



## Luz Rivas, Coordinator for Diversity Programs, Leaves Caltech For New Career Path

By Neha Samdari  
STAFF WRITER

On a rainy Sunday night, when the minds of Techers struggle to find any possible excuse that would divert their attention from that all-too-important set due the following morning, one often stumbles upon thoughts about...food. Where shall we wander for dinner tonight? Perhaps to Green Street Restaurant for some cheese quesadillas? Or perhaps to Panda Express to feast on a platter of orange chicken and fried rice? Or perhaps if it is a particularly unearthly hour of the night, we might even relinquish our desire

to consume a chocolate chip shortstack at I-Hop. We moan. We groan. Why so many options? It's impossible to make up our minds. We become acutely conscious of the cultural diversity that sculpts Pasadena. This diversity is a direct consequence of the diversity of the individuals who reside in this community. It influences the ways in which we approach our life every day. It influences the distinct way in which we organize our reality, our lifestyle and the little things we take for granted. In the same way, Caltech is a community which actively strives to instigate diversity amongst its students and faculty. We often take for granted the cultural, gender, racial and socioeconomic differences which

inspire our thought processes and relationships every day and expand our thinking from a narrow-minded monocultural perspective to one that embraces diversity. Caltech is like a deck of playing cards. No matter what the sex, suits or ranks of each card are, all are significant in their own way and without one card, the deck becomes complete.

Luz Rivas was the Assistant Director for the Caltech Center for Diversity, and was the coordinator of many successful programs in place to support activities for underrepresented minorities such as the Young Engineering and Science Scholars (YESS) and the Freshman Sum-

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## Curtains Fall the Last Time For Pasadena Playhouse

By Yang Hu  
STAFF WRITER

Designated in 1937 as the state theater of California, the Pasadena playhouse closed its doors for the last time on February 7 due to serious financial difficulties.

Executive director Stephen Eich said the playhouse is essentially out of cash and faces more than \$500,000 in immediate bills, as well as payments on more than \$1.5 million in bank loans and other debts. Thirty-seven employees were laid off.

Because the playhouse operates as a nonprofit organization, its primary revenue comes from donations and ticket sales. Playhouse leaders cited that a drop in donations and weak audience numbers are factors for the closure. "Camelot," the first production of the season, became the last to be performed in the playhouse. Featuring only eight actors, the production had a bare-bones set, reflecting the playhouse's dire economic circumstances.

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## Caltech Quiz Bowl Tops Sectionals Beats top schools Stanford, Berkeley, UCLA

By Gloria Tran  
STAFF WRITER

The Caltech Quiz Bowl Team won first at the California National Academic Quiz Tournament Sectionals in Division II on Saturday, February 6. Beating out seasoned teams such as Stanford, Berkeley, UCLA and Harvey Mudd, the Caltech team qualifies to compete in the National Intercollegiate Championship Tournament in early April.

Quiz bowl is an all-around academic competition that tests equally in science, history, and literature with a minor emphasis in classical music and opera, paintings and sculpture, philosophy, economics, anthropology, religion and mythology. Two teams of four players go head-to-head in a speed-based competition that tests knowledge in these areas.

Any team that has either a graduate student or someone who qualified for Nationals previously participates in the more-challenging Division I. Undergraduate teams compete in Division II.

The Caltech A team, consisting of Brandon Hensley, Alan

Lin, Brian Kim, Micah Manary finished 12-1 in a 13-game tournament.

"As the co-president of the club, I know we were damn lucky to beat those teams. Stanford always fields a super good team, and Berkeley does as well," comments Manary. "Our A team did so well because we are balanced. Many teams have a single good player that carries the rest, but the knowledge is divided almost evenly on our team."

Freshman Brian Kim specializes in history from all time periods and parts of the world. Alan Lin, a sophomore double-majoring in Literature contributes to questions about foreign works of literature as well as fine arts and sculptures. Senior Brandon Hensley focuses on English literature, math and physics. Junior Micah Manary, who is also double-majoring in history, concentrates on chemistry, biology and geography.

"The challenge is finding the right balance of people, whose knowledge sets do not overlap too much, and who can all make contributions," explains Manary.

Caltech sent a total of three teams to the regional competition, all participating in Division II. The Caltech B team placed 5th overall. The C team, consisting

of only three freshmen, placed 10th.

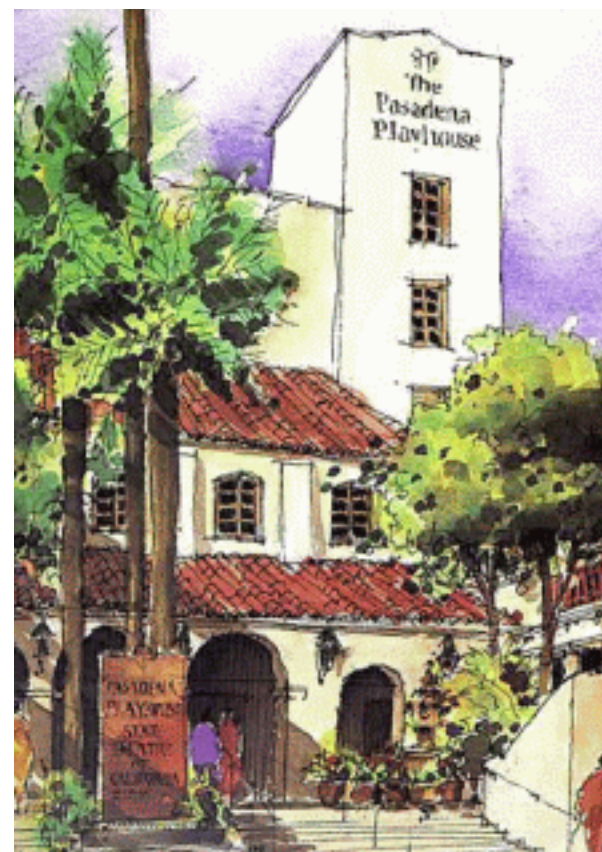
"I played quiz bowl in high school, as did many people on the team. Quiz bowl is actually one of the oldest Caltech clubs and has been in existence since before anyone's memory," says Manary.

