



Ricketts Alumni hold wake during 'Beer and Brats'



Ricketts Hovse alumni hold a funeral procession as they carry a coffin throughout campus, accompanied by a New Orleans-style brass band.

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On Sunday, May 19, students of Ricketts Hovse hosted their annual Alumni Reunion 'Beer and Brats' get-together at Millikan Pond. What was originally planned to be a simple gathering of Rowdy and Scurve Alumni mingling and sharing stories at the Pond--cold beer and grilled brats, in hand--became something quite different. Students were surprised when alumni hijacked the event to host a protest in the form of a wake memorializing Ricketts Hovse.

Many alumni arrived at the event wearing Apache-themed clothing, voicing disapproval

over a line item forcibly imposed by the Dean of Students Office in Ricketts' new house charter: "Ricketts Interhouse will not be called Apache next year, nor will it feature the themes that defined Apache, historically." Dressed in the berets and striped shirts that were typical of the 66-year old party (although it seems this dress code has diminished slightly in terms of quantity of fabric), alumni carried an oversized coffin that held \$100 in pennies.

The wake procession commenced at the steps outside Sloan Laboratory and was taken past Kellogg, down the Olive Walk, and towards the Athenaeum. A New Orleans-style brass band provided sentimentally appropriate music, starting off pallbearers and followers with an inspirational rendition of "Just a Closer Walk With Thee."

It was no coincidence that the path of the pall-bearers traversed what was a long-standing entryway to Apache: a small door under the Sloan steps, formerly accessible by a South Master key. In recent years, the South Master key was eradicated and tunneling (exploring the campus's vast network of interconnected underground steam tunnels) became strictly forbidden and harshly punished.

The procession took a turn into Ricketts Hovse to pay its respects, but quickly moved onward through the breezeway and into the middle of Blacker Hovse's courtyard. Blacker Hovse was hosting its own Alumni Reunion Event at the time, their traditional Associates' Tea. Audible sighs of awe were expressed by many Moles, followed by applause and cheering.

Alumnus Nate Anagnostou (B.S., Blacker '02, Hovse Historian '97) recounted the event, affirming, "I think everyone in Blacker

courtyard stood and lined up along the procession route to demonstrate their strong support of the alumni-led protest." One of the event planners speculated that the elaborate procession appealed to stereotypical Mole enthusiasm for theatricality.

The procession then led northward, past the Athenaeum and Caltech Y buildings, and onward to Tom Mannion's house, where Ruddock's Alumni Reunion was being held. The live band and coffin were paraded into the backyard.

The Rudds stared (with markedly confused facial expressions) at what the Rowdy and Scurve alumni had orchestrated. At this point, the band transitioned to upbeat jazz music and provided a rousing rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In."

The pallbearers then delivered the coffin and its contents of 10,000 pennies to the front porch of the

nearby Alumni House. The coffin was decorated with the Ricketts Hovse crest, distinctive pentagrams on the head- and footboards, and read, "A Donation to The Office of the General Counsel from Concerned Alumni." Maroon-colored calla lilies resting on the coffin provided an artistic finishing touch.

One anonymous alumnus offered an explanation for why the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) was the named recipient of the alumni gift: "In less than four years, the Institute has been hampered by three lawsuits related to the undergraduate community, that we know of. It is a distressing thought to imagine there may well be more that we're not privy to."

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ASCIT Minutes

Minutes for May 20th, 2013. Taken by Catherine Jamshidi

Officers Present: Zach Rivkin, Malvika Verma, Connor Coley, Connie Hsueh, Monica Enlow, Michelle Tang

Guests: Connor Rosen, Alexander Mouschovias

Call to Order: 10:03 pm

President's Report (Zach):

Honor Code Committee Sign-ups were posted last week and were taken down on Friday at 11:59 pm. Interviews will be held in the coming week.

Faculty-Board Sign-ups were posted last week and will remain posted until May 28th at 5pm. We will be scheduling interviews shortly after. Met with Kevin Austin, the head of the counseling center. A proposal for evening hours is being drafted.

