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# **Premed Advisor Resigns; Students, Faculty Recognize Her Contributions, Will Miss Her**

#### **By Anonymous**

STAFF WRITER

Recent developments in the Career Development Center have created turmoil in the premed community, which comprises over 15% of the Caltech study body. Angela Wood, premed advisor for the past five years and career counselor for the past eleven years, resigned from her position at the CDC for reasons unknown to the general community. A week later, Jonie Tsuji, another highly successful and beloved career counselor, resigned.

According to an email sent to the undergraduates by Lauren Stolper, director of the CDC, Melanie Hamon has been hired as a temporary career counselor, and in the mean time, will be working

smooth transition for students applying in this June's application cycle." Currently there are 4 staff Fellowships Advising and Study Abroad, Melanie Hamon, Acting Career Counselor, Cathy Miles, Recruiting Coordinator, and Cathreen Oracion, Projects and Budget Administrator, who also premed advising.

When asked about the current a good program by seeing how other universities who have successful programs approach pre-

with premed students "to ensure a med (and other) pre-professional advising and try out ideas that will help our students."

"[However]," she continues, "I members in the CDC: Lauren am very concerned about the lack Stolper, Director of both the Ca- of statistics that were kept, as reer Development Center and the such information would be very useful for students to understand score ranges, GPA, etc. and for Caltech in planning services. I have begun to look into this and it will be a time consuming process to clean up Caltech's information formerly assisted Angela Wood in and to get information from our peer universities."

According to Stolper, the comstatus of premedical program at monly quoted average rate of ac-Caltech, Stolper said, "I think we ceptance for Caltech seniors is will be able to strengthen what is about 65% while Massachusetts

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## **Caltech joins architecture** school in competition to design solar-powered home

#### By Deboki Chakravarti

#### STAFF WRITER

A major challenge in environmental progress is to advance beyond mere awareness of unsustainable consumption and take action by altering our lifestyle. In order to encourage students to consider the problem of efficient home design and promote public awareness of the potential of zero-energy homes, the U.S. Department of Energy is hosting the biennial Solar Decathlon, in which twenty teams comprised of college students compete to produce an energy-efficient house that is powered solely by the sun. Caltech has teamed up with the Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc) in order to merge the engineering and design perspectives necessary to coming up with a home that is both energy-efficient and appealing for the competition in October, 2011. The goal of the competition is to build an attractive and comfortable house that is able to power electronics and provide hot water, and that relies on solar power and has a net-energy output of zero. There are ten sub-contests in the Solar Decathlon that every house is scored on. These sub-contests include architecture, market viability, engineering, and price,

as well as the success of various components of the house. In the past, extra points were awarded for going beyond a net-zero energy output. In addition, houses were not scored on the basis of their cost. However, these changes have been put in place for the upcoming competition, which will be held in October, 2011 in Washington D.C.

SCI-Arc approached Caltech through the Engineers for a Sustainable World, and a proposal was submitted for the competition last term. In order to raise interest amongst Caltech students, several five-unit independent research/ reading classes were arranged at the beginning of this term as a way to allow faculty to provide instruction on the methods and techniques that will be necessary in coming up with an efficient design. The faculty advisors for these courses, which are listed under APh 100, Ch 081, CS 081, EE 099, ME 100, and MS 100, are Professors Harry Atwater, Nate Lewis, Mani Chandy, Steven Low, Melany Hunt, and Sossina Haile. Professor Mechanical Engineering, Harry Atwater, Professor of Applied Physics, and Joseph Shepherd, Professor of Aeronautics and Mechanical Engineering.

conceptual design. This involves creating a to-scale model of the planned design, which will be submitted in March. Based on the models that are submitted, twenty teams will be chosen to actually put their plan into action, building the house and then transporting it to Washington D.C. Once there, it will be assembled, hooked up to a mini-power grid, and scored.

Caltech's role so far has been to provide the parameters around which the SCI-Arc students need to design, largely focusing on how applications of solar and thermal engineering will shape the needs of the house. The SCI-Arc students' role has been centered on the design element, and their background has been important in the presentation of the team's ideas. For the SCI-Arc students, the Solar Decathlon has been offered as a class that allows many students to invest more of their time in the project. However, one of the major challenges according to Ben Kurtz, an undergraduate junior and one of the students leading the design of the solar-dependent aspect, is the difficulty in coordinating a substantial number of Caltech students. While around

Clockwise from top: Averites Dongkook Lim, Cindy You, Vivian Yang, Christopher White, and Casey Jao prepare for their interhouse, themed 'Monty Python and the Holy Grail.'