Caltech sent two teams to the regional NAQT competition last year as well, placing third and fourth.

Thirty-two teams from all over the United States and the United Kingdom will participate at the National Intercollegiate competition on the weekend of April 9-11 in Rosemont, Illinois.

"Our prospects are alright. Schools like Yale, Harvard and Brown are definitely much better than us. However, I think we could place in the top ten at Nationals," remarks Manary.

While the A team is studying hard for nationals, the team would still like to welcome everyone to its practices. Practice is at 9pm on Mondays and Thursdays in the SAC physics help lab. Please check out the Caltech Quiz Bowl website. All are welcome!



Artistic drawing of the historic Pasadena Playhouse



Pasadena Playhouse considered a state theatre of California

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## A Better Tech Will Not Forget the Career Center Issues

By Anonymous 1

The article printed last week about Angela Wood and Jonie Tsuji was published more than 2 weeks after it was submitted, so The California Tech has failed to advocate for the students on this time-sensitive issue that affects more than 15% of the student population.

It has failed to provide information which demonstrates: the seriousness of this event, the poor working conditions that inspired Wood and Tsuji to resign, and the student response to their resignations. The purpose of this editorial is to raise awareness of the issue until next week's newspaper, when a journalistically well-researched article can be published.

The California Tech is going through a lot of changes right now. With the election and instatement of new editors, the

community is interested to see campaign promises make their way onto the printed page.

Something that has to be dealt with by the new editors is the proper coverage of the issues in the Career Development Center (CDC). Two of the CDC's prominent employees, Angela Wood and Jonie Tsuji, resigned over a month ago, and only last week was the article written about this published.

Due to the erratic printing and release of the Tech, when the article was finally printed, it was about 2.5 weeks after it was written. But this article was written at the beginning of the negotiations between pre-medical students and the administration, while students behaved cautiously, and were loath to print specific details. This is because in the past, the administration has not been pleased to read about such issues in the Tech first. So far, everyone has acted rationally.

So students wrote an article that fit the nature of the negotiations at that moment, and expected it to be printed soon. Three weeks later, the community read a front-page article that said: Angela and Tsuji resigned and would not say why; they were well-liked and great professionals; and Lauren Stolper says the situation provides an opportunity for new ideas.

The important implications of this were not obvious. Resignation usually means that Wood and Tsuji resigned to protest something, and they did.

Now that the administration has been informed of student dissatisfaction, I have been given the okay to say that the pre-med advisor and the only other career counsellor at Caltech both resigned to protest poor working conditions at the CDC.

It is a shame that poor working conditions are to deprive 15% of the Caltech undergrad population (yes, that's how many pre-meds there are) of a critical advisor in their careers. Or the rest of the students of any career counsellor at all. As stated in the last article, Angela was not only wise and experienced with these matters, but she also had a good reputation among medical

school personnel.

Her resignation spells awfulness for the junior pre-meds this year, because advisors are critical for applying to med school, and ideally they have a four-year advisor.

On February 5, pre-meds realized that:

Angela Wood's departure is really bad for all of them. Students, pre-meds in particular, are afraid for their futures. Junior pre-meds are left with none of the critical erudite advice they need in filling out their applications, and there is no one qualified to recommend them as Angela once could.

Most premeds feel that they need Angela Wood back as the Caltech health professions adviser.

Wood and Tsuji (the only other counselor in the CDC) left to protest the poor working conditions.

Pre-med involvement is necessary to ensure that any replacement is actually qualified. It takes at least 5-6 years to build the "networks of connections and trust relationships that Ms. Wood had," and anyone hired would need extensive experience in health professions advising.

Students have to discuss with their advisors how they can best take control of their futures at this point of insecurity.

The article last week did not inform the campus of the huge pre-med response, much less of the reason for that response. Its lack of information set off alarm bells for some people (Why did they resign?), but for most, it did not. This fit the situation at the time the article was written, but not 3 weeks later, when the article was published.

With the new editors, perhaps articles will be printed in a timely fashion and important issues like this will not be glazed over. It is the responsibility of the newspaper to serve as an advocate of the students, and a connection to other undergraduates, grad students, faculty, and administration. For this, timeliness is of the essence.

Don't lose track of important issues such as those concerning the career center. Next week's issue of The California Tech will include a legit article, not just an editorial.

## A Better Tech Needs Student Writers Too

By Anonymous 2

Yes, we agree that the Tech bears some responsibility for informing students. If you read our statement, you would have remembered that we mentioned one of the primary problems facing the paper.

