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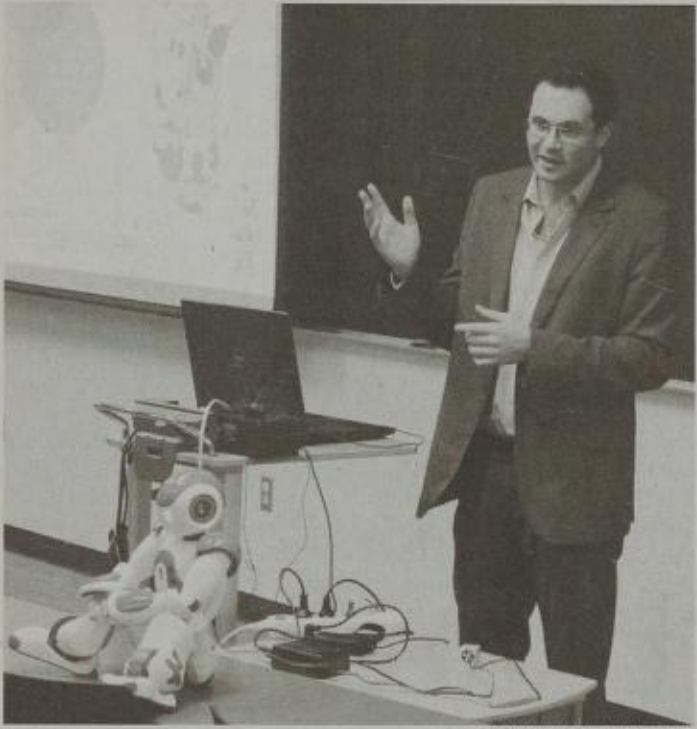
**TUESDAY:**  
Off the Beaten Path

**WEDNESDAY:**  
Campus Clubs

**THURSDAY:**  
Before You Were Here

**FRIDAY:**  
Photos of the Week

**ROBOT TECH TALK**



Natanel Dukan, who works for Aldebaran Robotics, put on a demonstration of the new humanoid robot at the College of Engineering yesterday.

**A CAT, A COOK AND A CONTROVERSY**

# The case of the murdered cat

Fraternities near campus have a variety of reputations. Cat killers isn't one of them.

That wasn't always the case. On Dec. 6, 1980, five members of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity captured their house cat, cut off its paws and set it on fire. This incident led the cook of the fraternity, Earl Carl of Ann Arbor, to resign six days later, as reported in an issue of The Michigan Daily from February 10, 1980.

On Friday February 8, 1980, Carl filed a lawsuit against the fraternity in Washtenaw County Circuit Court accusing the fraternity, located at 556 S. State St., of covering up the identities of the members who

killed the cat, according to the article.

Carl demanded at least \$10,000 in financial compensation to cover the remainder of his contract, which would have expired in May, and to offset emotional distress he said he faced.

The defendants in the trial were Douglas Hamlin, the chapter president at the time of the incident, David Froikin, the former house steward, and the fraternity's alumni association board of directors.

Carl told the Daily at the time that there were "three people directly putting pressure on me to say nothing to the media or the police." He went on to say that the three people were Gene Hand, the

alumni board's president, Hamlin and Jeff Ducomb, a member of the board.

Carl also said that "he knew there was a cover-up (that Hamlin initiated)," and specifically cited Hand as "orchestrating the cover-up" of the incident.

Carl said that he had tried to advise the members of the fraternity to release the identities of the cat killers, but to no avail, according to the Daily article.

Bill Holmes, the chapter president at the time the story was written, did not comment on the lawsuit and Alumni President Gene Hand was not available for comment, according to the Daily.

— CHELSEA LANGE

**CRIME NOTES**

### Valet backs into another car

**WHERE:** University Hospital parking lot  
**WHEN:** Tuesday at about 7 a.m.  
**WHAT:** A valet driver backed a car into another vehicle, knocking the glass out of the passenger side window, University Police reported.

### Man thrown out of Union

**WHERE:** Michigan Union basement  
**WHEN:** Tuesday at about 11:30 p.m.  
**WHAT:** A non-affiliate was escorted out of the basement of the Union for smoking, University Police reported.

### Backpack stolen

**WHERE:** Central Campus Recreation Building  
**WHEN:** Tuesday at about 6 p.m.  
**WHAT:** A backpack containing an Apple MacBook Pro, worth \$2,000, was stolen from the men's locker room while its owner was in the restroom, University Police reported.

### Extinguisher swiped

**WHERE:** Mary Markley Residence Hall  
**WHEN:** Wednesday at about 3:30 a.m.  
**WHAT:** A Housing staff member reported a fire extinguisher missing during a round of checks. The extinguisher has been missing since April, 2, University Police reported.

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**CAMPUS EVENTS & NOTES**

### Finding grants for grad students

**WHAT:** A session to help graduate students find digital and other resources to search for funding for their work.  
**WHO:** Teaching and Technology Collaborative  
**WHEN:** Today from noon to 1 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Shapiro Harold & Vivian Library

### Talk on social computing

**WHAT:** A panel discussion featuring faculty who use social computing in their classes and students who have taken those classes.  
**WHO:** Teaching and Technology Collaborative  
**WHEN:** Today from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library

### Multimedia installation

**WHAT:** An installation involving light and movement sensors, sculpture and electronic music, created by the Digital Music Ensemble.  
**WHO:** School of Music, Theatre & Dance  
**WHEN:** Today at noon  
**WHERE:** E.V. Moore Building, Pond

### Talmud study

**WHAT:** Study the traditional Jewish text with Rabbi Rod Glogower.  
**WHO:** Hillel  
**WHEN:** Tonight from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Hillel

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**THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW TODAY**

**1** Yesterday was National Chocolate Day. According to an ABC report the Smithsonian Institute found the first modern chocolate bar was made by Joseph Fry in 1947 when he created a moldable chocolate paste.

**2** The "Good Samaritan" law — which would exempt underage drinkers who call for help for intoxicated friends from receiving minor in possession charges — recently passed in the state House.  
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**3** After the city of Hampden, MD charged \$800 for a permit to erect a flamingo statue at a local restaurant, supporters of the restaurant planted hundreds of pink flamingos on the city hall lawn in protest, the Baltimore Sun reported. In response, the city lowered the permit fee to \$400.

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