn’t fly away, so getting the clues from their stomachs was just a matter of getting wet.

4. Scurves engage in an n+1 legged race.

5. A clue hidden inside 700 pound concrete balls and no sledgehammer in sight...
Legends of Caltech III: a classic for the coffee table

BY HAMILTON FALK

Before coming to Caltech I got my hands on the first volume of Legends of Caltech, a book full of lore of the Tech, mostly having to do with the 300s. I was surprised by the various members of the Caltech community who had contributed. I read the second book shortly after arriving, and was struck by what a great idea these books were.

Caltech has a wonderful culture with a rich history, but for whatever reason only a percentage of the stories reach any one person by word of mouth. Let a person understand some of the events that help define the Caltech culture even if they didn’t happen to involve recent upper-classmen or visiting alums from a specific house.

Although the previous Legends books were somewhat clunky and not always visually appealing I was happy to see that a new Legend was coming out, although I was worried that all of the best material had already been tapped.

Like the previous Legends books, Legends III is more of a coffee table book than something with more content.

The editing is well done, as should be expected of former Tech editors, and the layout is visually pleasing, in a magazine or yearbook style with lots of pictures and little tid-bits of interesting additional information scattered throughout. I would be surprised if it doesn’t become a fixture on coffee tables of alums wanting to be able to explain a little about their unique education.

The new Legends book changed from the traditional bland look with the Caltech hand holding the

Legends of Caltech III

Techer in the Dark

Mason Porter and Autumn Loquist

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EURO-THEMED PARTY OFFER TECH AN ALTERNATIVE TO AMERICAN STYLE

UK exchange students thought of the idea of a “Brit Party” during Frotch Camp, hope next year’s exchange students will throw a similar shindig

“Lain and I were both shocked at just how instrument beer pong was to everything that happens at Caltech...we too have drinking games, but of a more fun and social nature.”

-Alan Zablocki

CHOICE OF THE WEEK

The Secret History of Science’s Postwar Elite

Ann Finkbeiner

Hardcover: $27.95
Paperback: $15.00

The Jasons

The Jasons is a great read for those of us who care about not just science, but about scientists, and it has a bit of a Caltech slant (several professors here are Jasons, including former Caltech President Marvin Goldberger and former professor and Provost Steve Koonin.) In her book, Ann Finkbeiner describes the inner workings of a class-sis group that solves the problems that the Department of Defense had. Finkbeiner’s representation of the book was a little dry, but still captured the overall story quite well.

It was like reading Dostoevsky, in that you have to keep careful track of characters, and the plot moves along a little slower than it might, but in the end the story was good enough to wade through.

The group, called the Jasons, has been around since 1960, and has included such great scientific minds as Hans Bethe and Murray Gell-Man. Its namesake is reportedly Jason of Jason and the Argonauts; it was essentially a successor to the Manhattan Project, except that it has many more defenses problems to solve (in addition to worrying about our nuclear legacy.)

Not all the members of the Jasons are known, as their membership is classified. Jasons may choose to reveal themselves, but they obviously cannot reveal any of the classified information that they have acquired.

The secrecy of the group has been necessary since Jason’s reputation is built on the development of tactical nuclear weapons in Vietnam were leaked in the 1970s. While the reports clearly came to the conclusion that tactical nuclear weapons would be useful, many campuses revolted against their professors, coming to a head at Columbia, where the entire physics department was locked down by activists.

While roughly 2/3 of their reports are classified, the unclassified reports can be found easily online. The Jasons have been consulted all the way from Vietnam, through the Cold War, and up to the present. The Jasons are some of the best and brightest minds in the industry. According to Dr. Steve Koonin, a former Caltech professor and Provost, and chairperson of the Jasons from 1998-2004, “Working with talented colleagues on important, multidisciplinary problems is both satisfying and fun.”

One of the most rewarding recent Jason reports, said Koonin, was a 1999 study on Civilian Biodefense, which were of great importance in the handling of the 2001 anthrax scare.