# **More students** admit to breaking into South Kitchens

#### **By Yang Hu** STAFF WRITER

In late January, several students violated the honor code to satisfy their hunger.

Dean of Students, John Hall, states "some students found a way to get around a locked door to the south kitchen and had been going in after hours and on weekends to take food."

ing that a significant number of students had been identified by a camera that had been operating after hours, and we again asked students who were involved to reply and describe their involvement," continues Dean Hall, "So far 26 have replied to this second e-mail. We are currently discussing what follow up is appropriate, especially for those students who were identified via the camera and have not replied to either e-

Currently, the students involved are in the process of planning the

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The deans sent out an e-mail, unknown to most of the Caltech community, to South Houses residents shortly after the incident.

Dean Hall adds, "[we asked] those who were involved to reply and describe their involvement. Eight students replied."

Undeterred by a low response rate, the deans sent out another email informing participants in the break-in something they weren't aware of.

"We wrote another e-mail not-

mail.

When asked what steps are being taken to prevent this situation from occurring in the future, Dean Hall responds, "the south kitchen door has been secured, although someone tried unsuccessfully to kick in the door afterwards.

Dean Hall concludes, "We hope the students who took food realize they violated the honor code and will start thinking about the honor code in terms broader than just academics."



New newspaper surfaces

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# OPINION

THE CALIFORNIA TECH

### From the Editor

# A Look At What's Circulating "Underground"

#### By Tina Ding Editor-In-Chief

A new underground movement has sprung up in the past weeks on the Caltech campus in the form of an alternative student newspaper: The Underground. The name evokes all sorts of thrilling possibilities. Secret societies. Student activism. Rebellion. Freedom. A student alternative paper like this is exactly what every college campus needs. Cambridge University publishes both the school paper The Varsity and the more student-oriented paper The Cambridge Student. Oberlin College, a top-tier liberal arts school, has an alternative student newspaper called The Grape which contains reviews on pornography and drug use, on top of primary paper The Oberlin Review. Can it be that we, a 900 undergraduate student body, are taking the grand step towards journalism bloom and student activism?

I'm sure that's not the case. As I pick up the folded four to

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five pages of eight and a half by

Although *The Underground* fell short of my initial expectations, I

realize it is still an exciting novelty. It is an excellent venue through which all the B.S. (Bachelor of Science) English students can utilize the skills they are developing in their Hum classes. Even better, this is in perfect accord with the introduction of the new Core curriculum, whose stricter humanity requirements comes from the strong emphasis on the importance of writing skills. Thus, The Underground's debut is timely and crucial to sustaining the future Caltech student body, who will all obviously become great writers under the new



Logo for the London Underground subway transportation system. This could be a great emblem for Caltech's alternative student newspaper *The Underground*. Core.

In fact, according to the Statement of Intent (both the first time and the second time), *The Underground* is indeed a paper devoted to "the arts plus interesting things" (Issue 2, Page 1). These interesting things that made the pages are stories such as the Haiti earthquake, mudslides in Los Angeles, and Pentagon policies, all of which I seriously agree are important news stories.

Besides the flashback to En85, The Underground does a good job covering hot current events such as the new Google Buzz(Issue 3), whose public display of friends controversially infringes upon one's email privacy. The "Deadline" page is also very useful, as we Caltech students are mostly unaware of other scholarship applications beside SURF. On the same line, the page about "Don't Miss" and "Future Fun" is a simple and efficient way to remind us of Caltech's current and upcoming social events.

Lastly, I love Lady Gaga and wholeheartedly agree with Issue 3's front page suggestion that *The Underground* be filled with pictures of her. After all, she can never have too much fame.



# Misinformation and Misinterpretation of the Career Center Editorial

#### By Anonymous 1 Contributor

written by same Anonymous 1 as last week

### Misinformation:

Last week I wrote an edi-

In summary, I used a faulty source, and thus accidentally exaggerated the amount of time the article was gathering dust. One week became two+ weeks. My fault. I sincerely apologize for this.

#### Misinterpretation:

cused it of lacking in the previous issue.

