



Tennis sweeps La Sierra 6-3 Women's frisbee takes second at UCLA



Photo by Mandy Gamble

BY: NATALYA KOSTANDOVA

This weekend, the laurels of victory had narrowly missed Snatch, the Women's Frisbee Team, which came in close second at the UCLA Invitational Frisbee Tournament. Competing against eight other teams in this two-day undertaking, the women played against six of the teams, losing only to UCLA, which emerged as the winner.

"The whole team stepped up and played very well and I was very excited that we were seeded second. I think we did a really good job this weekend," said Veronica Anderson.

Indeed, the team did more than a good job; although most of the teams in the tournament were of the B level, Snatch defeated all but one of its competitors with a considerably large margin.

Although the circumstances of this tournament were much more pleasant and predictable than those of last week's UC Santa Barbara Invitational, with sunshine showering the players instead of incessant mud, the tournament was still filled with injuries. During the game against UCLA B, Katherine Poulin dislocated her shoulder, Lizzy Trower hyper extended her knee, and Taiala Carvallo was hit in her nose, broken just last weekend during the Santa Barbara tourney. The three, however, refused to let their injuries keep them from playing, and quickly came back into the game.

Although some of the games had been less than even, with many of the teams playing on a much lower level than Snatch,



Michelle Farkas, right, throws the disc upfield to a teammate in Saturday's match

the game against Cal Poly had its high moments. After scoring the first couple points, Snatch allowed Cal Poly to tear ahead, yet was able to regroup and gain back the lead.

"It was a really good game for us," commented Katherine Poulin on the semi-final game against Cal Poly.

"We'd played them before, we know they are a very tough team. We started strong and we continued playing strong the whole game, and that was a highlight [of the tournament] for us."

Snatch defeated the USC B team 13-3, Claremont B 13-0, Occidental 13-1, Berkeley B 13-6, and Cal Poly (SLO) 11-6, losing to UCLA with a close score of 7-11.

Although the season has just started, much can be expected from Snatch, as it had placed well above its seed in Santa

Barbara last week in addition to this week's impressive performance.

"I hope that we continue to come together as a team. We have very nice team dynamics forming and everybody has a role on the team," said Poulin.

Snatch will travel to Las Vegas this weekend to compete in the Trouble in Vegas tournament.

The women's frisbee team won all but one of its games this weekend at UCLA's tournament.

**USC B: W, 13-3
Claremont B: W, 13-0
Occidental: W, 13-1
UC Berkeley B: W, 13-6
Cal Poly: W, 11-6
UCLA B: L, 11-7**

Eric Tai, sophomore, competes in Sunday's tennis match against La Sierra. Both the men's and women's team scored a victory of 6-3. In 2005, the men's team defeated La Sierra 7-0 and the women's team defeated them 6-3. The match was the second game of the season. The women's team plays at Occidental College on Saturday, February 10 while the men's team plays Occidental on Caltech's courts.

Lifestyles of Caltech's feline and famous

BY: NATALYA KOSTANDOVA

As much as students tend to complain about their lives, they aren't the only ones who find Tech difficult.

Caltech cats, like students, often struggle to find food, care, and attention. Unlike most students, they also have to worry about hair balls, fleas, and finding peace and quiet amidst the insanity that is Caltech, especially during midterms week.

Although there are many cats roaming around Tech,

one cat particularly attracted my attention due to his distinct character. Velcro the Cat, large, orange, and fuzzy, has been here longer than his original owner, who graduated in 2004. He changed hands several times, and is currently being taken care of by Becky Streit of Ruddock.

The difficulty in describing Velcro mainly stems from the fact that the only variation in his answers to my questions consists in slight change of the tone of his meowing and occasional look of annoyance and even menace. His persona thus

remains clouded in mystery, surrounded by rumors of being hotboxed and being slightly on the crazy side. All our knowledge of Velcro's history thus relies on the accounts of those who have come in contact with him.

Velcro in Student Reflections

"I baked a berry pie in Ricketts about two years ago," said Eleanor Waxman.

"I ate a little bit of the pie, covered the rest with wax pa-

per, and left it on the counter to finish the next day. I came back around 10 in the morning, and noticed the entire top crust had disappeared. Upon closer inspection, I noticed a few cat hairs in the filling, and a couple of sticky paw prints on the counter. No longer convinced the culprit was the math major living down the hall, I went in search of the cat that had mangled my beautiful pie. I did not have to search very far: I rapidly came across Velcro, his belly and face all purple from the pie juice, looking for



Meow.

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BY: HAROLD MARTIN

THE NATION

Bush Meets with Democratic Leaders at Party Retreat

President Bush addressed the Democratic Party's annual retreat on February 3 for the first time since 2001. Bush told the party, now in control of both houses of Congress, that he hoped to work together with them in the future.

He opened his remarks by with an attempt to defuse political bad blood over his reference to the Democratic Party as the 'Democrat Party' in the State of the Union by referring to himself as 'the head of the Republic party.'

Bush went on to ask for Congress' cooperation in working on issues such as the immigration system, a balanced budget, reduced gasoline usage, and health care.

After the speech, Democrats questioned Bush about his poli-

cies in Iraq, global warming, the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in a private session.

"The choice is bipartisanship or stalemate," said House speaker Nancy Pelosi.

New Advertising Triggers Terror Alerts in Boston

A guerilla advertising campaign that involved placing lit up signs around Boston triggered a terror alert that nearly shut the city down and landed two men in jail.

The small devices portrayed a character from the Cartoon Network show 'Adult Swim' using small lights apparently wired to circuit board, and were placed in other cities without raising alarm.

The incident has sparked broader debate over government paranoia, acceptable advertising techniques, and artistic expression.

The two men responsible from the campaign were released on bail, and proceeded to give a press conference in which they would

only answer questions about 70's hairstyles.

Pentagon Official Resigns After Terrorist Lawyers Comment

Senior Pentagon official Charles Stimson resigned on February 2 after he criticized lawyers who represented terror suspects.

In a Jan. 11 radio interview, Stimson that "I think, quite honestly, when corporate CEOs see that those firms are representing the very terrorists who hit their bottom line back in 2001, those CEOs are going to make those law firms choose between representing terrorists or representing reputable firms."

Stimson also called it "shocking" that large law firms would represent suspects held at Guantanamo Bay free of charge and suggested that those lawyers were "receiving moneys from who-knows-where."

Stimson's resignation came after the Bush administration worked to distance itself from

him amidst a wave of public outrage.

Falk Defeats Stein; Colts Win Superbowl 29-17

Despite the Bears jumping off to a 7-0 lead in the first 15 seconds of play on a 92 yard punt return, the Colts squeezed out the win, forcing five Bears turnovers along the way.

THE WORLD

Hamas and Fatah Continue Fighting in Violation of Truce

Hamas and Fatah continued to clash throughout the Gaza Strip, in spite of a truce signed last Friday intended to bring about a halt to the violence.

Kidnappings and gun battles resulting in deaths and severe injuries continued throughout the weekend and forced many Gazens to stay inside of their homes. The violence was centered around universities, cabinet ministries, and party security headquarters.



The ongoing power struggle between the two political parties could have severe repercussions for talks between Palestine and the Western powers, which have cut off aid since Hamas was elected as the majority parliamentary party.

Sources: The Washington Post, The New York Times

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Health Corner

Caltech's 2007 Alcohol and Drug Survey Approaches

BY: JANE CURTIS

The purpose of the Caltech Alcohol and Drug Survey (CADS) is to gather accurate information about current alcohol and drug usage rates, and related areas of interest. The Health Educator will use the CADS data to develop educational programs and services to meet students' needs. The results of the survey will be shared with students after the data has been analyzed. All currently registered students will be invited to take the survey between February 12-28, 2007. You will receive an email from SurveyMonkey.com February 12th with an embedded link.