Officer's Reports:

V.P. of Academic Affairs (ARC Chair: Malvika):

Met with Cassandra: discussed making a centralized teaching handbook for professors. The ARC wants to work with BoC to create a FAQ page about what incoming professors and students need to know.

Undergraduate Seminar Series with Dr. Weinstein was held on Thursday during Lunch.

The ASCIT Teaching Awards were held on Thursday Night

ARC Committee Sign-ups were open until Saturday at 5pm. Interviews will be conducted early this week (likely on Monday from 3-6pm).

Congratulations to Ishan Khetarpal: Reappointed ARC Secretary
We want to emphasize that students can request midterm grades from professors/TAs before Drop Day each term.

V.P. of Non-Academic Affairs (IHC Chair: Connor):

Alumni Weekend was very successful. Any feedback can be sent through me (Connor) and I'll forward it along.

Faculty Board committee sign-ups are up outside of Fleming! Contact the IHC or current reps if you have questions about any of these committees

The current Summer Contract has a condition for a \$5 per day storage fee. While this cannot be changed soon enough to affect this summer, the IHC is working on preventing this from happening again next year.

Director of Operations (Connie):

Students interested in forming a club should refer to the Club Handbook at clubs.caltech.edu for the proper procedure.

Also, it is reminded that unregistered clubs should not contain "Caltech" or "CIT" in their title without approval.

Will begin working with Cat to create a master Calendar of Club Events that will be published on Donut.

Treasurer (Monica):

Working with Cat to devise an online process for submitting forms that can be accessed through Donut.

Social Director (Michelle):

ASCIT Movie Night was this Saturday. Students had the option to chose between Star Trek and Iron Man 3.

BFP was this Sunday.

Upcoming Events: Europarty: June 1st; Blown Out concert with Twin Peaks opening: June 7th.

Secretary (Cat):

Has updated several pages on Donut (BoC, CRC, UCCs, ESC, Campus Contacts, Big T, and ARC).

Also working on updating the Olive Walk Board.

If you have any suggestions regarding the Donut Website, please contact me at sec@donut.caltech.edu or DevTeam at devteam@donut.caltech.edu

If anyone has any questions or concerns about a section of the minutes please email the appropriate officer. We are happy to answer any questions.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:59

Caltech Launches Strategic Identity Project

ELIZABETH HAMILTON
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When Diego Caporale was accepted into Caltech in 2008, he was thrilled. It was his top school, and he couldn't wait to tell everyone. Unfortunately, some of his friends and family had trouble conjuring a similar excitement. "A lot of people at my high school had never heard of Caltech. One of them even said, 'Is that a community college or something? I thought you were smart!'"

It's a problem most Techers know well. How many of us have had to explain that Caltech is not Cal Poly or Cal State? Or have had to describe it by way of a better-known peer? ("It's like the MIT of the West Coast!" is one common appeal.) Caltech is one of the world's top universities—the top, in fact, according to the Times Higher Education world university rankings from 2011–13. But you might say Caltech has a bit of an identity problem—though ranked highly, its status isn't widely known. This year, the Institute is tackling that problem head on.

Over the next six months, the Institute's Office of Marketing & Communications will bring the Strategic Identity Project to campus. It is a program designed to increase public awareness and appreciation of Caltech and to clearly differentiate Caltech from peer schools and organizations. Involving faculty, students, staff, alumni, donors, and partners, the Strategic Identity Project starts with the question, "What is Caltech?" The answers will be distilled to create a common language for talking about who we are and what we do, and to help people understand why they should be glad Caltech exists.

Already, many students are getting involved. "The success of the project depends on the participation of the entire Caltech community," says Kristen Brown, Assistant Vice

President for Marketing and Communications. "Caltech's students are a really important part of what makes Caltech unique, and we need their voices in the mix." Many have taken part in interviews and focus groups about Caltech. Some are also taking on leadership roles in the project: the oversight committee includes undergraduate Zachary Rivkin and graduate student Kathryn Stack.