While perhaps 1/4 of the article stated how terrible it was that this information was not released sooner, the rest stated exactly what I wish people had known sooner. I also hinted—nay, outright stated—that in the next (meaning this) edition of the Tech



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Chris Kennelly says the article was received Sunday, Jan 31, and printed Monday, February 8. When I asked another pre-med (it's not important who) on February 10, I was informed that the article was submitted "2+ weeks ago." Tsong-Lian Tsay, the author of the Feb 8 article, said he submitted it on Sunday, Jan 31 in time for it to be printed in the issue released the following day. However, there was not enough content, so printing was delayed a week. I was, however, really intrigued by how my critique was interpreted as a personal attack on the current editors (which is funny, because they hadn't released any issues yet, not even the one I was criticizing). The person who read my article before it was printed and wrote a corresponding editorial definitely seemed to feel this way.

Looking back, I'm sure I used the word "failed" too many times in my opener to be polite. That was a mistake. But when Anonymous2 argued that it was my fault that the Tech sucks (paraphrasing here), the reason being that I do not write for the Tech... I feel like that bypasses the fact that I wrote an informative editorial which informed the Tech audience of everything I acthere would be a well-researched article (not written by me).

So I'd like to issue a public apology. All I do is issue "anonymous ultimatums" (What? Where?) and imply that all tech editors suck. I have obviously never talked with pre-meds about this, or tried to gather the information I felt the community need to know. I never told Tech editors about this issue or wrote an article myself. I do nothing to improve what I think has great potential, and this really keeps me up at night. Oh, wait. February 22, 2010



# **ASCIT Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes**

## February 15, 2010

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

Incoming Officers Present: Adam Khan, Tim Black, Karthik Sarma, Chris Hallacy, Brian Merlob, Addie Rice

Outgoing Officers Absent: Maral Mazrooei

Call to order: 10:07 PM

#### **President's Report:**

- Alums advising current students: Anthony spoke to a number of alums recently interested in starting a counseling program with current members of their houses.
- Muslim Students Association: We received an email from the Muslim Student Association earlier today regarding their designated prayer room. Anthony will look into this.

**Officer Reports:** 

- V.P. of Academic Affairs (ARC Chair): Andrey Skyped with the people at Course Rank last Wednesday and will be talking with them in the near future regarding technical details.
- V.P. of Nonacademic Affairs (IHC Chair): The latest issue that has come up is Prefrosh Weekend. Tim, the new IHC chair, ran the prefrosh weekend meeting wonderfully. The plan is to have two days run by admissions and one day not run by admissions. There will be a Grand Buffet concert on Saturday. Student Affairs will sponsor a barbeque, and each house will have an event during the day on Saturday.
- Social Director: Nadia is happy to be turning over her responsibilities to Addie.
- Operations Director: The next step with the Big T is to design covers for the past issues.

• Incoming Operations Director: The board games club needs temporary storage for its game collection. Mike suggests using the darkroom in the SAC. Scheduling:

- Transitions dinner: The BoD transitions dinner at Tom Mannion's house will be scheduled soon.
- Midnight donuts: The old and new BoDs will run second term midnight donuts together! Yay!
- New BoD meetings: BoD meetings will now be held Fridays at 12:10 on the Olive Walk.

Other business:

• The new BoD members were sworn in!

Meeting adjourned: 10:50 PM

# **IHC Weekly Meeting - Minutes**

## Ricketts House, February 16, 2010

Present: Tim Black (Chair), DK Lim (Av), Alex Lapides (Fl), Lucas Hartsough (Ll), Daniel Kolodrubetz (Ru), Chris Whelan (Bl), Nick Rosa (Ri) Absent: Andrew Price (Da), Paul Fleiner (Pa) Guests: Pallavi Gunalan, Will Steinhardt, Andrey Poletayev

"Wow, you're a nerd." Kolodrubetz to Pallavi

DK Lim is the new Avery Chancellor "This is going to be awesome" - Alex

Tim Black is the new IHC Chair.

Tim: Sign-ups for IHC Secretary go up next Monday (2/22) and come down Friday. The IHC will conduct interviews and then will appoint the new secretary.

Tim: PFW reps met with us last Thursday. Plan: 2 day program put on by Admissions on Thursday and Friday. Student affairs-sponosred Saturday. Grand Buffet will play after a bbq thanks to funding by the GNOME club. In past years houses have had 2 events during PFW. Now each house will have one event during the Thurs/ Friday Admissions PFW, and one event during the Saturday. Clubs have also been asked to do events. There is not an official way for prefrosh to stay Saturday night, but if they know somebody or meet people that will let them stay, they can. On the PFW website, they will provide a link to our website. We'll have to give them the schedule separate because they won't put the schedules in the packets.