"The Tech has had a rough year - mainly because it has been hemorrhaging regular student writers. Some graduate, most get buried in course work. The problem is not the lack of news but lack of news writers."

As the newly elected editors, we intend to publish a Tech on a regular basis that does inform the students of current campus news, but not without help. This is after all a student newspaper. Any newspaper that we produce is a reflection not just on the editors but the students. As editors we will give out stories, layout a paper every week, edit and organize submissions, and give students a means of expressing themselves. That involves a significant amount of effort. If the student body possess insufficient

creativity to come up with one or two original comics a week should it be blamed on the editors? No. The editors are expected to organize, not single-handedly also write all the stories of the paper. For that, we need students, and thus you, Anonymous 1. So in many ways, Anonymous 1, you are the cause of such an important article not being reported well enough to your standards.

We want to keep students informed, but students must be willing to do their part. We cannot be expected to know about every new development that occurs on campus. If this student thinks that such an article should be written on a topic, he or she should take it upon him or herself to help write one. At the very least they should courteously inform one of the editors of the issue at hand, not send out anonymous ultimatums.

So, instead of complaining about the lack of news coverage, we should work together to produce a paper that everyone will be satisfied with.

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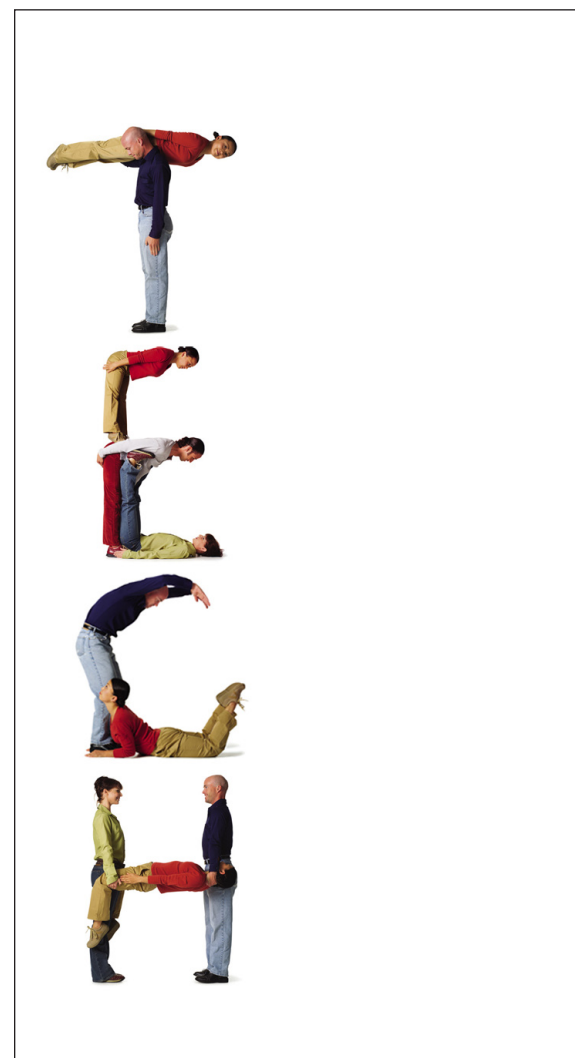
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## How It All Started: *Recount From the Ones Who Started the Red Robe Tradition*

*Below is the recollection of the Fleming President from '80. In response to recent events, I, Daryl Coleman, asked him to write something about how it all started:*

A bunch of us Fleming House seniors were sitting around bitching about the cost of graduating. Someone piped up "if we have to pay for gowns why can't they be red?" Karen – Jamie Abbott's girlfriend – volunteered that as a USC student she could probably arrange to get us red gowns. Like most good ideas we all forgot about it. Much to our surprise she showed up the following week ready to collect money for USC gown rental.

We had a long and serious discussion about whether this was something we really wanted to do. We were certainly all proud to be graduating and agreed that we meant no disrespect to the ceremony or the institution. As a class we had suffered more than our fair share of attrition – nearly a third of our class did not show up for our sophomore year. Our Fleming upperclassmen and peers had been a large part of the reason many of us were even in a position to graduate and I'm sure nearly every

senior in every house felt the same way we did. This was a way to honor the role our house played in our success. Not all felt comfortable with the idea or were in a strong enough financial situation to participate but about half of us forked over the funds to rent the red gowns.

There was still something I had to do. I approached one of my administration friends and presented a situation in abstract: "supposing a group of students were planning on wearing non-institution issued gowns to commencement - what would happen?". I was told they should keep it respectful and not seek formal permission since there wasn't time to properly consider it.

For graduation day about fifteen of us picked up our black robes and then switched in to the red ones at the last moment. I felt a bit nervous wondering what my parents, fellow graduates, and friends in the faculty and administration would think. Seeing the faculty in their dizzying array of robes from their alma maters put me at ease. Much to my surprise myself and ASCIT President emeritus Andy Gellman from Lloyd were called up to receive the dean's Hinrich award. I extended my sleeve to

him, he took it, and we walked up to the podium, arm in arm, red and black. All was good. It was a great day.

Talking to friends from Dabney and Page after the ceremony, we speculated that the following year every house would be wearing their colors. I did not attend any of the graduations of my successors but from what I heard, the Fleming classes of '82 and '84 did not wear red while several members of the classes of '83 and '85 did.