This week, a short survey about Caltech will be distributed across campus, with every student encouraged to participate. "It's a great opportunity to speak up about what we love about Caltech, and to play a part in shaping its future," says Rivkin. "I'm really proud to be a Techer and I want other people to know what that means." The survey will be open until June 7, and the link can be accessed online at <http://bit.ly/CTSurvey2013P>. Laptops will be set up at the Red Door for those who want to take the survey while hanging out on campus. And, to sweeten the deal, a \$100 Amazon gift card will be raffled off to one participating graduate student and one undergraduate.

"We are hoping to get as much student feedback as possible," Brown says, "and we are really excited about what they have to say."

For more information about the Strategic Identity Project, visit caltech.edu/identity.



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Techer reflects on Alumni Weekend experiences

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I work for both the Alumni and Admissions offices, and thus I get a lot of interaction with past and future Techer. A couple of weekends ago I was asked to cover the Caltech Seminar Day on Twitter, as a part of Alumni Weekend. As I was walking around, watching old friends and classmates reconnect, it really gave me some new perspective on this place.

We were all sitting in Beckman Auditorium, a.k.a. the Wedding Cake, listening to President Chameau give a welcome address.

In his usual eloquent French style, he was praising the achievements of various alumni: revolutionary programming, successful startups, humanitarian efforts, and all manners of scientific discovery.

I just sat there and listened in increasing awe at the long list of inspirational achievements coming from Caltech alums.

I felt like I had a glimpse of what the future might hold for me, and the rest of us, in terms of passion and discovery.

I thought back to two short years ago when I was an incoming freshman, sitting in Beckman Auditorium for convocation.

The jazz band was playing and the ceiling

was doing that cool sparkly thing, and again Chameau was waxing eloquent about the possibilities and opportunities at Caltech. I remember sitting there and being so incredibly excited for the future.

Somewhere along the way, we lose sight of the big picture, this initial sense of excitement and discovery, and focus on the mundane problem sets and lectures that are to be endured.

I know quite a few Techer who frequently bemoan how difficult life is here; and honestly, I do not know a single person that *doesn't* spend at least a little time complaining, myself included.

But as I was listening to Chameau this weekend, and looking at the

Everyone there had spent late nights crying over some difficult

lecture. Those stone steps are so awkwardly worn down. But they have been worn down by *Feynman*. And all of the other awesome alums that have come before us. And now, they are being worn down by us.

This place has incredible history and it is right under our own feet!

We always joke about how, if we had gone to X college, we could have graduated

with a 4.0 in three years with a double major in mathematical physics and chemical engineering and a minor in underwater basket weaving.

But I think that just makes all the hard work we put in here, to receive a piece of paper after four years, so much more worth it.

A Caltech degree has sweat and tears and successes and failures behind it.

At the end of the day, we can choose to be bitter, or we can choose to feel accomplished.

I have incredible pride in my school, and all of the achievements the Techer before me have made.

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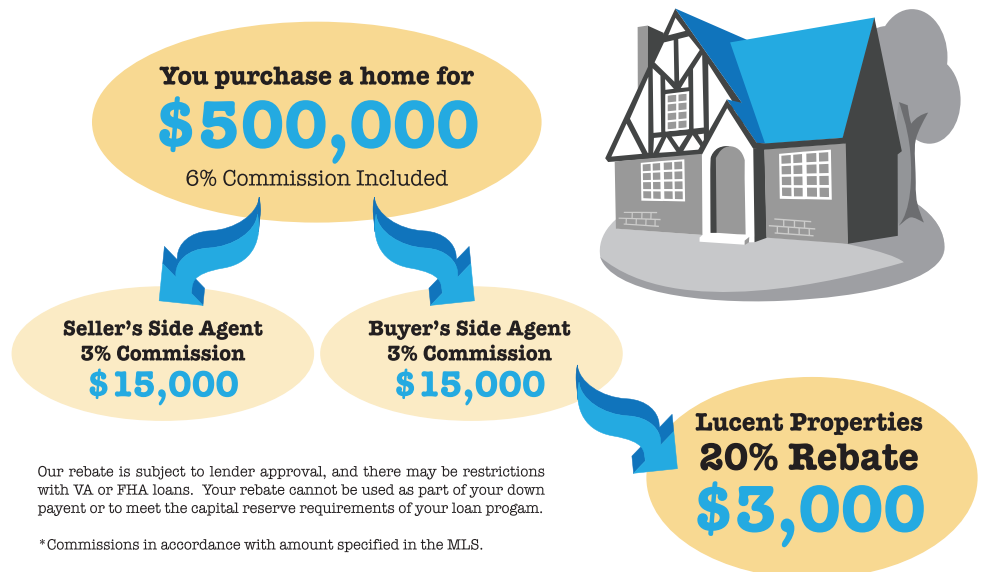
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Alumni voice concerns for future of Ricketts Hovse