By completing the survey, students will be entered into a random drawing to win one of 10 individual prizes. There is also a cash prize for the

undergraduate house that receives the highest response rate, and a cash prize for the GSC if over 50% of the graduate students take the survey. All prizes will be awarded in March - a total value of \$1,400.00!

The last CADS survey was administered in 2000 in the form of a paper/pencil survey. During the fall term, a group of students and the Health Educator worked to revise and convert it to an electronic version in order to make it more specific and relevant to Techers. [This is an opportunity for Techers to help the Health Educator better serve students, so please invest the 20 minutes to take the survey.](#)

Your name or e-mail addresses will never be associated with your responses. Students will be assigned a unique ID number in order for the secure server to manage

your online survey input. The undergraduate house affiliation question is being asked so the Health Educator can determine which house has the highest response rate for the house cash prize. To ensure confidentiality, this question will be removed and ID numbers are destroyed before data is compiled and shared with the Health Educator. Remember, your responses are voluntary and confidential.

Some students may remember the success achieved when the general health survey was administered in 2004. The goal is to reach the same (or greater) level of participation ... 51% of students completed that survey.

Readers can contact Jane Curtis, Health Educator, at jcurtis@caltech.edu, www.healtheducation.caltech.edu

Afternoon Delight: Jane Curtis's Sex at Noon Program

BY: JANE CURTIS

It's February ... Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and love is in the air. As part of the Women's Center Healthy Relationships Series, Alice Sogomonian, N.P. and Jane Curtis, Health Educator, are providing their interactive and fun workshop again this year. It will be held Monday, February 12, NOON-1pm in the CSS building, 2nd floor. Lunch will be provided; please RSVP to the Women's Center at ext. 3221.

You'll learn about campus norms, you can work with condoms, learn about the HPV vaccine and lots more. There will be useful handouts, free condoms, dental dams (do you know how and when to use one?) and other useful safer sex materials. Students will also be able to sign-up if they would like to receive the HPV vaccine through the Student Health Center. So, take a break from studying and the lab, and become more informed about sex.

ASCIT Board of Directors Minutes from the Olive Walk

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

Present Officers: Chris Gonzales, Vickie Pon, RJ Krom, Craig Montuori, Chris Watson, Nate Donnellan, Caleb Ng

Guests: Mike Gringolds, Chris Klien

1. Alumni Board Meeting Recap

* Gonzo went to the Alumni Board Meeting last weekend. He said he got to talk to President Chameau a lot while he was there. "He really likes students."

* Craig mentioned that people are thinking of brining back the Honor Keys that used to be given to students every year for good acts of public service. Bringing back the Honor Keys hasn't really been talked about at the meetings since 2000. It seemed that the alums from the '40s loved them.

2. Interhouse Wrap-Up

* There is still some outstanding funds that need to be resolved. That's it.

DVD Library

* Evan and Anton will be asked to come to the next meeting so the BoD can talk to them about helping fix up the DVD Library computer system (Evan) and resolving storage issues (Anton).

3. News

* Craig has talked with Ben Park from the Caltech Y about getting various speakers to come to each of the 8 Hovses once a month to give a talk and have dinner with students. The speakers could be from a variety of fields so that we can start hearing about modern issues out in the real world. Craig will also be looking into funding for this. Vickie mentioned that the MOSH already funds each of the Hovses to bring faculty to dinner, and that needs to be utilized more.

* Gonzo mentioned that both Ricketts and Dabney will have

reunions this spring. They will overlap with the Alumni College, which is a weekend filled with speakers who will be talking about nanotechnology this year (the topics change every year).

* Gonzo, Todd, and Dean Hall will be going through the SAC soon to organize room utilization.

* Gonzo has a meeting with Dean Hall later today. He asked the BoD for input on issues that he should bring up. Craig said people are still upset about all the items stolen during Interhouse construction.

4. Elections

* Chris Klein reported that 29 people signed up to run in the ASCIT elections. They will have statements published in the Tech on Monday, which is the same day as the election.

* Chris will contact the Tech to set up a debate for the IHC Chairperson candidates' debate on Friday.

5. Funding

* On Feb. 10, the GSC will be hosting a Gush/Athletic BBQ/Pep Rally for the undergraduate men's and women's basketball games against Occidental. All undergrads will be invited. Gonzo said they asked him for ASCIT funding, and he proposed transferring \$300 from the Athletic BBQ funds from ASCIT to the GSC for this event. Vote: \$300 from the Athletic BBQ budget will be given to the GSC for this event (6Y/0N/0A).

* Chris Watson said CCF has asked for \$150 to fund blue slip milkshakes. Vote: \$150 was granted to CCF for blue slip milkshakes (6Y/0N/0A).

Happy Midterms!

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Pon
ASCIT Secretary

Senior Class Co-Presidents

Maria Gutowski and Sarah Stidham



It's 5:45 on Sunday afternoon, we're watching the Super Bowl, and we know that no one really wants to read these statements. A lot of you reading this statement have probably never even heard of us, so why should you vote for us? Maybe we should start by telling you a bit about ourselves. Maria is a CS major and Sarah is a chemistry major, and we're both members of Ricketts. Now that you have our pictures, you can come hunt us down and tell us your great ideas about the class trip or the class gift. We promise we'll listen. Maria was a member of the Ricketts social team and Sarah was the Ricketts prefrush representative, so we've both had experience dealing with the administration. We don't claim to have a lot of experience, but we think it will be enough.

We have a few ideas for the senior class trip that we think you'll be excited about. Our best plan includes a day at the beach, followed

by a sunset cruise and dinner. Regardless of what the senior trip is, however, we know that transportation is a huge concern. We know that most people don't have cars and would have a difficult time getting anywhere far from campus. We therefore guarantee that every senior who wants to go will be able to, even if we have to ferry people back and forth ourselves.

We will also try our hardest to give the senior class a larger say in the choice of graduation speaker. After speaking with the current senior class co-presidents, we know that we are expected to have little influence in the decision, but we sincerely hope to change that.

Okay, that's about all we have to say, because the we really want to watch the rest of the game (and we've surpassed the minimum length of 300 words), but we think there's room for one more sentence... Vote for us!

Nathan Donnellan and Meghan Kelleher

CELTIC EXTREME

Leaving Caltech is a good thing, so the seniors like to take something memorable with them. Commencement doesn't last very long relative to all of the pain that Techers go through to get there. However, I would rather listen to someone speak at graduation that knows the student perspective and can be entertaining than someone who is just a big name and recognizes Caltech is from southern California. We should also try to leave something memorable that can be a recognizable gift to the school from the class of '08. The senior class co-presidents spend a lot of their time also managing the efforts of the senior class in the days leading up to tomorrow, and since I enjoy what my upperclassmen have given me in the past, I will do my best to ensure that we can be entertained those undergrads below us without destroying the campus during Ditch Day. I believe my previous house and ASCIT positions give me enough insight into managing tasks delegated to me, as well as connections in the administration, to do this job well with a partner as talented as Meghan.

-Nate-



Caltech has certainly provided all of us with memorable experiences over the past three years, and as we enter our (hopefully) last year here, it's only fitting that that trend should continue. As senior class co-presidents, Nathan and I will take responsibility to make those events important to seniors outstanding. For me, Ditch Day has provided some of my favorite moments here at Tech. It's a day to relax, hang out with friends, have fun, and for once not worry about work.

Because of this, I will make sure our class has a Ditch Day that is unforgettable, and that provides the undergrads with the same great time that I have come to associate it with.