I'm proud to be a Caltech alum and treasure the house system it so carefully crafted that certainly made our journey through its challenges easier. Traditions are part of any institution's character and I'm pleased to have been a participant at the beginning of this one.

Bryan Dunkeld '81

ASCIT VP/BOC Chairman '80

Fleming House President '80

## Why We Wear Red At Graduation

By Ankita Mishra,  
Ben Flora,  
Mallika Saran,  
Daryl Coleman

It is only in the past few years that Fleming's graduation in red robes has actually been brought up as an issue. This tradition has endured for 29 years for a variety of reasons, despite some undergraduate protest. Last year the Commencement Committee allowed each House the option to graduate in its own color robes. All other Houses turned down this option.

We feel Graduation is a celebration of each individual's success. Choosing red is our way of showing gratitude to our House for all of the support we've received that has gotten us to graduation. Within Fleming, the choice is left to individuals to decide how they are going to graduate. As such, graduating in red is forever important to those who do.

Also last year, a "compromise" of House colored stoles was initiated. While persons

from all Houses have and likely will exercise this option, many Flems are still opting for the robes because we feel much stronger ties to our House than to Caltech. Based on the findings of the exit surveys, we believe that this feeling is not isolated to Fleming, and we would encourage you to express gratitude to your House as well.

The motivations and history behind this issue cannot be sufficiently explained in a simple newspaper article. If you really dislike our decision, we'd encourage you to come talk to us directly. There are quite a few of us (seniors and upperclassmen) that are currently living in the House that would love to discuss this issue with those who feel strongly about it.

## ASCIT Minutes

February 9, 2010

Officers Present: Andrey Poletayev, Pallavi Gunalan, Michael Maseda, Laura Conwill, Anthony Chong, Maral Mazrooei, Nadia Iqbal

Call to order: 5:11 PM

President's Report:

Seattle trip: Anthony visited Seattle and talked to alums. They developed a lot of enthusiasm for what has been going on on campus, and Anthony plans to follow-up with these alums.

Officer Reports:

V.P. of Academic Affairs (ARC Chair): The ARC discussed Ch1b, APh/BE161, Ch24 and Ph3 course complaints. Andrey met with Rob Phillips to discuss APh/BE161. Ph3 is an issue because phys majors do not want to take it. We will adopt CourseRank for our primary course review system. The ARC will meet with the deans about core courses on February 22.

V.P. of Nonacademic Affairs (IHC Chair): The mural policy was signed on Friday at 4:11 PM. Andrew Price is the new Dabney president! Tim Black will be the new IHC chair.

Social Director: There was a social event last Saturday! Drop Day is February 27; please also note that the academic drop day is February 24.

Operations Director: Mike distributed club! The Big T 2007 is finished.

Treasurer: Maral just submitted all of the checks, reimbursements, Interhouse fundings, and multihouse funding requests for this term. She will be meeting with the new treasurer soon to make the transition easier.

Meeting adjourned: 6:07 PM

Submitted by Laura Conwill

ASCIT Secretary

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# A CS Homework Problem Motivates Students to Compete Against Carnegie Mellon

By Daniel Erenrich

STAFF WRITER

Caltech students compete at many academic and physical levels, but the students in Professor Wierman's CS 144: Ideas Behind The Web class are competing against one another in cyber-warfare. Yes, that's right, I said "cyber-warfare"!

Wierman instructed his cyber-nauts to go out across the web and bomb Google and Bing (a search engine) for the phrase "Rankmaniac 2010". The team whose bombs reach the top of results for these two phrases will be declared the "net-championette".

But there's more. Students at Carnegie-Mellon University were, one year ago, given this same task. They bombed the

word "Rankmaniac" with some success. Professor Wierman is friends with the professor of the CMU course, one Louis von Ahn. They have made a small wager on the outcome of this competition. A wager that we cannot allow Wierman to lose.

Our cyber-warriors are advancing on several front. Some students have made weblogs, some have posted content to social news sites and some have made games. Yet despite their efforts CMU students, who had a year of lead time, are still in the lead. The competition will be at its end on March 4th and it is far from decided.

"How can I help win the cyber-crusade against CMU?", I hear you cry. Well child, link to the

Caltech pages like <http://rankmaniac2010.com> from your personal weblog. Visit the students' webpages like

<http://rankmaniac.info> and play the games at

<http://rankmaniac2010.info>. All of these things will help. If we rise together we can defeat CMU!

We will teach those pig-dogs to fear us! Onward ho! To victory!

## Diversity Coordinator Leaves

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mer Research Institute (FSRI) programs. She remarks that she was "very impressed with the dedication that Caltech students have for diversity programs" and applauded both undergraduate and graduate efforts to make students feel welcome on campus and to encourage students involved in Caltech's many diversity programs to discuss their career path and encourage them to apply to Caltech.

Both the YESS and FSRI programs aim to expose talented students (from highschool and incoming freshman respectively) who have a passion for science and engineering to research experiences amongst Caltech faculty and undergraduates. The success of these programs have been two of the highlights of Luz's contribution to Caltech; since 2007, 20% of the YESS participants have chosen to attend Caltech. In addition, after the FSRI program, Luz says she noticed that "students are more confident about pursuing more research experience. They are also very connected to one another and remain

a close group throughout their undergrad years at Caltech."