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One, a \$20M wrongful death case stemming from the 2009 suicide of former Page President Brian Go; two, CCF [ed. Caltech Christian Fellowship] filed a lawsuit, citing 'no semblance of due process' when the Dean of Students Office decided to PNG (persona non grata) John Skidmore, their mentor of 35-plus years, for alleged misconduct, which CCF maintains was based on 'unsubstantiated and demonstrably false allegations'; three, the decision to PNG Skidmore—who is a public school teacher—has threatened his livelihood, and he is now at great risk of losing his job: as a result, Skidmore is suing Caltech for defamation of character." The alumnus continued, "You can't look at all these lawsuits and tell me they're not affecting Institute Policy at some level. It begs questions that need answering: What is the impact of these lawsuits to the Institute's liability, or other, insurance? Who is the client of the OGC? And perhaps most important: is the fear of lawsuits driving policy that is actually positioning the Institute to become even more increasingly a target of lawsuits, in coming years? Did policy invite these lawsuits, in the first place?"

The recent announcement made by Jason Cerundolo (Blacker, '09) regarding the creation of Student Defense Initiative2, a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide financial support to Caltech undergraduates for legal consultation in instances they feel they may have been taken unfair advantage of by the Caltech administration, echoed the concerns voiced in those comments.

Brendan Dunn (Ricketts '96, Hovse Historian '95) offered his thoughts on the significance of the coffin and wake: "The coffin represents the deceased, Ricketts House. The Executive Committee (Excomm) was deposed in March and members of any previous Excomm were not permitted to serve as representatives of the house in any future elections. Through guilt by association, all Scurves were stripped of membership in Ricketts and had to reapply for membership in the form of writing an essay and engaging in interviews with RAs. At that time, Ricketts House was also told they would be banned from participating in rotation this fall, but that sanction was recently lifted. Apache, a 66-year-old tradition of the house, was non-negotiably banned, even after assurances to the students that it was not considered to be the source of the problem. Other than tearing down the building or leaving it empty, no actions could be more clearly aimed at killing off the House as it has been, and we know the Ricketts we knew deserves a funeral." Bruce Seaman (Ricketts '73) echoed Dunn's disappointment over the banning of Apache.

Wei-Hwa Huang (Ricketts '98 and California Tech Editor '94-'95) provided histake on the significance

of the monetary donation being made in pennies: "The format of the donation is meaningful on several levels. 10,000 is about the same number of undergraduates that have matriculated to Caltech over the years." Huang continued, "While the administration has been mostly static (Dean Kiewiet was Dean during my term at Caltech), undergraduates come and leave, and even influential and memorable ones are soon forgotten, not unlike a penny that passes through our hands. But when taken in aggregate, pennies have weight and are not easily moved. They have value, and although they may be inconvenient to those who must handle them in bulk, must be accepted as legal tender, which calls to mind Ricketts' house motto of 'Take Me As I Am.' But overall, it's because we wanted to do something unique and memorable."

Throughout the ¾-mile procession, onlookers gawked at the spectacle led by drag queen alumnus Jasmine Sekanina (B.S., Ricketts '98, Hovse Secretary '95-'97, and ASCIT Social Director '98), who was wearing platform shoes with 8" spike heels. Alumni distributed one-page flyers to onlookers to explain the purpose of the event, which was nothing short of surreal, bizarre and, to sum up: classically Caltech, in every way. Regardless, the message was unmistakable: the alumni demonstrated a passionate support of solidarity and empathy with the current students. Furthermore, the alumni expressed their great disappointment in the ways by which the administration has investigated alleged wrongdoing, charging that this had resulted in the slandering the reputation of House members and House alumni and involved obtusely-implemented disciplinary measures. More than one undergraduate who expressed gratitude to alumni organizers of the wake did not want to be identified by name in this article for fear of retaliation by the Dean of Students Office.