Commencement is the culmination of our years at Tech, and such an important event deserves a speaker that we really want to hear.

If elected, we will work to get just that person. Finally, organizing a senior trip that is enjoyable, and really closes off our experience here, is high on our to-do list. If elected, we will listen to what you have to say, and we will always keep the seniors' best interests in mind. I know Nathan and I will make a great team that will definitely get the job done.

-Meghan-

Ryan Bogner and Sonia Tikoo

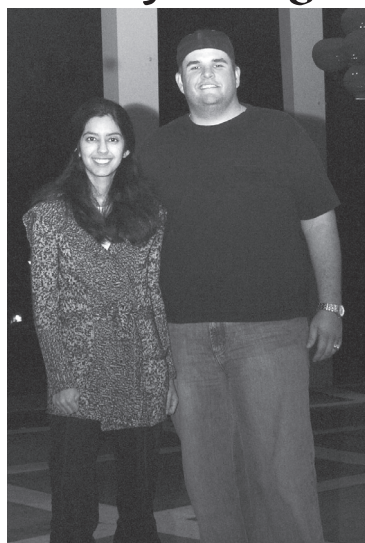


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Two and a half years ago, our Caltech graduation seemed like such a fanciful, far-off dream...but now it's just around the corner. Who will be the people you trust to select a great commencement speaker and play liaison with the administration over Ditch Day? As a class, we've put forth a lot of great candidates, but here is a list of reasons we think we would make excellent Senior Class Co-Presidents.

E x p e r i e n c e : Between the two of us, we carry a great deal of leadership experience in the greater Caltech community. In addition to holding positions within our individual Hovses, we have both

dedicated ourselves to numerous campus-wide efforts. Both of us have been UCCs at Frosh Camp. Ryan even organized something to replace Beach Games last year! We have both actively participated on Caltech Intercollegiate sports teams; Ryan has been on the baseball team three years running now and Sonia played tennis during her sophomore year. Beyond simply playing on the team, Ryan is a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Council. His leadership work extends beyond athletics as well, as he has also been a Prefrosh Weekend Representative for two years. Sonia's leadership experience began with her involvement with the Tech during her freshman year, which has since expanded to working behind the scenes to bring a journalism course to Caltech to help improve the paper's quality. Some of Sonia's other ventures have included work as the GPS Division Co-Chair for the SFC this year, as well as ARC option mentoring. We have no shortage of experience when it comes to campus-wide undergraduate leadership.

R a p p o r t w i t h t h e A d m i n i s t r a t i o n a n d F a c u l t y : During his time as an employee of Tom Mannion, Ryan has established friendships with many members of the administration and faculty here at Caltech. Sonia has met many faculty and administration in her time on the Tech and through working with the GPS Division. It is important that the Class Co-Presidents feel comfortable

working closely with the administration and we definitely do.

Attuned to the desires of the entire Senior Class: It is important that the two Class Co-Presidents represent the largest share of the seniors that they can. While friends, we come from very different social circles and have many friends outside our own Hovses. While the Hovses play an undeniably important role in our lives at Caltech, graduation somehow transcends this system. We will be celebrating our time here at Tech and our individual futures whether in industry or graduate school. Since on graduation day we will receive our diplomas as a class, it is important that the senior class comes together.

It really would be hard to make a bad decision when it comes to the Senior Class Co-President race. Nathan and Meghan or Sarah and Maria would also do a fine job. We're running because we think we could do the best job, but that's really up to you. We would appreciate your support. Thanks for reading. Remember, under our Co-Presidency, Ditch Day would always be Tomorrow.

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Kevin Austin, Ph.D.

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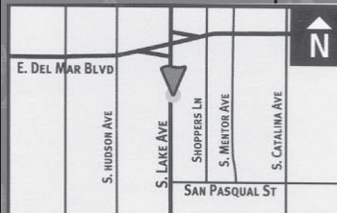
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Conduct Review Committee Chair

Brandt Belson



The role of the CRC (Conduct Review Committee) Chair is two-sided. The first role, like other CRC representatives, is to sit on cases and try to make the fairest decisions possible. The second involves leadership and a working knowledge of the system. Because of the intimate role that CRC Chair plays in the Caltech community, he or she is one of the first people others turn to, both with specific questions regarding the CRC's structure, and with broader questions like interpreting the honor code. I feel I can handle both of these responsibilities very well.

Why? I was a rep last year and sat on many cases. Consequently, I'm very familiar with the

whole process of determining whether or not a violation has occurred, and how best to remedy the situation. It's by no means a science; in every case there are countless factors that must be considered. I've seen how some of our past decisions played out, and I've gained insight into different situations. Every person is unique and reacts differently, and I know that must be considered at all times.

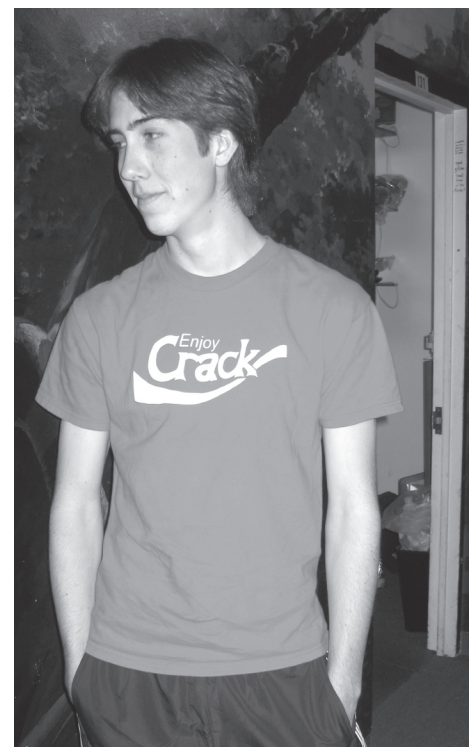
The CRC's goal should be (and has been) to ensure that the honor code is universally followed, rather than to give punishments like some may believe. Having been on the CRC, I know well many of faculty and the deans who also sit on cases. I'm comfortable in candidly explaining to them how the Caltech undergrad world really is. Knowing people in many groups and houses, I have a good understanding of how our community truly operates.

Additionally, I respect the honor code immensely. Having seen other college campuses, I acknowledge that it, more than anything else, defines the environment at Caltech. It promotes a sense of trust and comradeship rather than competition against each other on every set and exam. It gives us so much freedom: working together on sets, taking home exams, accessing keys to every building on campus, and even leaving our doors unlocked. We might take it for granted sometimes, but it's something I am willing to spend my limited free-time on to ensure that this strong sense of community doesn't fade.

I've always had a strong feeling of right and wrong (sometimes I wish I didn't ... but I do). This, along with everything else, means I can do an excellent job as the CRC Chair and I would love to do so. I hope you all agree.

Zack Higbee

A good CRC Chair needs to be outgoing and friendly, but be willing to do what needs to be done. They should have the conviction to make tough decisions, but also the patience to investigate all aspects of a situation. As CRC Chair, I would take all these responsibilities in stride. I also have extensive experience with the administration of Tech such as working with Tom Mannion and the Deans on several occasions. I have also served as a CRC Representative for the past year, so I am already familiar with the processes of the committee and the qualities necessary to make an outstanding CRC Chair. In addition to the administration, I have worked closely with other houses. As a new member of the stewardship committee, I have been heavily involved with recent issues affecting all houses and met with representatives from the entire Caltech community. All in all I would handle cases fairly and patiently, and still make the firm decisions necessary of the office. If elected, I would run the CRC with the integrity and sincerity it deserves.



Vibha Laljani

Every member of Caltech respects the Honor Code. It significantly influences the decisions we make. It is governed by the members of the Caltech community to build an atmosphere of confidence and trust. The aura of the Honor Code is quite strong in our academic lives. However, it is quite disappointing to see that the aura is dimmer in our social lives.