Whelan: When do we get the list of prefrosh email addresses? Tim will check

Alex: What's unofficial? Tim: The night is unofficial, the day is sponsored by Student Affairs. Lucas: And then they leave Sunday morning. Tim: We can design what the link says so we can promote it how we want. Pallavi: There will also be a dessert night because Admissions only let us have one house dinner. There will be a house dinner on Thursday and a dessert night during the hour and a half time allotted for the In'N'Out truck. Rosa: So is it cheaper to have an In'N'Out truck and dessert night? Pallavi: In'N'Out alone costs \$5000-\$7000...so no. Rosa: So they didn't change PFW because of the budget like they said.

Will: Does this mean we don't \$300 for our house events?
Tim: I don't know; I will check. Anything else?
Rosa: My last IHC meeting. Wooooooooooooooooo
Dan: OPI is coming up and we usually visit the other houses for dinner the week before. Can you send me your headwaiters' dinner?
DK will kick Dan's ass in shuffleboard.
DK: 10pm pizza tonight at Tom Mannions!
Lucas to Rosa: Do you have my plaque?
Rosa: Maaaaybe?
Rosa to Kolodrubetz: I broke your plaque. I'll get you a new one.
DK: Karthik got sworn in on a painting of a Tiger with wings.
Pallavi: Because the ASCIT License plate was missing.

Minutes by Pallavi Gunalan



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Endangered Beaver! In need of saving! Come to our meeting to help the cause.

## NOON, Tues February 23

Come to the Tech Meeting at Table in Front of the Bookstore ; free food, stories, and ideas Write and/or take pictures when you can. We pay up to \$30 for news articles.

send tech@caltech.edu an email if you're interested in being a part of the Tech or would like to contribute opinion stories

## Solar Decathlon Team of Caltech and SCI-ARC

#### SOLAR, FROM PAGE 1

twenty to thirty SCI-Arc students have been able to contribute consistently, the number of Caltech students who have been able to give a similar level of commitment is much lower.

According to Fei Yang—another student leader—a plan to institute a similar class is in place: "We are starting a nine-unit project class next term (currently Harry Atwater is one of the professors teaching such a class), and we want to know how many interested undergraduates are out there, preferably juniors and seniors with appropriate backgrounds." The team is eager to have more students join, so if you think that you are interested in taking part in the project or learning more about the project class, you can e-mail Ben Kurtz at bkurtz@caltech. edu or Fei Yang at klxfeiyang@caltech. edu. In addition, the mailing list for the Solar Decathlon is solar-decathlon@ugcs. caltech.edu, and more information can be found on the current website, http://ESW. caltech.edu.caltech.edu

## Curtain Falls the Last Time For Pasadena Playhouse

This story is now published in its entirety, as a correction for the misprint last week

By Yang Hu

ter 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.

# Premed Advisor Will be Missed

#### PREMED, FROM PAGE 1

Institute of Technology's overall admit rate to med school for all undergraduates applying is 82%. "So while our purported rate of 65% is good, I see no reason why we cannot do as well as MIT in the future," said Stolper

The new acting career counselor and premed advisor rolled into one is scheduled to attend the National Association of Advisors in the Health Professions (NAAHP) meeting at Atlanta in June of this year. Hamon also plans to host mock interview workshops and medical and dental school application essay workshops in the coming spring term. These workshops and meetings were similar to Wood's style of advising; however, Hamon differs in "getting to know the students," a vital part of writing the applicant letter of recommendation, in that Hamon is requiring students to meet with her at least three times before the 2010 application cycle, whereas Wood relied on student initiative and involvement in CPMA to fully understand the motivations and aspirations of the premed applicant.

Upon hearing of Wood's resignation, Karthik Sarma, newly elected ARC Chair and a third year student who is applying to medical schools this summer says, "I was shocked to hear that Ms. Wood was leaving. I first met her my first week at Caltech, and I've worked with her since then. She is an exceptionally compassionate person, and she really put a lot of effort into working closely with students to make sure that they were on the right track and to help us deal with the extra stress and uncertainty which we had put into our lives. Her departure is a devastating blow to the community, and I don't know how we're going to fill the void that she's left." The Caltech premed community is unsatisfied with the CDC's reaction to Angela's departure and is looking for its own

solution to the problem. The consensus in the premed community is two-fold:

First, that the pre-health community needs to have a dedicated health professions advisor whose duties consist solely of that role, in order to ensure that Caltech students (undergraduates, graduates, postdocs, and alumni) have what they need to successfully pursue careers in medicine.