Alumni attendance was very high for this year's Ricketts Reunion—in excess of 40 alumni from the classes of 1953 to 2012—with many spouses, children and grandchildren also present. The youngest attendee was 10 weeks old. In past years, attendance by Ricketts alumni has typically been ten times smaller. Dr. Mika Nystrom, two-time alumnus of Caltech (M.S. '97 and Ph.D. '01) and, more recently, researcher and lecturer, attended Beer and Brats and had the following comment on the whole situation: "I understand that the administration sometimes is faced with difficult situations that result from the actions of the young people that live on the Caltech campus; at the same time, this is nothing new, and I feel that in the time since I arrived on the campus from MIT in 1994, there has been a general loss of faith and communication between administration and students. In fact when I arrived, I don't think

anyone would have talked about an 'administration' at all. Caltech wasn't that kind of place. I would also emphasize that I know of several alumni and alumni families that refuse to donate money to Caltech or have even written the Institute out of their wills because of the way that the undergraduate culture has been suppressed by the administration. Finally I would add that I believe there is a link, possibly a strong one, between the Institute's ability to treat its undergraduates as adults and their historically stellar academic and post-academic achievement."

A complication arose when Alexandra J. Tobeck (Executive Director, Caltech Alumni Association), who works at the Alumni House, explained through Facebook that the Caltech Fund had received the pennies but that the donation could not be processed, on account of the OGC lacking fund designation. Jason Wiener (Ricketts '97) announced that he would speak on behalf of the alumni organizers, stating that the organizers feared retaliation and wished to remain anonymous. It was decided to have the donation of the anonymous donors directed to the Ricketts House Endowment Fund. In follow-up communications with *The Tech*, Wiener pointed out concern over *NASA v. Nelson* and the apparent vendetta of Caltech (or Caltech's OGC) against former JPL employee Dr. Robert Nelson for having supposedly violated JPL email policy.

After dropping the coffin off at the Alumni House, wake attendees followed the band and reconvened safely at Millikan Pond. Some alumni took a minor detour to pay homage of sorts to the Parsons-Gates Hall of Administration building. Normal reunion activities ensued.

This is a complex issue with many sides and many points-of-view. Events such as this year's 'Beer and Brats' helped illuminate and specifically enumerate the issues that many students and alumni have with the administration and their recent actions. However, not all students and alumni agree with the tactics used or the position itself. One student, who has chosen to remain anonymous in fear of retaliation from other students,

A Memorial and Wake for Ricketts Hovse

Thrown by Concerned Alumni on May 19, 2013

Ricketts Hovse was founded with the other Caltech South Houses in 1931, a generous gift from trustee Louis Davidson Ricketts. This year, the Dean's Office unilaterally took broad disciplinary action against Ricketts that lowered the quality of student life and the trust of both students and alumni in the Caltech administration—immediately, and significantly. The magnitude of this impact is evident in *The California Tech*, in alumni groups on Facebook, and in other forums. While some of the most overreaching punitive measures have been lifted, we are concerned that some others remain with no justification or real community oversight. For example, the 66-year old Apache tradition has come to an abrupt and surprising end. But we are most troubled by the cultural shift we see over the Caltech community as a whole.

We gather this year to eulogize our house and to celebrate our fond memories of it. But we also come with a "call to action" to suggest real and substantive changes to protect the reputation and integrity of our *alma mater* that we cherish so much:

- The *Honor Code Handbook* (<http://bit.ly/17m0WDW>) establishes the due process procedures for students and should be followed. That is, cases such as this one should be sent to the routing group & from there go to the Board of Control (BoC) or the Conduct Review Committee (CRC).
- Since this was not honored, the present case should be sent to the routing group for formal appeal.
- Caltech's commitment to honor and integrity should make disciplinary investigations and sanctions consistent and fair. There should not be "guilt by association".
- Students and alumni should be recognized as important stakeholders. We request a more active role in:
 - changes to or decisions not to follow the *Honor Code Handbook*
 - performance review and selection of Caltech administrators
 - the student life and institute and alumni relations committees of the Board of Trustees
 - changes that impact the Caltech community
- Student life is important enough that the consequence of institutional changes and punishments on student life must be assessed.