The honor code says that no member of the Caltech community shall take unfair advantage of any other member. The honor code has a lower impact on nonacademic life probably because in many social situations, there is only a very fine line between fair and unfair. Still, failure to think about the consequences of one's actions is no excuse. Thus, I would like to design a set of guiding principles with the CRC that helps all of us determine what is 'fair'. I will make

certain that all of the Caltech community gets a chance to give feedback so that eventually everyone agrees to it.

I have served on the CRC as an active representative over the last year. This gives me confidence in my capacity to lead cases, in coordination with Dean Green, in a way that is completely fair and impartial to all the members of Caltech.

Currently, the Honor Code committee is drafting an ASCIT bylaw change that proposes the transfer of the CRC leadership to the students. Presently, the committee is co-chaired by the Associate Dean of Students. I strongly believe that restructuring the CRC leadership has its merits. At present, the CRC may be perceived as an administrative police. If it is under student leadership, it will be our body, something we would respect even more. I feel that my understanding of the objectives of the CRC and the Honor Code will enable me to help make this transition smooth.

The 2002 Student-Faculty Conference pointed out that about 20% of the undergraduates and most graduate students did not believe that the Honor Code worked entirely. I will ensure that we have better communication regarding the Honor Code, like CRC talks for freshmen, as has been proposed. Additionally, I will make certain that CRC procedures, realistic samples of CRC cases and other relevant information are also available. The idea is to make everyone aware that the CRC is a significant resource to ensure an atmosphere of trust, confidence and honesty in the Caltech community.

These changes are vital for the Caltech community. They are significant to the extension and implementation of the Honor Code in the non-academic sphere of Caltech. Meanwhile, it is important that the CRC still runs efficiently. I feel I am appropriate for the job. I am willing to dedicate my time, energy and built-in motivation to achieve these changes. Therefore, I urge you to allow me to serve you, the Caltech community, by electing me to CRC student chair.

ASCIT Secretary

Andrea Dubin



Over the last year, we've all seen the importance of good communication between the administration and the student government, and the student government and the students. I see the role of ASCIT secretary to be this second crucial link. As ASCIT secretary, I will make sure that students know about everything that is going on in the BoD by doing the following:

1) Acting as a liaison between the students and the BoD/administration. The secretary should be someone you can come to if you have concerns, questions, or comments about anything going on with the BoD. I will be available, either in person

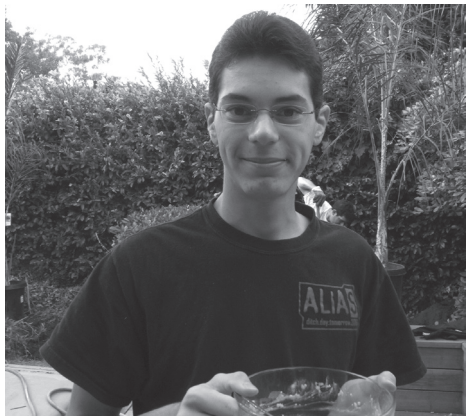
or through e-mail to make clarifications to the minutes, or to answer any questions you have about what is happening in the BoD to make sure you know what is going on around campus. I will also listen to any concerns you have, and make sure they get routed to the proper people to make sure that your voice is heard.

2) Making sure students know what is going on in the BoD. The most obvious manifestation of this is in the ASCIT minutes. I will diligently take minutes to make sure that all issues of importance to the BoD are distributed, published in the Tech, and posted on the ASCIT kiosk each week. While not distracting from the important information in the minutes, I would also like to bring back some of the humor in the minutes and make them fun to read as well. Distributing information can also come in the form of e-mails, letting you know about important changes or happenings in the BoD.

These are the things I would really like to do as ASCIT secretary. I want to make sure that students are involved in the process of decision making and that they know what is going on in the BoD. I'm no stranger to student government, having served as Dabney Hovse ARC rep and a representative on SURFSAC. What keeps me coming back is the amazingly strong community that Caltech has. As ASCIT secretary, I would try to support the community by making sure your voice is heard and making sure you are aware of what the BoD is doing and the changes going on around campus.



Ilia Shadrin



For those of you who remember the Ruddock House Rotation video of 2006, chances are you can also recall an awfully catchy tune—"He pops up here, he pops up there, taking minutes everywhere..."—I still find myself almost humming that melody whenever I see Alex Padilla, Secretary of Ruddock House at the time the video was made. To many this may seem like the only thing the ASCIT Secretary is responsible for—taking minutes at the weekly Board of Directors meetings. Although this task is a crucial bridge for getting ideas across from the Board to the rest of the student body, the Secretary's duties reach beyond reporting the actions of the ASCIT Directors—in particular organizing the club funding meeting after the BoD elections. As a result, all of the Caltech

clubs have money to spend on their events, making the social life more fruitful.

At this point you might be asking yourself, "What can this 17-yr-old Russian do to make the Secretary into a more influential officer of the Board?" In my view, the current office holder (Victoria Pon) has fulfilled the duties of the Secretary in an efficient, well-composed manner, and I plan on continuing such effective headship of the Secretary's office, ensuring that the minutes from the meetings are taken, posted, and managed in a timely fashion, making them available on the ASCIT website within a day of the meeting, and bolding the most important headlines and events discussed at the meetings. During my limited, yet rapidly growing involvement with the Caltech Y Executive Committee, I have had a chance to act as a Secretary of the committee, and the fellow members were quite pleased with what they saw. Consequently, I am well aware of the conciseness and clarity that is required in the content of the posted minutes.

Regarding the issue of club funding, I will make sure the clubs are satisfied with their allotted endowments, keeping my eyes open for special circumstances presented by a particular club. From my experience in Caltech Y and various Volunteering organizations in high school, I am ready to arrange such a meeting and pop up 'here and there' to record the proceedings of all BoD related meetings. I just hope you won't get that tune stuck in your head... I'm still trying to get rid of it.

Patrick Kim



For those of you who know me – yo. For those of you who don't, here's a list of things I've done:

I have scored 13 points in 35 seconds over the Spurs; I helped to save the cheerleader and thereby doing, saved the world.

I proved the Riemann Hypothesis, but I forgot to write it down.

I've been chased by a mob of storm troopers at a Star Wars premiere, talked to Kumar over some White Castle in St. Louis, and ran a three-minute mile shortly after.

I've talked with a girl.

I developed a perpetual motion machine and

told the thermodynamic laws to suck it.

I've talked hard business with the premier of China, am wanted dead or alive in the Philippines, and have dropped Roger Federer in straight sets 6-0, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

I hold the world record for solving the Rubik's cube underwater, blindfolded, and without using my hands.

I've filled in for Dr. Chase on House on numerous occasions, coordinated the largest protest against blue highlighters (can you even read what you highlight?!?) as determined by the Guinness Book of World Records, and lost to President Bush in eight straight games of chess.

I helped Stella get her groove back.

I was in a boy band that had an album go triple platinum, sold out concerts across the country, and even had our own action figures; all was going well until someone decided to go bye bye.

But I have not yet run for ASCIT Secretary. All kidding aside, it would be a privilege to serve as the ASCIT Secretary for the upcoming term of office. I believe that I am sufficiently qualified to carry out the duties required of the Secretary as outlined in Article IV. I'm hard-working, organized, and I pledge to diligently fulfill all of the responsibilities of the office and more - so long as I cut down on my tee time with Tiger. So it's up to you.

Are you on the list?