Second, that the role of the health professions advisor is fundamentally distinct form that of a career counselor, and that is it simply not acceptable to appoint a new career counselor who does not have health professions advising experience as the new advisor. As students at one of the most prestigious learning institutions in the world, we must have an advisor who is also one of the best in the world; at minimum, any new advisor must have significant experience in the field, and must have already built up trust relationships with the medical institutions which we apply to.

John Hall, Dean of Students, said of Angela, "Many of us in Student Affairs who know Angela regard her as someone who ran a tremendously successful and expanding program for 11 years here, and was highly respected by students and colleagues." Hall continues to state that during Wood's tenure, about 140 students and alums have been accepted into medical school (including pharmacy, etc.), not including the current group of students who are now being interviewed. "Considering that Caltech has neither a pre-med major nor a hospital on campus, this number is very impressive," said Hall. Furthermore, according to Hall, unlike some schools who aggressively weed out all but the high-performing pre-med students in order to maintain a high acceptance rate, Angela did not care about statistics, and instead just focused on helping students set realistic goals and meeting them.

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. However, this did not dePasadena 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.



# **Avery Interhouse: Monty Python** and the Holy Grail









pictures by Laainam Chaipornkaew

From the top: Justine Chia in head hole of a painting of Neal Bansal and "a girl"; dancing at Interhouse; Advertisement for the Monty Python themed Interhouse; Erin Flanigan DJ's the Saturday party; Painting of green dragon



# Winter Olympics Coverage

in the works for the great Apolo

Anton Ohno? "It's possibly my last Olympic Games."

#### **By Rick Paul**

SPORTS EDITOR

## Ohno Becomes the Most Decorated Winter Olympian in U.S. History

After a slip at the corner of the track with three laps remaining, the situation looked dire for Apolo Anton Ohno. The faux pas, which was not caused by contact from any of the other skaters, had caused him to fall into last place after a brief appearance in second place.

"When I moved up into second place, in my head I thought that the race was mine and I felt great," he said. "Then I slipped and lost all my speed again. I saw everybody flying by me and I'm like, 'Oh boy, there's not a lot of time. I'm going to have to kind of crank it up." In the final three laps, he made up a significant amount of ground at a rapid pace, pulling ahead of both brothers to earn a bronze medal. "I really had to fight," he said. "I can't wait to watch the tape and see how I came back from last place to win bronze."

With the gold and silver firmly out of place, Ohno knew he was fighting for a bronze medal. His rivals were none other than his longtime rivals Lee Jung-su and Lee Ho-suk, both of South Korea, and Charles and Francois Hamelin, brothers from Canada. The animosity between Ohno and the Koreans dates back to the Salt Lake City Games, where doubt as to who the most popular the South Koreans believe Ohno athlete in Vancouver is. So, will stole the gold medal from them in there be another Olympic Games the 1,500 when Kim Dong-sung was disqualified for blocking presumably due to Ohno's gesture of complaint. On the surface, there was no indication of any bad blood between Ohno and the Koreans after the event Saturday night. "I wouldn't say that anything that happened in 2002 still mattered today. That was then and this is now," Lee Ho-suk said through a translator. "That's not any reason for us to defeat Apolo. We will focus on the present and try to beat Apolo."

The third place finish made Ohno the most decorated U.S. Winter Olympian with seven career medals. Ohno now has two gold, two silver, and three bronze medals from his three Olympic appearances. Lee Jung-su of South Korea won his second gold medal of the games and teammate Lee Ho-suk claimed the silver. The Koreans have won four of the six short track speed skating medals that have been awarded thus far. It is clear, however, that Ohno is the crowd favorite in Vancouver. The whole stadium was filled with a frenzied red, white, and blue crowd for Saturday's 1,000 meter short track race, leaving no

Event	Time		
Figure Skating,	Mon, Feb 22nd,		
Ice Dance	8pm		
Men's 10,000 m	Tues, Feb 23rd		
Speed Skating	4 pm		
Ladies Giant	Wed, Feb 24th		
Slalom	8pm		
Men's Hockey	Sun, Feb 28th		
Finals	3pm		



Ohno puts up seven fingers for seven medals

# **Medal Count**

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
United States	7	7	10	24
Germany	5	5	5	16
Norway	5	3	4	12
Canada	4	4	1	9
Korea	4	4	1	9
Austria	2	3	3	8
France	2	2	4	8
Switzerland	5	0	2	7