Working on applied science problems to protect America? Sounds fun to me.

mainstream American music, that is Hip Hop and R’n’B is, which house, Techno, Electronica, Rock, Pop, Dance that are popular, but not mainstream. However, the party was revolutionary in another way. Unlike Caltech parties that out at 2 AM, the Euro party ended at 4 AM. Zablocki said, “Winnett has the advantage that local residents cannot hear the music inside, so they are less likely to complain about the noise. The outside can and will be kept at an acceptable level. The law prohibits the issue of a license between 2 am and 6 am. It does not, however, prohibit playing music outside after 6 am, right? As for permissions, the Management of the Fleming Cannons, a well known MIT party, has been very positive and supportive about such a novel idea and for it to happen, we need our 7 hours.”

But was the effort that went into planning the party worth it?

Zeehan Ahmed, a graduate student in Physics, Mathemat- ics and Astronomy, who was a member of this crowd said, “It was cool party. It is like the graduate student parties except at a larger scale. We should have parties like this every month!”

Cliff Chang, a sophomore who seemed like he was having a wonderful time, said that coinciding with his glowsticks, said, “It is a great party. It is nice to see so many people from different departments and the regular crowd. They should defi- nitely have parties like that every weekend!”

Cranston said, “Hopefully this party will be the beginning of something great.”

Dolan thought this would love to become a tradition - for a couple of the exchange students to organize this party every year. So, when next year’s exchange students arrive, the first thing you should ask them is, ‘when will the 2008 Euro Party will be?’”
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OASIS spices Caltech with Indian culture

BY ANDREW FREDDO AND DANNAH ALMASCO

Introducion: Only a 10-minute walk from Chandler, Eddie's Market, on the corner of Michigan and Blanche, is a refreshing break from the commercial restaurants normally frequented by hungry Techers.

Goal: To check out the off-campus Italian deli, Eddie's Market, which has been frequented by the likes of Nobel Laureate Professor David Politzer.

Stockroom Options: Eddie's Market has a variety of hot and cold sandwiches, along with salads. They also have specialty grocery items such as meats and cheeses, with a focus on those people who want quality and fresh food, according to Kimberly, the owner.

Materials and Cost: We chose the Turkey and Cheese and Italian Cold Cuts sandwiches, each of which costs $6.

Observations: The turkey and cheese sandwich: When describing this sandwich, it is really hard to know where to begin! There was a huge portion of turkey, but it didn't feel very heavy. The crust on the white bread was barely perceptible, and even with mayo on the sandwich, it was not overpowering.

Eddie's Market Grade: A

Eddie's Market on Michigan and Blanche is a tasty alternative to CDS, says food critics Andrew Freddo and Dannah Almasco.

The sandwich packs a bit of a spicy punch, but is not overpowering. It was on wheat bread, which has the danger of being dry; this was not the case, however. The onions complemented this sandwich well.

In both sandwiches, the bread was extremely soft. This attests to the fact that it is freshly-baked daily. The Italian dressing on top with the shredded lettuce lightened up the sandwiches, giving them the taste of a garden-fresh salad. Both left us comfortably full after lunch and satisfied all afternoon.

Espresso: After talking with Kimberly, she gave us a sample of their espresso. We were served in cute little cups and matching saucers. It was very strong, yet not overpowering. We needed to add sugar because we like our coffee sweet. It finished the meal in an uplifting manner.

Atmosphere: Eddie's Market is very laid back and personal. Since it is a very small market, it feels homely and comforting. Kimberly knew almost all the customers by name, which shows how much she cares about them.

Conclusion: Eddie's is amazing! Its comforting atmosphere matches the quality of its food. Everything there is exceedingly fresh and flavorful. Walking back to campus, you feel energized and ready to take on the afternoon, which luckily for us, involved lab.

Eddie's is open 10-6 Monday–Friday, 10-5 Saturday, and closed on Sunday. We hope you find it as great as we did!
This weekend, the luck finally turned for Caltech’s men’s baseball team as they defeated a third team out of twenty that they faced this year. Interestingly enough, most members of the team they played wore skirts. And instead of baseball the players threw around a Frisbee.