-pat

Interhouse Committee Chair

Erin White



Erin White, unlike her competitors, has boobies

I have always been cursed with a headstrong impulse to challenge my potential. But at a school full of geniuses I feel like somewhat of a disappointment academically. Luckily I've taken advantage of another education Caltech has to offer, an education in dealing with administrations and students, through which I have been able to work towards my potential by helping Caltech work towards its own. With the various tasks I've taken on, schmoozing with admins and alums has become a significant part of my life. So despite the late homework sets and sleepless nights that result from added responsibilities, I can't seem to keep myself from throwing myself at any new challenges that crop up for the undergraduate community.

When I heard that the administration was passing 7-day board under the student radar, I was furious that Caltech had forgotten its highly publicized student input policy. Without position or prompting, but being annoyingly strong willed, I began a petition against it, inciting a war on administration by the students. The fact that students could react so energetically to issues that affected them has been fuel for me ever since. I've tackled parties and reunions and board menus and various other crusades on Caltech life. And the more I've tackled, the more work I've found needs doing. Faculty-student interac-

tion is appalling given the fabulous 1:3 ratio we have. Alumni are practically begging to be involved with student life if they only had a more structured way to do so. There are mural policies, furniture policies, pet policies, and food policies. Being IHC chair would give me an opportunity to more efficiently take on these challenges I also look forward to holding a position that gleans student input on where my efforts can be most appreciated.

The one thing I value above all else at Caltech is the house system. I've been warned that being such a passionate Flem may only hinder me in this election, as we are considered a bunch of cocky assholes that no one else likes. And it's true, I am an asshole. But I also recognize that it wouldn't be MY house if each other house didn't have all its quirks and traditions that make it belong to someone else. As IHC chair I'd be ideally positioned to not just preserve, but encourage the uniqueness of the houses. Whether its getting Ricketts its fire pot, letting Page keep its Mount Wilson trip, or understanding that Fleming gets overly protective of its bell, I feel it is my duty not just as IHC chair but as a student of this school to protect the legacy of the houses and the uniqueness of this school. After all, there is only one Caltech.

Matt Wierman



I would be proud and glad to be your IHC Chairman. In this position, I will make the IHC a unified student voice, improve student-administration communication, and run a smooth, successful Rotation. I am pro-active, honest, cheerful, objective, and determined. In my tenure as Vice President of Ricketts Hovse, I ran several flawless roompicks, negotiated improvements to the student living spaces, and developed positive working relationships with the Deans, Student Affairs, and the Housing Office. These qualities and experiences provide a strong background for the duties and responsibilities of the IHC Chairman.

For the past two years the student body has been scattered across the campus, and many noticed stagnation in the House cultures as a result. Now that all the Houses are properly filled with Techers, we must re-establish and maintain the unique character of each House. Active encouragement of House activities and interactions will help re-define and develop these dynamic cultures. Events between Houses, like BBQs, parties, and friendly pranking, will lead to greater undergraduate interaction and improved culture. We can even do the same with alumni. Demonstrating our passion and ingenuity recalls their fond memories of their time here, enriching both our experiences. Through similar faculty interaction we can bond with our professors and make our concerns their own.

When the new frosh come in the fall, they have much to take in and understand, but most important is to gain an understanding of each House before rankings.

An organized, decisively run Rotation will ensure that each pre-frosh gains this perspective. Based on past Rotation surveys, pre-frosh do not get to know nearly half of the Houses. We can improve this by encouraging more house traditional activities during the day and night, planning engaging post-dinner events, and simply getting the pre-frosh out of their rooms and interacting with other students. Rotation is and should be a fun, enriching time for the entire student body. We can make it great.

I am ready for this position. As Vice President it was my responsibility to run roompicks, a procedure requiring careful planning and quick decisions. In running roompicks for the Mods and South Hovses, I resolved unique challenges and produced a room list to the great satisfaction of the entire hovse. As VP I was responsible for the condition and upkeep of our living space. In many cases, like the alterations to the Mod gates, I followed up on numerous work orders and, through a firm but flexible stance, negotiated down the charges paid by each House. Through repeated tours of the renovating South Hovses and discussions with the project managers, I kept my Hovse aware of the progress of the renovation. Concerns and problems could be identified and resolved before we moved in, easing that hectic transition.

I will bring these goals, skills, and experience to the table as IHC Chairman. I will work for the betterment of undergraduate life and continue to establish our voice on this campus.

Mike Woods



As many of you already know, I'm running for the position of IHC Chairman. This wasn't a decision I made lightly.

I spent the last year serving as the IHC Secretary, participating in all of the trials and tribulations that this past IHC faced. From conducting extensive interviews to select the freshman admissions committee members, to finding out about the necessary budget cuts to the South House reno-

vations the day before spring break, and even through the huge effort that is Rotation. I've dealt with administrators in discussions over the mural, alcohol, and fire policies. I've had countless meetings to attend in order to get things done, and I've spent hours running around campus, trying to fix unfortunate mistakes. Being on the IHC is a huge amount of work, and I know it as well as anyone.

In the end, I'm running for IHC Chair because there's something about Caltech that's absolutely fantastic. Regardless of how difficult the job of IHC Chair is, it's worth it because of the good that I can do for this school and all the students who make it what it is.

I know from experience how much good the IHC can do, and how important it is that the IHC works together for the good of the students. I also know what needs to be changed.

I'm an advocate for better student-faculty relations. Recent years at Caltech have seen a divide open up between the students and faculty. Gone are the days when faculty attendance at normal (non-formal) dinners was routine and when the faculty played the part of most administrative roles at Caltech. These are unfortunate happenings. I think that working to get faculty more involved in student life, and back into the administration of the Institute is a laudable goal. After all, the faculty have plenty of reasons to be interested in the students, we just need to work to give them opportunities to express that interest. Encouraging students to invite faculty to regular dinners and expressing the interest of the student body that Margo Marshak's replacement be found within the current faculty would be excellent first steps.

Student-faculty interaction isn't the only thing that needs work at Caltech. We, the

students, need to put more effort into the admissions process. Currently, the undergraduates on the freshman admissions committee are vastly overworked. I've heard from some of them that they're expected to read through more than 80 applications in what effectively turns out to be a month and a half period (after counting in various delays). We need to start by increasing the number of students who review the applicants. We also need to help attract the sort of students to Caltech who we want to see here. Caltech is a school focused on science, but it's also so much more. I'm sure that you all remember the brochures with pictures of molecules or nebulae on them, but, as interesting as those are, what do they tell prospective students about Caltech's culture? Next to those should be photographs of Interhouse, of ultimate frisbee games, of Ditch Day, and of DDR, and it should be students working with the admissions office to help provide an honest perspective of the Caltech culture that we are all a part of.

In the end, I believe that my experience in leadership roles—as last year's IHC Secretary, having been one of several students in charge of the Fleming-Ruddock Interhouse, and Ruddock's OPI last year, and more—combined with my vision for Caltech and drive to see it improved makes me the best candidate for IHC Chair.

Director of Academic Affairs

Caleb Ng



I have been sitting on the Academics and Research Committee (ARC) for the past year, first as the representative from Avery and more recently as Interim Chair.

Currently, the main project for the ARC is to prepare for the Student-Faculty Conference (SFC), which is scheduled for April 5, 2007. As the Interim Chair and Avery Rep before, I have been working on the planning stages of the Conference, in-

cluding arranging with the Provost's and Deans' Offices for classes to be canceled on the date of the SFC. The SFC will feature presentations from each of fourteen committees covering each option as well as other aspects of undergraduate life, including student morale, core curriculum, and honor code. To help the committees gather feedback, I have set up a survey on Donut.

Other projects in the pipeline for ARC include the 31st Annual ASCIT Teaching Awards. As before, nominations for professors, teaching assistants, and research mentors will be open to undergraduates during the beginning of the spring term. I hope to see even more nominations this year than we saw last year.