Another campus organization that Luz is very excited about is the Caltech Latino Association of Students in Engineering and Science (CLASES), which recently received campus-wide attention due to its active efforts in raising money for the crisis in Haiti. Luz remarked that she was "very excited about this and [she knows] the organization will continue to grow".

Luz is now moving onward to become the Director of Academic Programs for The Infrastructure Academy, an organization in Los Angeles that offers programs to prepare young people for the green economy and is sure that her experience at Caltech will help her tackle this new challenge and new step in her career. Luz's contribution to Caltech is so commendable because she has helped shape Caltech's student body into a unique deck of cards; one that contains different ranks, sexes and suites but one that is diverse, cohesive and complete.

## Pasadena Playhouse

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However, this did not deter the audience, which highly praised the vocal talent of the cast, from enjoying the show.

While no more shows will be performing in the playhouse in the near future, the building is safe from demolition due to its status as a state landmark. Pasadena Playhouse has been in operation for almost 90 years and began as a college in 1936, awarding associate, bachelor

and master degrees in theatre arts. During the first half of the 1900s, the playhouse had a prestigious history, training actors from Hollywood and servicemen following World War II. As competing theatre colleges sprang up in the 1960's, the playhouse lost students and was forced to close its doors for non-payment of federal withholding taxes, only to reopen after 16 years of vacancy.

Having survived bankruptcy

before, many are hoping the playhouse can once again emerge from an untimely shutdown.



## IHC Minutes

Present: Pallavi Gunalan (Chair), Tim Black (Sec), David Lee (Av), Sarah Li (BI), Max Jones (Da), Daryl Coleman (Fl), Robbie Paolini (LI), Paul Fleiner (Pa), Nick Rosa (Ri), Kirit Karkare (Ru)

Absent: None

Guests: Lucas, Daniel Kolodrubetz

Benji stepped down as Ruddock President; Kirit Karkare is the new Ruddock President.

Pranking:

Non-RFable objects in Page to be added to the list: Felt on Page's pool table, Nixon Poster

Daryl: We need to make the pranking policy very clear (i.e. on the IHC website)

Pallavi will send a ug-list

New frosh need to get the "Pranking Primer"

Sly: The little t already has a section on pranking

Daryl: IHC has no power to enforce pranking policies. Administrators are developing a policy - will involve Peter Daily, Tom Mannion, MOSH Geoff Blake, the Deans

Robbie: We should try to resolve things house president to house president, and then the outside process should happen if that doesn't work.

Rosa: Isn't this the MOSH's job?

Daryl thinks it the Dean's job. The MOSH's job is to be an advocate

Daryl: We should propose something to them.

Paul: The deans already have biases for some houses and against his. The MOSH should be able to do this and also be an advocate.

There is consensus that this should be the MOSH's job

Daryl will email this to the MOSH

Daryl: In the past 3 weeks, \$2,500 worth of things have been stolen from Fleming. Expensive speakers were stolen from a combo locked room. Fleming flag was stolen.

Paintballs in Fleming.

Daryl: It's the IHC's job to mediate issues between houses. One house has been singled out.

Daryl: Ignorance is not an excuse. The upperclassmen know the rules, and the frosh don't take the initiative to do these things by themselves.

Paul: The people responsible for the paintballs in Fleming will be personally charged.

Robbie: If people start getting CRCed for these things, people will find out and this will stop. If the IHC sees that it's one person doing something dumb, let it go to the CRC.

Daryl: Flems do like Pageboys, and Pageboys do like Flems. Personally. But when you get a group of them together...

Robbie: We do stuff to prevent, and also to punish.

Rotation Survey

# Choza Mama, Peruvian Delights

Andrew Freddo and Dannah Almasco

*Walking Time: 40 minutes*

*Price Range: \$\$*

*Go here to... try a new cuisine right here in Old Town Pasadena.*

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A couple of months ago, a new Peruvian restaurant opened up in Old Town, Choza Mama. Not knowing what to expect, we stopped by on a busy Saturday night and were able to snag one of the last tables. The décor had an Incan flair, and it felt like we walked into a different world when we entered. Unfortunately, because they were so busy, our service was much slower than we would have liked. We shared the Ceviche Mixto (\$13) to start, and for our entrees we had the Tallarin Verde con Rib-Eye Steak (\$18) and Pescado a lo Macho (\$20).

The ceviche was a large portion for the two of us to share, and there was a lot of seafood on the plate. Ranging from fish and shrimp to octopus and mussels, there was something for everyone. As with all ceviches, this one had a big citrus/vinegar zing to it, and was great to start our meal. Most of the seafood was very fresh, though some pieces of the octopus and calamari were a bit rubbery. An interesting twist from other ceviches was having a potato, yam, and corn on the side. These were all served cold and cleansed our palate before our main course arrived. Also,

it was good that this had a lot of food, because it took a while for the rest of our order to arrive.

The Tallarin Verde essentially was a rib-eye steak served over basil-spinach fettuccine, with some potatoes on the side. It was a hearty dish, and both the steak and potatoes were cooked and seasoned very well. The pasta, however, was a bit overcooked and the sauce a bit watery. It was hard to eat the steak and pasta in one bite (if that is what was intended), but the savory steak and creamy pasta flavors went well together.



After the ceviche, it was difficult to eat all of the seafood in the Pescado a lo Macho! Not only is there grilled fish in a smoky sauce, there is also all the seafood that went into the ceviche in a stew on top, with white rice served on the side. The fish fillet itself was very succulent and delicious, but this meal is not for those who aren't completely in love with seafood!