First in its kind, the Frisbee challenge that Snatch, Caltech Women’s Frisbee Team, threw against the men’s baseball team, concluded with a score of 13 to 5 in men’s favor, leaving the guys excited and in high spirits.

“Oh my God,” said Mike Comstock, one of the guys who enjoyed the prospect of victory during halftime. “This is going to be our only victory this season except the old folks.”

Indeed, the complete lack of wins against teams composed of people younger than 40 years did not forecast bright outcome for the men, especially since the challenge involved playing a sport different than the one they practice. The team never played Frisbee together until the very game on Sunday, and some members never touched the disk in their lives. However, what they lacked in experience, the men made up for in their plan of action.

“We had a winning strategy,” explained Kevin Noertker. “Run very very fast, jump very very high, and catch the Frisbee.”

The men did all that, although, as Noertker said, “The frequency of our drops really did reflect how we lead the league in errors.” The team does just that, not only being first team in SCIACs in lead errors, but having individual standouts as well. Noertker and a teammate share first place in individual errors, with several teammates following closely behind.

Although they lost, the women did present many impressive plays and some technically difficult catches and passes, with Minh Huynh driving for the disk on several occasions. The women were also a more bright and cheery bunch, complete with leopard-print pink socks and colorful skirts.

The game ended on an amiable note and closed with cheers of “Bever Frisbee, snatch it up!” from the guys and “Next season—baseball!” from the girls. Yet while the game was friendly, the victory did boost the morale of the baseball team.

“It’s nice to get a win. We’ve waited two years for this,” said Jeff Shaw, member of the team. “Maybe the winning streak [of one] will carry on to the next season.”

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Baseball team wins game

Men defeat women’s Ultimate team 13-5 in frisbee

BY NATALYA KOSTANDOVA

Kelrof Organizer’s Notes

By Mark Eichenlaub

Kelrof is an annual 24-hour relay held “for kicks.”

May 18, 2007 3:45 PM—A few hours before Kelrof begins,manda descends from skies and Kelrof will have food for its hungry runners. Manna is delivered in the form a friendly guy named Javier driving a truck with “Caltech Dining Services” printed on the side.

7:54 PM—The first few runners arrive and, seeing the glorious setup I have prepared for them, congratulate me with the words, “This is it!”

9:04 PM—The IHC, running with only four of its ten members present, appoints an honorary “President of Booty House” to run on their team.

11:14 PM—By now, methods of locomotion employed at Kelrof include: running, walking, hopping, hopping while inside a sleeping bag, skateboarding, standing on a skateboard and getting pulled by someone running, standing on a skateboard and getting pulled by someone hopping inside a sleeping bag, spinning a la Whirling Derwish, cartwheeling, rollerblading, and cantering. Leapfrogging is suggested, but dismissed as too immature.

3:06 AM—IHC appoints honorary “President of Giving Up and Going Home,” all adopt the title. President of Booty House dissents and continues a mad solo campaign.

8:24 AM—Avery house completes half of the relay, decides that’s good enough, heads out, and declares it to be a new tradition.

10:59 AM—Surveying the mess left by misguided attempts at cooking omelets, I take the philosophical Idealist approach to the situation, turning my back with the knowledge that the mess no longer truly has its own material existence.

12:45 PM—At the entreaties of hungry runners, I begin a barbecue using nothing but two sticks, the sun, a magnifying glass, a chance accident of ball lighting, and a large load of flammable ball dropping.

8:01 PM—With just a few minutes to go, team KLAB continues to the end. Kenji walks a final mile, and the Darbs desperately employ a bicycle in hopes of racking up last minute miles.

Team KLAB completed hundreds of miles and totally won the relay. Darby pretty much hung on through the day.

The Dubney team camps by the track during Kelrof, the 24-hour relay, on Saturday.