Members of the procession handed out this flyer to onlookers.

—Courtesy of Ricketts Alumni

summarized this viewpoint, "I agree that [the administration] acted rashly and harshly in punishing Ricketts, but I can't say it was completely surprising. This is a house that, in recent years, has had sexual harassment complaints and held a "slavery" rotation meal in which black students served as waiters. I think it was wrong to punish individual students who clearly had done nothing wrong, but, if college is meant to prepare us for the real world, then I have to say that, to some extent, a real world punishment has been handed down. The same, or worse, punishment would have been given at any other school. Of course, many have argued that Caltech is a unique place that should be kept special and away from modern trends. I don't really think hazing policies are trends, but I think I understand the sentiment."

One alumnus had this to say: "The fact is, Caltech has evolved with time. Gone are the days when students pranked all the time and expressed themselves however they saw fit, and both sides are to blame. Administrators are stricter, fearing that Caltech will violate modern hazing laws, and students are more timid, more concerned with grades, video games, and television than in the past."

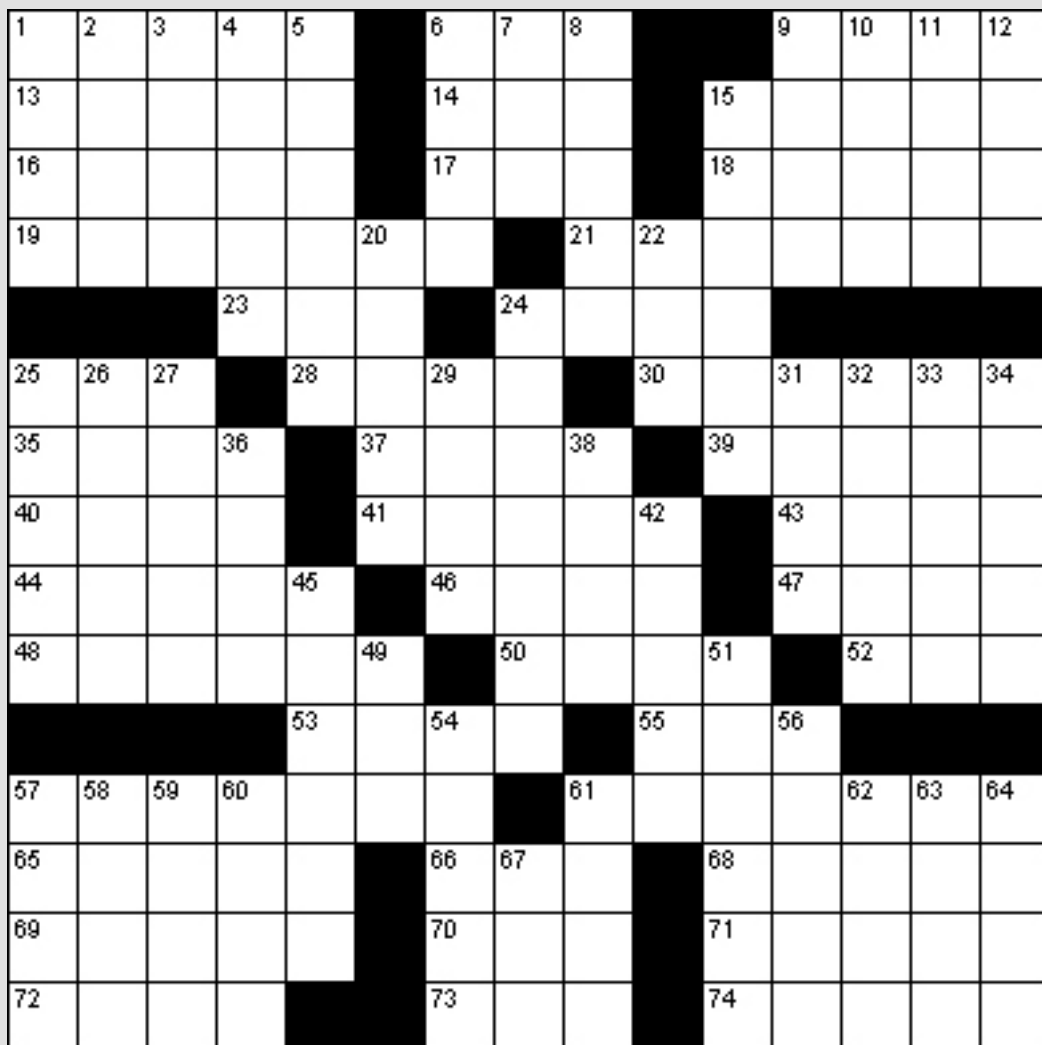
The question, then, is have Caltech's policies evolved appropriately with the times, or have they gone too far? Clearly, the administration has a right to make decisions for the school and students, but has this right