Overall, Choza Mama is a good place to try something new. There is a wide variety of traditional Peruvian dishes that you can sample without hopping on

a plane! Don't go there in a rush, though, because the service could potentially be slow. Try to save some room for dessert, too, because they offer a twist on some more familiar Hispanic desserts (like flan and dulce de leche). Because our wait was so long, we got to try the purple corn martini mousse for free – it was a different flavor than we normally are used to and a delicious end to the meal. So next time you feel like switching it up, head down to Choza Mama!



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# Winter Olympics Special



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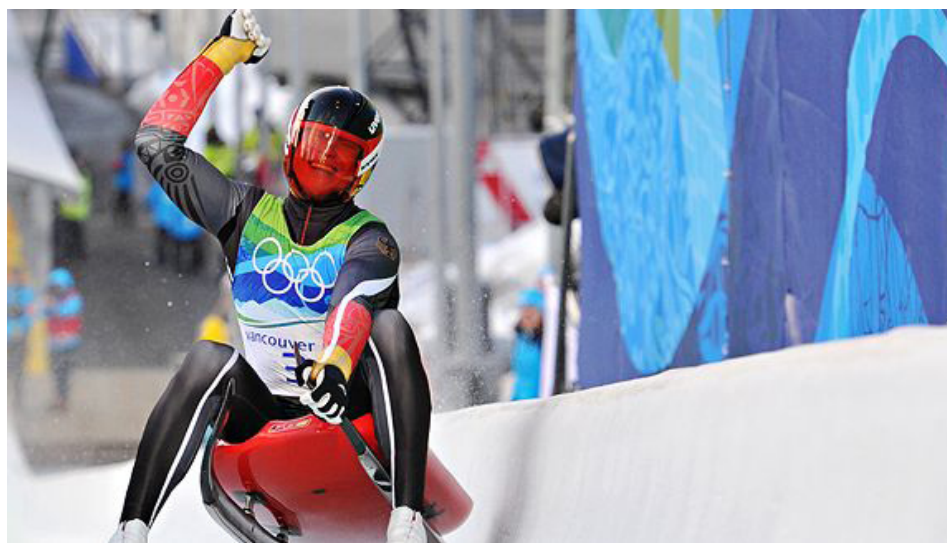
By Rick Paul  
SPORTS EDITOR

## The Show Must Go On

### Men's Individual Luge

The men's individual luge competition on Sunday ended a whirlwind of emotions that were initiated by the death of Georgian Nodar Kumaritashvili on Friday during a practice run. The German Felix Loch became the youngest luge gold medalist in Olympic history on Tuesday, handily defeating his fellow countryman David Moeller and Italian Armin 'The Cannibal' Zoeggeler. After Kumaritashvili's death, Olympic officials considered postponing or even canceling the event, but the athletes banded together to persuade the organizers to push forward. Shiva K.P. Keshavan from India said, "We thought it was a way to show that life goes on, but Nodar will never be forgotten." The luge track at Whistler was widely touted as one of the fastest tracks in the world, with top speeds approaching 100 mph. Many of the athletes, including Domen Poiecha of Slovakia, were still scared including Domen

Poiecha of Slovakia, were still scared despite the alterations to the track made by Olympic organizers after Kumaritashvili's death. New protective walls were installed on the final curve and the men's start was moved down the mountain, to the starting area for the women's luge athletes. The vertical drop at the beginning of the race was nixed, which kept most of the runs below 90 mph. After the changes were made, no athlete was injured during the two-day long competition. However, there was some controversy over the change in the starting location. According to several athletes, the Germans, who are traditionally known as strong starters, gained an advantage from the shorter course length. The same changes will also be made to the women's event which starts on Monday. Whereas the men started where the women normally start, the women will start from the area where the juniors normally take off.



Felix Loch, German athlete for the individual mens luge, passes the finish line, taking a gold.

## Back in the Winner's Circle

### Men's Downhill

After being shut out of the medals ceremony four years ago in Torino, Bode Miller had a bad taste in his mouth. Monday's bronze medal win in Whistler should go a long way in helping him forget the nightmares of Torino. Miller finished a slim 0.09 seconds behind Switzerland's Didier Defago, who finished the course in a gold medal-winning time of 1 minute, 54.31 seconds. Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway finished 0.07 seconds behind Defago to win the silver medal. Miller had the early lead after starting eighth, but was eventually passed by Svindal and then Defago. Always one of the most exciting skiers to watch, Miller threw out his arms to maintain balance on turns and jumps, eliciting in-

terjections of excitement from onlookers. Miller has always done things his own way. "He comes from a hippy background and was brought up in a house with no water and no lighting," said Konrad Bartelski, a reporter for ESPN. Miller's unorthodox approach has simultaneously fascinated and infuriated the American public. In 2002, he became the golden boy after he came from nowhere to win two silver medals in Salt Lake City, but the same American public who had adored him just four years earlier savaged him after he flopped in Torino. In his quest for five gold medals at the Torino Olympics, Miller later admitted that only his partying was Olympic class. As Miller stood in the finish area on Monday, he smiled as he pumped his head into his fists. Perhaps it was

the joy of winning his first Olympic medal since 2002, or the bitter realization that his time wouldn't be good enough for victory. Most likely, it was a combination of both. Miller still has four races left to win that elusive gold medal. "[Today's result] doesn't really change much about how I feel about the races coming up except that I know I'm gonna be fired up and going for the win."