Ruddock made a decent effort but eventually just abandoned me with some fresh name like Ben or Bob or something like that. Whatever.

Avery completed twelve hours and an unspecified number of miles.

The IHC stayed around for an admirably long time considering their lack of a full team.

Kenji Sasaki ran and walked over fifty miles to raise money for the Encplaye.com clinic.
Life lessons from a lying senior

BY HAMILTONY FALK

The various people involved in editing contacted me a few minutes before the publishing deadline to inform me that despite being a mere three weeks from graduating and having copious amounts of free time, I had failed to submit a column this week, creating a risk of a back page covered with the irrevocable scratching of my arch nemesis, Mark Eichenlaub. Sticking with my usual tendencies I will be offering you ill-advised advice on topics in which you don’t wish to be advised.

Firstly, I’ll give you some tips on how to survive in the wilderness. This comes from my own personal experience of going into Canada for two weeks with nothing but some canoes, basic survival gear, and a weeks worth of food. The first rule of wilderness survival is don’t try to befriend bears. While some bears are friendly (Yogi, the bears from the beginning of Grizzly Man, Baloo) many bears are not (the bears from the end of Grizzly Man, Booboo, the Pandas at the San Diego zoo).

There is no way to know what kind of bear you’re dealing with, so it is best to assume a kung fu fighting stance and prepare to fight. Never run away from bears unless in a large group, as bears can run up to 70 miles per hour, and they hate dirty smelling cowards. Finally, try to avoid Koala bears at all costs. While some people claim that they are not really bears and thus not dangerous, those people have never had a koala leap from a tree and attack itself to their face while they inject their venomous poison through that persons eye balls.

The second rule of wilderness survival, is to bring a hatchet. This can come in handy for making a crude living structure, making sparks to create fire, bear fighting and fishing. If you think you may end up in the wilderness for any reason, such as a plane crash, camping trip gone wrong or out of date map quest directions, make sure you’re carrying a hatchet, or failing that, a small ax or tomahawk.

The third rule of wilderness survival is always wait an hour after eating before going swimming.

Now that you can live like a king outside of civilization, I’ll give you some advice for a civilized situation: meeting a member of a Royal family.

The most important thing is to make sure you know how important the person is. If they are something respectable, like the Queen of England, a Saudi Sheik or Prince, follow this advice. If they are something lame, like the Tzar of Luxembourg, the Duke of Earl or anyone appearing on the Kings of Comedy tour, don’t offer them any respect or they’ll think they’re real royalty and become completely insufferable.

When greeting real royalty it is important to bow or curtsy or do-si-do depending on their national customs (if they are from Japan, England or Italy, respectively) but generally any greeting of suitable respect, such as ‘your Eminence,’ ‘your highness,’ ‘your majesty,’ or ‘you da man’ will suffice.

It is also important to maintain your level of respect no matter what the royal figure tries to do. Sometimes they will request that you call them by their first name casually, or insist that they are not in fact any kind of royalty, and that you are mistaken. These are tricks they will play to get you to slip up, allowing them to have you beheaded. Also, if you are confronted wear clean socks.

Finally, I’ll help you decide what to do over your summer vacation. First of all, if you’re doing a SURF, I have nothing to say to you’, because you’ve already made your decision, although I’ve made it poorly.

Ideally you want to make money over the summer, and also have fun, and also travel the world, and also learn something valuable and help people and stuff. Thus the best thing to do is to become a traveling vacuum salesman. Or join the circus.

I hope that this has enlightened you to everything you need to know. Look on the back page of the Tech next week for more advice or something, unless I don’t bother to write again.

Footnotes
1 I’m not making this part up, we really did forget a good portion of our food at the launching point and ended up eating a chipmunk. That being said, everything I say will probably be a lie.

Scientists claim that koalas sleep 22 hours a day, but in reality they spend about 12 of those hours meditating to train themselves in the deadly arts.

Not a Saudi Prince, but rather the artist formerly known as Prince.

Except for what I’ve already said, and what I’ll say shortly after what I just said.

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