been expressed inappropriately for Caltech's unique tastes? When does student self-governance need to be trumped by a higher power? I am not nearly qualified enough to answer these questions, nor do I believe anyone can answer them clearly and easily. I can say that events like 'Beer and Brats' certainly help raise awareness for the student position, and what will truly help Caltech stay special are the Techers, themselves. Holding unique protests (let's face it, we like to protest), not turning on other Techers (even if they disagree with you), and acting intelligently and levelheaded is the real Caltech way.

The biggest issue, here, is that the administration does not trust the students and the students do not trust the administrators. Both sides need to start seeing the other point of view if any of this is going to get worked out. The fact that people being quoted in this article (from both sides) have chosen to remain anonymous out of fear is ridiculous. We are all smart, good people at the small community that is Caltech, and it's time we started acting like it. If you want to be treated like an adult, don't act like a child. If you want students to respect you, don't patronize them.

Anyways, I guess this is a news article, so, to summarize: 'Beer and Brats' happened, there was a wake, nobody trusts each other, and everybody's unhappy about student life instead of how much work they have. This is definitely not the Caltech way.

Today's Puzzle: Crossword



Across

- 1. Begin
- 6. Health resort near a spring
- 9. Luminescence
- 13. Mischievous fairy
- 14. Assistance
- 15. Solitary
- 16. Arrange to be parallel or straight
- 17. Hawaiian garland
- 18. Kind of puzzle
- 19. Remainder
- 21. Sincere
- 23. Lair
- 24. Muffle
- 25. Condensation
- 28. Mature
- 30. Break out
- 35. Submerged coral ridge
- 37. Compressed matted fabric
- 39. Symbolic emblem
- 40. Relating to the mouth
- 41. Languish
- 43. Smack
- 44. Exists
- 46. Leg joint
- 47. Small open pie
- 48. Permissible difference
- 50. Microbe
- 52. Wily

Down

- 53. Income or profit
- 55. Vitality
- 57. Mild powdered seasoning
- 61. Spray can
- 65. Mistake
- 66. Buddy
- 68. Proverb
- 69. Strainer
- 70. Nocturnal bird
- 71. Writing style
- 72. Finishing line for a foot race
- 73. Tonality
- 74. Church officer

- 20. Become one
- 22. Consumed
- 24. Motley assortment of things
- 25. Oddly comical
- 26. Spooky
- 27. Fabric pattern or structure
- 29. A secret look
- 31. Monetary value
- 32. Book of maps
- 33. Smooth lustrous jewel
- 34. Vacant
- 36. Moved through the air
- 38. Large woody plant
- 42. The courage to carry on
- 45. Sarcasm
- 49. Large ox
- 51. Optical illusion
- 54. Tropical tree
- 56. Good example
- 57. Nuisance
- 58. Song for solo voice
- 59. Homework, in short
- 60. Wander
- 61. Friendly nation
- 62. Grains of rock
- 63. Fiend
- 64. Facial expression of contempt or scorn
- 67. Wonderment

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Techerland: Getting your hair done at J Bev

NINA BUDAeva
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For seniors, the happy, sun-filled third term will shift from anticipation of summer into a three-week series of bittersweet lasts. We have just two weeks before Graduation ceremonies and dinners, so with time running out so quickly we might want to make the most of these memories.