As ARC Chair, I also would like to continue the good work that we have been doing the past year as the Student Curriculum Advisory Committee and improve upon the foundation set this past year for option mentors. Finally, ARC will soon be announcing a new program to promote student-faculty interaction, so keep your eyes open for the announcement!

ASCIT Treasurer

Jason Hernandez



I would like the opportunity to serve as ASCIT treasurer. As treasurer, I intend to keep close track of the money ASCIT spends to maximize the benefits of the memberships' dues. I intend to work closely with the ASCIT social team, ASCIT's publication teams, and the Donut development team to track expenses throughout the year to ensure that ASCIT gets the most for your dues dollars in every transaction. I also think that a thorough review of ASCIT's expenses before drafting a new budget will allow the BoD to spend wisely throughout the upcoming year.

About half of the budget is spent directly by ASCIT (i.e. donuts, printing The Tech, etc.) and the other half given to clubs and houses. We have more control over the half of the budget spent by ASCIT; this is where I hope to track expenditures most closely. Some of my plans for saving money include leveraging our large social team budget to

get the best value on supplies for happy hours and parties run by social team. We may be able to negotiate discounts with certain suppliers and pool ASCIT's purchases with those made by houses for their ASCIT-sponsored social events. I would also like to comb through the rosters of clubs that ASCIT funds to make sure that we are not setting aside money for clubs that are no longer active on campus. Money that has been set aside for clubs that do not meet or even collect what we offer can go into new clubs and the ASCIT general budget.

In general, my plans are to keep track of ASCIT's money and be quick about reimbursing expenses. I want to make sure that all the finances are in place to ensure the smooth operation of ASCIT, while working on ways of saving money to allow the BoD to introduce new services and events in the future.

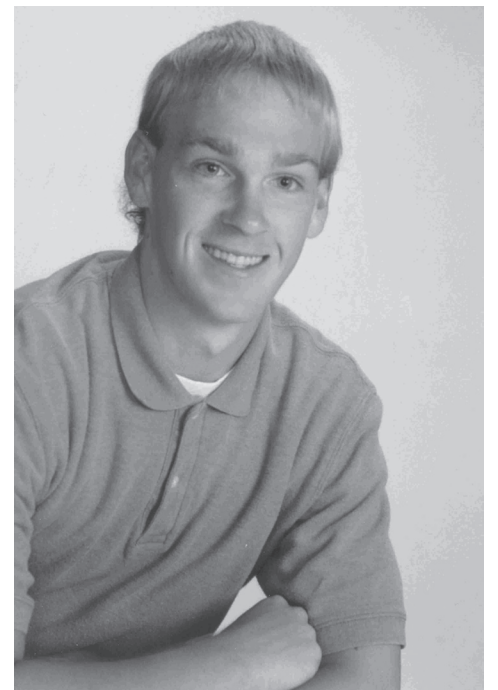
Freshman Director at Large

Daryl Coleman

Hello! I'm Daryl Coleman and I'm running for Frosh Director at Large. The Frosh DAL is supposed to help the freshman class communicate with ASCIT, and I promise to actively seek issues that are concerning our class. Now you might be saying, "Yeah, that's what every candidate says because they all want to be elected." However, I hope to also take care of problems without input. Something that possibly sets me apart from the other candidates is that I will try to anticipate Frosh concerns and take care of them before they become an issue. In an organization such as ASCIT, many freshmen can be intimidated, but I know that I will not rest, literally, until any issue brought to me is resolved to the best of my ability.

On the other hand, this is a Frosh class position, and I am very sure that most of you don't really care who wins at all (thanks for reading this far though!). I believe, however, the Frosh DAL is responsible for the set up of the ASCIT Movie Library. I've also heard that this has taken some time to start, but for all of you who don't care about the Frosh class, I promise to finally get this library set up solely for your entertainment.

According to Article XVII of the BoD Resolutions, which I don't blame you at all if you haven't read, the Frosh DAL is supposed to do all of the work that the upperclassmen members of ASCIT



don't want to do, and I know I'm good at that. Well it doesn't quite say that, but we all know what it means. Through the term and a half I have been at Caltech, my experience has been great, and I hope to continue this by giving some of my time to the student body. If elected, I will listen to criticism from anyone (even if you just want to make fun of me). Thanks for reading this, and please vote Daryl Coleman for Frosh Director at Large.

Social Committee Chair

Ekta Bhojwani



Hello. My name is Ekta Bhojwani. You may have seen me at various ASCIT and house events in the past year, and now I hope to become this year's Social Director.

I am not an outsider to the job of Social Director; this past year I was on the ASCIT social team. Gonzo did a fine job as Director, but I would hope to implement my unique ideas so that undergraduates can profit. Caltech is perhaps one of the most stressful places for undergraduates and I believe it's extremely important for us to get some respite from problem sets and examinations. We may not have the reputation of having the best social atmosphere, but I would like to improve it to the best of my abilities.

First, I hope to make our major events bigger and better. Two years ago, we had

Jimmy Eat World, this year we had Interhove, and this upcoming year we could possibly have both! The planning for this year's ASCIT Formal has begun and more events are lined for your participation.

Secondly, alongside the larger events, I hope to have an ASCIT social event every two weeks at minimum. These could be midnight milkshakes, pick-up ultimate Frisbee, happy hours, or anything else you would like.

Third and perhaps most importantly, I would like to involve you. Yes, ASCIT's social team needs your input and feedback. Shortly, the website will be updated so that there will be a calendar showing the next month's events. In addition, there will be a feedback form where you can suggest things for us to do. Moreover, if you are interested in helping me plan social activities, sign-ups for ASCIT social team will be begin soon. Last year's team including Michael Inadomi, Sarah Stokes, and Mary Wahl did a phenomenal job with the events, and I will need people to support me as well.

Finally, apart from fulfilling my duties as Social Director, I hope to be an active member of the BoD. They are the voice and means of making life for Caltech undergrads better. These elections give me mixed emotions. I am disappointed, in the same way as Mike Reynolds was, of the lack of candidates for the ASCIT elections. I would have been much happier if the undergraduate population had voted for me from a selection of fine candidates. However, I am joyous that you will be making the best choice for Social Director inadvertently.

Angela Zah



Did you know that the ASCIT annual budget is almost \$70,000? This is something that I was completely unaware of until looking into the expenditures. This is much more money than I expected and managing it is a big responsibility that I believe I am capable of undertaking with the new BoD. I feel that I have a good understanding of what is important to the undergraduate population and therefore I will be able to maximize usage of this budget. Last year \$2000 was put aside for the DVD library that I have yet to actually see up and running. In the past, there have been similar projects that have received funding, but have failed to deliver. I hope to hold ASCIT projects to reasonable deadlines when issuing funding or

bring up the possibility of decreasing funding for projects that do not follow through before they continue to suck up your money. I want to make sure that the ASCIT budget is used properly and productively.

When I decided to come to Caltech, the major deciding factor was the people that I had met here during pre-frosh weekend. Their friendliness and openness attracted me to this school, despite the academic difficulty. I think the committees that I have volunteered for, such as those for improvement of the core curriculum and admissions office, and the jobs that I work on campus, like house waiter and tour guide, show these feelings. This is one of the reasons I believe I am qualified to be

on the ASCIT BoD and represent the undergraduate population. My open personality and my organization will both be assets to the office of ASCIT treasurer.

I hope that as ASCIT treasurer I will gain a better understanding of how the administration works and with this knowledge be able to work with the other members of the BoD to settle any complaints students may have with the Institute and administrators. Thankfully the last year seems to have been relatively smooth compared to the recent past and I hope that this will not change with the administration. If given the privilege, I hope to represent you, be open in informing you about the issues brought to ASCIT, and allocate the ASCIT budget so the student body gets the most of their money.