Aboriginal people of Canada perform native dances at the Winter Olympics 2010 opening ceremony in Vancouver, Canada

## Metal Count

	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	United States	2	2	4	8
2	France	2	0	2	4
3	Germany	1	3	0	4
4	Canada	1	2	1	4
5	Switzerland	3	0	0	3

## Winter Events For This Week

Event	Time	Channel
Men's Snowboard Halfpipe Gold Metal Final (live)	Wed, Feb 17 8pm - 11:30pm	NBC
Women's Ice Hockey USA vs Finland	Thur, Feb 18 5:30pm-8pm	MSNBC
Men's Alpine Skiing Super-G	Fri, Feb 18 8pm-11:30pm	NBC
Men's Ice Hockey: USA vs. Canada (live)	Sun, Feb 21 7pm-10pm	MSNBC
Figure Skate Dance	Mon, Feb 22 12:35-2am	NBC

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						
Forecast Conditions	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	AM Clouds/PM Sun	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy
High/Low	80/51	76/50	75/48	69/49	68/48	69/49
Precip. Chance	0%	0%	0%	0%	30%	10%

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, February 17, 2010**  
**Mens's Basketball**  
**vs. Pomona**  
**7:30 PM**

**Thursday, February 18, 2010**  
**Women's Basketball**  
**vs Pomona**  
**w7:30 PM**

**Friday, February 19, 2010**  
**Men's Tennis**  
**vs. CLU**  
**2:00 PM**

**Women's Tennis**  
**at CLU**  
**2:00pm**  
**Men's Baseball**  
**at CMS**  
**2:30 PM**

**Saturday, February 20, 2010**  
**Men's Tennis**  
**vs. Redlands**  
**9:30 AM**

**Women's Tennis**  
**at Redlands**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Men's/Women's Fencing**  
**at UCSD**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Men's Baseball**  
**vs. CMS**  
**11:00 AM**  
**2:00 PM**

## Caltech Men's Tennis Team Starts the Season Strong

**By Wesley Yi**  
 STAFF WRITER

The Caltech Men's Tennis team has had a spectacular start to their season, with 3 wins and only 1 loss.

Yesterday, the Beavers faced La Sierra University. The Men's team had previously defeated the Golden Eagles 7-2 when the Eagles were missing their best player. This time, La Sierra did everything in its power to reverse that loss, including stacking their lineup and switching their doubles teams. Monday's match started out with doubles under the hot mid-morning sun. The Beavers won two out of the three doubles matches, giving themselves a small advantage going into the singles round. The team quickly went up 4-1 with freshman Anish Agarwal(Page) playing at #4 swiftly defeating his opponent 6-0, 6-0 and junior Wesley Yu(Avery) playing at #5 winning 6-0, 6-3. In the remaining four singles matches, however, the Beavers were struggling. Anuj Arora(Jr, Rudd) playing at #2 was the first to fall 6-1, 6-2. Lu Chen(Sr, Avery) struggled playing his first match at #1 and also lost to the Eagles. With those losses, the Beavers were barely ahead 4-3 and had to capture one of the remaining two matches to win. Unfortunately, the Beavers were

down a set in both the remaining matches with little hope of winning either of them. At #3, Karthik Narsimhan(Jr, Lloyd) had lost the first set 6-2 and was hitting toe-to-toe with his opponent with a score of 4-5 in the second set. Narsimhan fought valiantly, but eventually lost to his opponent 7-5 in the second set. At #6 singles, freshman Amol Kamat(Flem) had lost the first set 6-4 and was slightly ahead in the second set 3-1. Luckily for the Beavers, Kamat rallied to win the second set 6-2 and displayed nerves of steel to win a close tiebreak 10-8. With Kamat's victory, the Beavers had the match sealed 5-4.

"It was cool fighting back and pulling it out for the team in the end," said Kamat after his match winning play.

Kamat is one of the strong freshmen that have reinvigorated the tennis team. Narsimhan commented, "This year's group of frosh are extremely dedicated and hard working. It also doesn't hurt that they're talented. [...] Coupled with our experienced members, I'm excited to see how we'll continue to develop and improve as a team."

Also this weekend, the Beavers dealt a devastating defeat to Hope International University, beating the Royals 9-0. The team's only loss was a tough match against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, losing 0-9. The

Stags are ranked #5 nationally and #2 in the West Region by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

The tennis team continues to strive for excellence and improve their play through consistent practice and team unity. Senior Ram Kandasamy(Sr, Flem), who crushed his opponent at #1 singles against Hope University, appreciates the team spirit fostered in tennis. "We support each other during matches and there is a great team mentality during practice."

Reflecting on the Beaver's stellar record after the most recent match against La Sierra, Coach Gamble also attributes the team's success to hard work. "The team deserved this win and it is satisfying to see the hard work of our student-athletes paying off in a 3-1 record."

The Beavers have two home matches this weekend. They play Cal Lutheran on Friday at 2pm and Redlands on Saturday at 9:30am.