# **Sports**

## Upcoming Games

February 21, 2010 Swimming & Diving Belmont Plaza - Long Beach -SCIAC Championships 9am prelims/4pm finals

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February 23, 2010 Swimming & Diving at Belmont Plaza - Long Beach - SCIAC Championships 9am prelims/4pm finals

> February 23, 2010 Men's Basketball vs. Whittier 7:30 PM Senior Night

February 26, 2010 Baseball vs. Occidental 2:30 PM

February 27, 2010 Track and Field vs. Rossi Relays @ CMS 10:00 am Preview February 27, 2010 Men's Tennis vs. Whittier 9:30 AM

> February 27, 2010 Women's Tennis at Whittier 9:30 AM

> February 27, 2010



# The Weekend Scoreboard

February 18, 2010 Women's Basketball 61 Caltech 54 Pomona-Pitzer

February 20, 2010 Baseball 16 Claremont-M-S 1 Caltech

February 20, 2010 Baseball 19 Claremont-M-S 0 Caltech

February 20, 2010 Men's Tennis 9 Redlands 0 Caltech

February 20, 2010 Men's Basketball 46 Caltech 95 La Verne

February 20, 2010 Women's Basketball 37 Caltech 73 La Verne



Baseball at Occidental 11:00 AM

February 27, 2010 Baseball at Occidental 2:00 PM

A win for Caltech against Pomona Pitzer on Women's Senior Night

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# HUMOR

# What's That in the Air?

#### By James Wu

#### PAID CONTRIBUTOR (YOU CAN BE TOO)

What's that in the Air? Everytime I come back to Caltech, I always notice something about this place. It's an almost magical quality: the smell of masses of unwashed geeks outside of Comicon.

The pungent smell strikes my nose when I enter my House. I almost faint from the stringent odor, but my resilient body and strong will keep me standing. A particularly strong odor emanates from the area near my room, and I realize my neighbor must have taken his shoes off. At this point, even my hardened stomach lurches. In a dazzling display of mind over matter, I am able to keep my airline food down. This got me to thinking. What is the cause of this aversion to water and soap? Could it be that my fellow students had traveled forward in time from the middle ages, and believed that regular bathing was unhealthy? Or was it possible that they only wanted to permanently recreate a medieval atmosphere? Perhaps they loved the Renaissance fair so much, they simply wanted to bring back a little piece of it, a fragrance?

I carefully looked around the campus again, and then realized where the source of this dark taint really lay. There were simply not enough of those wonderful substances that motivate all men. I'm talking about breasts, and those that carry them.

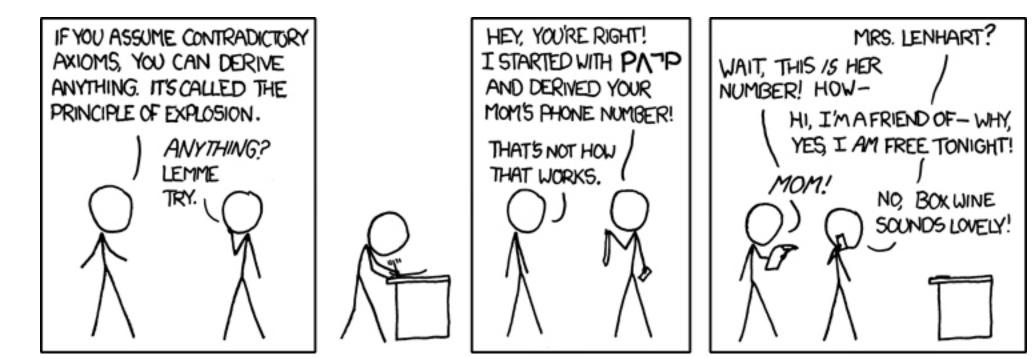
Once I had located the problem, I thought of ways to deal with it.

The ideas I came up with, in order of awesomeness, are as follows:

1. Hire outside professionals to come to special get-togethers. These professionals, these heroes, these epitomes of femininity, choose the guys whose pains and aches they wish to treat. Guys that smell like a pile of dirty laundry (since they've been wearing the same shirt for a week) will have to either find a way to treat their own hurts, or make do with someone from Caltech.

2. Make everyone living in Page 113, and all of Ruddock, walk through an automated car wash once a week. Their clothes must be burned and new ones delivered from charitable groups sympathetic to our plight.

3. Admit more biology majors.



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