BoC Secretary Elizabeth Gilliam



To My Fellow Teachers-

My vision of a BoC secretary, as a leader of the BoC, will be to assure that the honor code is kept as it was designed to be: the ability to trust others "on their honor", but also to give those that slip the fair chance to regain their status as full-fledged members of the community. I fully believe each and every person is capable of keeping to the ideals of the honor code and I fully understand the pressures and strain we all face while being students here. The honor code is something that makes this place unique from other universities in that as undergraduates,

we are treated as rational adult peers by the community who are able to govern ourselves with integrity. This ideal holds our lifestyles apart from other colleges and gives us so many opportunities and chances that perhaps many of us take for granted.

As a current Blacker BoC representative I have spent time sitting on cases and I am well aware of both the effort and time required for such. Furthermore, the BoC secretary must go above and beyond this call of duty by supporting the Chair and overseeing with all of the cases brought before the committee. I am willing to accept the responsibilities and time commitment, which sometimes comes in ways that are not always visible, that this position requires. As a biology major sticking around next year, I have a lighter class schedule and fewer commitments which means I will be able to devote more of my attention and apply my abilities to the duties of this position, which I believe is required to serve the student community well. I am easily found around campus and am available to talk about any questions or concerns anyone might have about the honor code, about concerns or issues at Caltech, and even really about anything at all (time permitting).

I sincerely do want and wish to continue maintaining this pillar of undergraduate life at Caltech as your BoC secretary next year and greatly appreciate your vote of support for this honorable position this coming year.

Stewardship Committee Chair

Kevin Watts



Watts prepares for his mugshot photo

houses. As Stewardship Chairman, I want to take back a feeling of ownership for our houses, and demand better service for the residents of all eight houses.

Through my previous work on the Stewardship Committee, I've worked on countless issues to benefit the north and south houses. I've helped investigate damages, worked to turn on fans and heaters in the north houses, and worked to make sure the south houses were ready for re-opening. I enjoy serving my fellow students by making sure our houses are fit to live in. Those who've seen my work in my house have seen the results of the house under my care, and my leadership as a Steward.

Too often on the Stewardship Committee, we are the victims of the administration. Since they believe they can dictate damages and amounts to the students, we find ourselves forced to pay obscene amounts for things that we don't even know if we broke, like the Ricketts/Blacker gate. We cannot let this continue. That gate has cost the students over \$5000, and has been the subject of three Stewardship meetings. We must take a harder stance with administration, and make them pay their fair share for damages. The contractors, too, must be held accountable for their failures. We cannot let ourselves be dictated to; we must fight to be treated as equals.

In my dealings with the administration, including housing and the Deans, I have negotiated fairly and respectfully on behalf of students for more privileges, more funding, and more freedom. I intend to do the same as Chairman of the Stewardship Committee, working on behalf of the students. I will not let this committee become a rubber stamp of the administration, or a front for bullying of the students. We will be our own voice, and take back ownership of our houses.

Upperclass DaL Patrick Herring



My reasons for running for UDAL are simple and straight forward (really, I swear I am not in Abramoff's pocket). In all honesty, the reason that I am running for UDAL is that I would like to give something back to this very special community. I feel that I can contribute to the functioning of this community in the role of UDAL, and I feel that my organizational skills will be well suited to this job. That is really all that there is to it, everything else I might say is superfluous. Unless you have a casino, then I might have a deal for you...

Editor of The Tech Marissa Cevallos



I have had an exciting time working for *The Tech* on its upswing in the past year, and I want to continue finding new ways to improve the student newspaper. The current editors did a fantastic job building up the staff, improving the layout, and organizing the online submission process; I'd like to take their efforts a few steps further. First, I'd like *The Tech* to continue aggressively reporting fair and balanced stories, especially those probing the actions of the administration. The Caltech campus is our turf, and we, not the LA Times or CNN, should have first dibs on the news stories that are important to us. Second, I'd like to modernize the look of *The Tech*, including more issues in vibrant color. Finally, *The Tech* is long overdue for a website. The current editors took the first step in posting a PDF version of *The Tech* online, but with a webpage team and a bit of work, we could create an HTML home for Caltech news. But most importantly, I'm looking forward to improving *The Tech* so Caltech has a student newspaper to take pride in.

Steward Wants to Take Back Houses

With students moving back from the mods into their newly renovated South Houses, it became clear that we were witnessing a massive failure of organization. After countless delays and cost overruns, it would have been nice to walk into complete structures that had working sinks, heaters and showers. Instead, students overwhelmed the Housing Maintenance office with complaints. As the issues are being slowly resolved, we can reflect on the lessons learned from the move in. We need more accountability from our administration, and we students need to step up and demand better service for our


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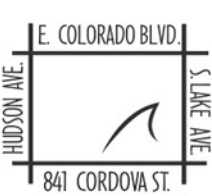
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HamilTony Rebuts Again; Is No Editorial Safe?

BY: HAMILTONY FALK

After reading the editorials printed last week, I've decided to refute them. This editorial will make a lot more sense if you have a copy of last week's Tech with you! but my brilliance should show you that I speak the truth and those people published last week are a pack of monkey-faced liars, figuratively speaking.

First, I'd like to show that all of the opinions and facts in the editorial "Who do you REALLY Want to Work For" are not only wrong, but are contrary to the ideals on which this nation was founded. I object to the claims of someone integrating Western and Eastern thoughts, in that it assumes a directionality of thought based on a European convention of Asian being to the 'east' and Europe and the America's being to the 'west.' This is a bias that has resulted in the misdirection and sometimes death of thousands of Pacific islanders who would set off in their canoes using only a primitive GPS device² and travel west in hopes of reaching America, only to reach the east coast of

Africa and be eaten by giant lemur-bears. Even if one accepts the bi-directional thought theory assumed by the author, it seems a further stretch to imply that cormorants are being exploited and that the poor fishing people enslaved by these birds are to blame. It was well known that cormorants have an elaborate caste based on the quality of the ring around their necks, and that they weaken their man-slaves by bringing them mercury laden fish instead of the cheese burgers they have been asked to fish for. The article implies that "greed, talent and capacity for learning" result in the exploitation of these slave-people, when in fact many cultures believe that greed and talent are good qualities³. Finally, the article seems to imply that using your intelligence and skills to earn a high income is a form of cormorant slavery (the people are enslaved by the cormorants, not the other way around), when in fact that seems to be what many call the American dream, and I've noticed that financial industry companies rarely bring their workers large quantities of mercury filled fish, making

the analogy ridiculous.

The article "Supersize U.S." was also extremely troubling. I have friends who are, as the article says "fat" and they as well as I are insulted by this term which have very negative connotations dating back to the Civil War when 'people of size' (which is the correct term⁴) You may call it hypocritical that Plus-size Americans use the term "fat" when referring to each other (as in "fatty, please" or "look at the size of that fat dude") yet find it offensive to have that term by the average weight community, but by using the term they seek to cleanse it of its hurtful connotations in a way that people outside the "of sized" community cannot. The article also tries to use a bunch of medical goobly-gook and jargon like "Body Mass Indices" and "Type-2 diabetes" to try and define the people of size community, ignoring its cultural contributions from people such as the philosopher and language scholar Chris Farley and social revolutionaries like the kid who pretended to be swinging a light-saber around and ended up with his video on the internet. I also

find it strange that the article mentioned President Taft, a hero of the Large and In Charge community, and failed to mention his key role in industrializing the United States, easing tensions among Eurasian powers and that time he got stuck in the White House Bathtub because of his large size. Instead the focus is placed on his sleep apnea, which may seem dangerous in the modern world, but before civilization was genetically selected because it helped "people of size" avoid tropical diseases by keeping them awake and swatting all through the night. I understand that the First Amendment protects all free speech even when it is obviously prejudice, but this article clearly went too far and will surely be condemned by the people of size community.