Ram Kandasamy takes a swing at a victory game

## The Weekly Scoreboard

**February 10**

**Men's Basketball vs. CMS L (28-96)**

**February 11**

**Women's Basketball vs. CMS L (30-81)**

**February 12**

**Men's Baseball vs. Pomona-Pitzer L (1-25)**

**Men's Tennis vs. Hope Int'l W (8-1)**

**February 13**

**Women's Basketball vs. Oxy L (62-71)**

**Men's Basketball vs. Oxy L (41-72)**

**Men's Baseball vs. Pomona-Pitzer L (4-20)**  
**and L (0-9)**

**Men's Tennis vs. CMS L (0-9)**

**Women's Tennis vs. CMS L (0-9)**

**February 15**

**Men's Tennis vs. La Sierra W (5-4)**

## IHC Minutes

by Tim Black



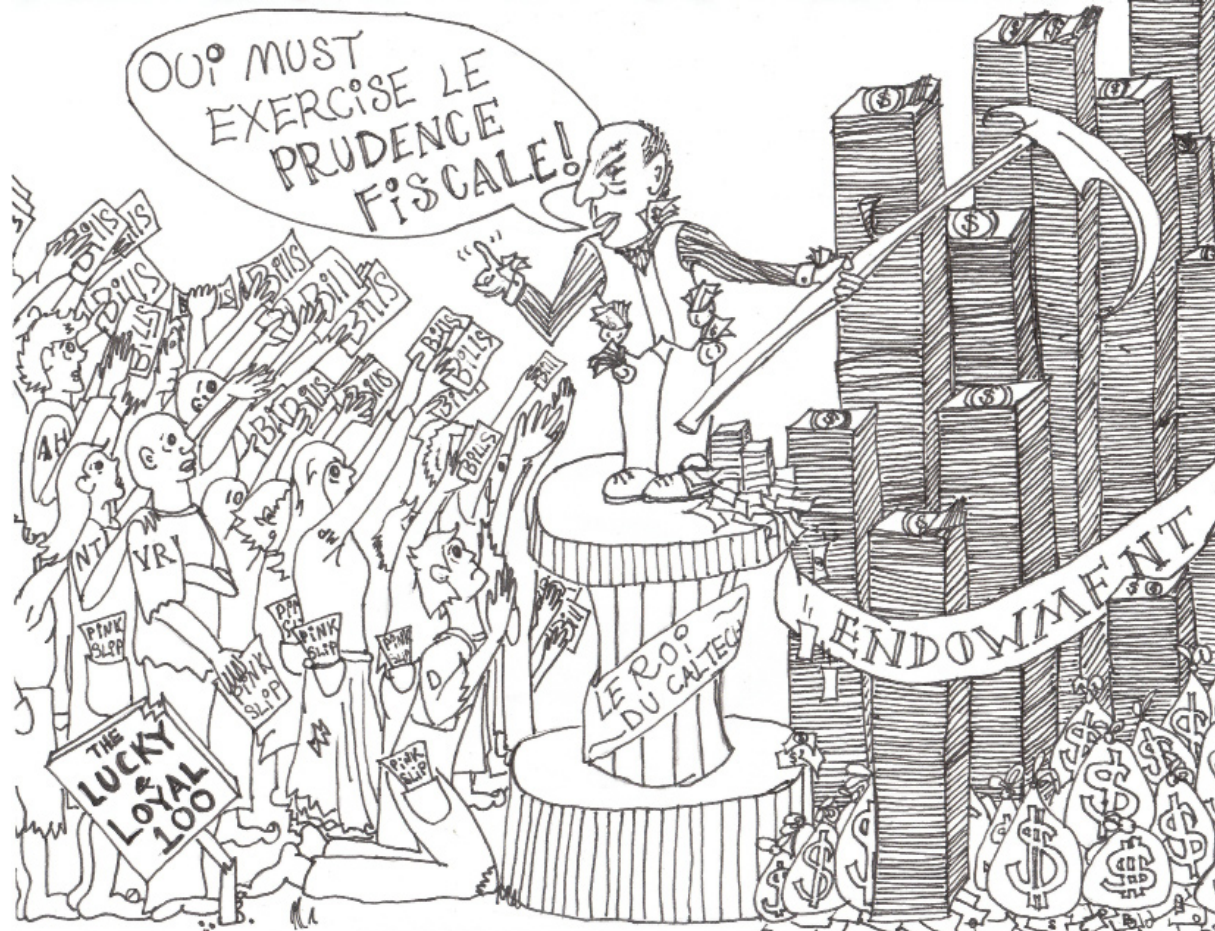
Based on Dinosaur Comics by Ryan North www.qwantz.com Full IHC Minutes online ihc.caltech.edu

XKCD  
by Randall Munroe

This cartoon was drawn by Evans Boney in response to President Chameau's e-mail to the student body last December concerning the financial health of the Institute.

### MILDLY SLEAZY USES OF FACEBOOK, PART 14:

LOOKING UP SOMEONE'S PROFILE BEFORE INTRODUCING YOURSELF SO YOU KNOW WHICH OF YOUR FAVORITE BANDS TO MENTION



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FAVORITE BANDS? HMM...  
MAYBE REGINA SPEKTOR  
OR THE POLYPHONIC SPREE.

WHOA, THOSE ARE TWO  
OF MY FAVORITES, TOO!

CLEARLY, WE SHOULD  
HAVE SEX.

OKAY! MY FAVORITE  
POSITION IS THE  
RETROGRADE WHEELBARROW.

OHMYGOD, MINE TOO!

