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Dear Reader,

When the English poet William Blake commented that, "what is now proved was once only imagined," he did not have science fiction in mind. However, few genres have inspired the work of scientists more than science fiction. Every time you pick up your cell phone you are interacting with one of the many technological advances of the last century were inspired by science fiction. In this issue you can see how some of the top research done here at Cal has been inspired by science fiction—or is so advanced it seems to enter the realm of what would have been considered science fiction ten years ago. In this issue you can read about beetles controlled by electrodes, designed to be used as spies, and about emotions and consciousness in primates. I hope you enjoy this issue as much as the BSJ's dedicated staff of writers and editors do and that it inspires your imagination.

Sincerely,
Elaine C. Owen
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