My final rebuttal will be of the article "Career Fair? More like CS Fair." implying that a Computer Science degree is the best way to make a lot of money after going to Caltech. I counter that the best way to make a lot of money is to be a BEM major, or better yet, transfer to Harvard. That's

all I really have for that article, especially since the person who wrote it is also in charge of deciding if this is printed. Instead I'll go after an article in the "Features" section, suggesting there is Global Warming. While reading, I was chilly, so I put on a sweater. Since I was in Southern California wearing a sweater, Global Warning is a myth, QED.

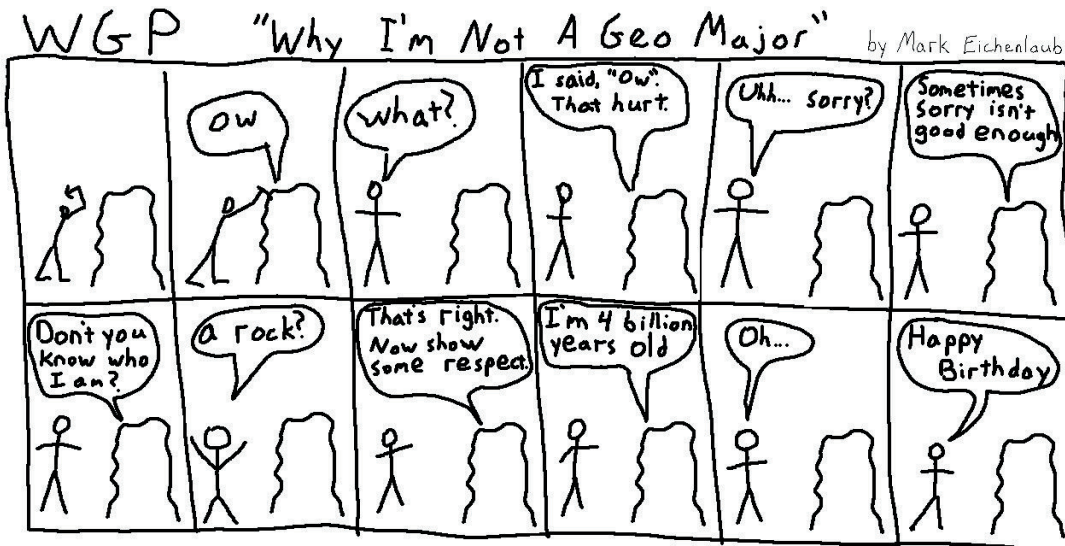
(Footnotes)

1 If you don't have a copy of last week's paper, mail me whatever amount of money you feel is fair and also isn't enough that I won't be indicted for fraud when I never give send you a paper in return.

2 Historians have shown that early Polynesian people were able to create accurate navigation devices using only turtle shells, the stars and an OnStar satellite receiver.

3 "Capacity for Learning" on the other hand is a myth, perpetrated by the liberal media.

4 "More of Them to Love," "Large and In Charge" and "Defensive Tackle" are also less hurtful terms that you can use.



Hey, Velcro's in The Tech!

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another pie crust to eat." - Kevin Cossel and Eleanor Waxman

"Velcro is kind of an independent guy," said Jason Kephart.

"He would come visit me for food, a place to sleep once in a while, and a good brushing, but overall he likes being outside, especially around Chandler where he can get lots of attention. He doesn't always take the best care of himself and gets a bit dirty. He usually meows very adamantly when he wants food, sometimes meowing in front of my door for an hour and a half, even though I didn't have any food anymore. He also meows when you say 'Velcro' in a certain tone; otherwise, he is fairly quiet cat. He doesn't get too excited, except for when there's catnip around - he will do some crazy things for catnip. He once climbed his way to the top of my fridge to get to the container of catnip I had there." - Jason Kephart, who took care of Velcro during the summer and fall

Mark's Sports Prattle

Beaver Athletics Dives into Winter Seasons

BY: MARK EICHENLAUB

Baseball

The Caltech Baseball team began its 2007 campaign on January 27 with exhibition play against two teams from Dodgertown West, a recreational club with membership in the Men's Senior Baseball League. The Beavers won their first game, 5-3, and lost their second, 12-6.

They continued exhibition play with a home game against Simpson college last Saturday February 2, losing 20-6. They will play UC Santa Cruz at Caltech on Saturday February 10 at noon, and begin conference play with two games against Occidental on February 16 and 17.

The Beavers are returning to SCIAC competition this year, after competing without a conference in 2006. Cal Lutheran is the top SCIAC team to beat, as the only team receiving votes in the preseason national rankings.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team lost its opening match this year, falling to Hope International University last Thursday February 1. Caltech lost by a score of 1-5, their only victory coming from sophomore Harish Vasudevan, whose opponent retired from the match after only two points.

In case you have forgotten, ten-

nis is the one where they have the rackets and the green balls, and if you are really good you will scream loudly with each shot, as this frightens your opponent, misbalances his humours, and awakens his deceased ancestors.

The men will begin conference play with a home game against Occidental next Saturday, Feb. 10.

Women's Tennis

The Lady Beavers are busily swatting fast-moving lime-colored fuzzballs. They did so in a competitive environment last Saturday, January 27, in a match against The Masters College. Despite wins from doubles team Leslie Tong and Joy Sheng and individuals Kelly Lin and Sarah Wadsworth, the Beavers were defeated, 2-1. Maria Sharapova was conspicuously absent.

The Lady Beavers turned the trend around with a convincing (at least to the referees, who are the only ones you really have to convince) win against La Sierra college Sunday February 4. Conference play begins on February 10 for the Beavers with an away game against Occidental, which is, quite logically, located to the West.

Men's Basketball

After publicly defeating Bard College on January 6, the men's

basketball team has wisely elected not to adopt the strategy of "quitting while ahead", and instead has continued conference play. Their record for the year stands at 1-18 (0-8 conference).

They lost a home game to Occidental last Saturday February 3, 108-31. Their immediate plans include playing Whittier and CMS at home on February 10 and 14 respectively. Their final scheduled game of the year is a home game against Redlands on Feb. 22.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team earned their second victory of 2007 in defeating Life Pacific college on Jan. 23. Lindsay King led the scoring with 19 points. Rene Davis, after having been named

SCIAC athlete of the week on Jan. 17, contributed nine points to this win.

Since then, the Lady Beavers have lost to conference opponents La Verne, Cal Lutheran, Redlands, and Occidental. Their record stands at 2-17, 1-7 conference.

Swimming and Diving

The Beaver is well-known as a chipper, friendly, semi-aquatic animal, and as such is well-suited to competitions involved swimming, diving, and etcetera. The Beavers will compete in their conference championships at the Cerritos Olympic Swim center Thursday through Saturday, February 15-17. Although they have not yet won a conference meet this year, the Beavers have sound-

ly defeated Chapman University on multiple occasions.

Top competitors for the Beavers include Preetha Sinha, Panna Felsen, Diane Plummer, and Thomas and Dan Oliver.

Track and Field

Track and Field is actually just one sport, despite having a deceptively-plural name. Also, it is fun. The men's and women's track and field teams have been training hard for about ten minutes a day, and then sitting around and discussing the finer subtleties of their own greatness for the remainder of practice. They will begin competition with an All-Comers meet at Caltech on Saturday, February 10. All-comers means that anyone can come compete - even you!

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