Families come to visit, parties are held, and pictures are taken. Many of us will not only be leaving Caltech, but will also be leaving Pasadena, and maybe even California. Over the past four years, I've not only grown into the Caltech campus but I have also grown into Pasadena itself, to the point where it feels pretty much like a second home. I now have my favorite grocery store, my favorite car wash, my ballet studio, my favorite streets, my favorite hair salon.

I am pretty picky about these things and get very attached to specific stores, brands and services. In high school, I always got my hair cut at one salon from one stylist. She was a favorite with my parents too. When it came time for a haircut Frosh year, I was unable to go home

for the cut, so I spent a long time online scouting out a good salon. I finally found J Beverly Hills.

J Beverly Hills is not only a great salon, it is also an experience and a style. Located at 820 E Green Street, it is just off of Lake Ave within walking distance from campus. In their own words,

“In order to avoid the disapproving look of your mothers, boys, get ahead of the game and get a haircut! For picture day and for the ceremony, a blow-out is one of the best things girls can do, since we'll be wearing caps.”

“We offer luxury services and results that speak for themselves. With our specialized services, the Stylists and Colorists are highly trained individuals with passion and imagination. They are always educated with up to date styles and designs to meet the growing demand of our clientele. Complimentary consultations are offered for every service to create a customized look that compliments your face, highlights your features

and reflects your personality and style. J Beverly Hills® has an exclusive line of Colour and Hair Care Products that are Organically Based, Botanically Infused, and Sulfate & Paraben Free. The products are Stylist Manufactured, Celebrity Requested and Beverly Hills Lifestyle Inspired.”

When you walk into the salon, you immediately feel the stylishness of the place in every detail of the space, from the interior decorating to the smiling hostess to the stylists' wardrobes.

This salon is quite special and has an intimate connection with Beverly Hills.

The head stylist, Yuriy, began as a stylist at the renowned Juan Juan Salon in Beverly Hills. Juan Juan has a heavily star-studded client list

and is a favorite among celebrities as well as locals.

Yuriy quickly became Juan's right hand man, and after 10 years bore the idea of opening his own exclusive J Beverly Hills Product Brand Salon. Together with his wife Acsanna and brother Vagram, he opened the successful Pasadena salon. This salon is the first of several concept salons scattered across the country, all of them representing the J Beverly Hills brand, style and quality.

I highly recommend J Beverly Hills Pasadena, both for regular visits and for one-time treatments and hairdos. I feel very lucky to have found this salon right away as I have been going here ever since and have built a very good connection with my stylist Betty.

This is not just a lucky find in Pasadena. It is such an incredible place that people come to it from afar. I can testify that after my parents saw my first cut from here, they've been getting their hair done only here and not in the Bay Area, so every time they visit, they schedule an appointment with Betty and the exceptional colorist Cory.

The J Beverly Hills product line is also very good. All of their products are herb-based and do just what their labels say and more. Overall, every time I visit J Beverly Hills, I feel that they truly care about making people

look beautiful. Despite their huge nationwide success, the salon is still very personal and has a unique approach for each individual client.

Since graduation is coming up, this is a great time to polish up your look. In photos, the feature that stands out most and ties your look together is not your nails, not even your makeup, but your hair. In order to avoid the disapproving look of your mothers, boys, get ahead of the game and get a haircut!

For picture day and for the ceremony, a blow-out is one of the best things girls can do, since we'll be wearing caps.

Whatever you would like to do to your hair for that fast-approaching day, J Beverly Hills is offering Caltech students (and visiting family members and friends) a special discount!

J Beverly Hills Pasadena will offer \$20 off of any service prices at \$60 or more, if you come in and mention this article and/or that I (Nina) told you about this. Book an appointment and see what other deals they might have!

Take advantage of this offer and your keepsake photos will ensure that you leave with more than rosy memories of your undergraduate years at Caltech.

Leavitt to lead Beavers swim and dive teams



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The Caltech athletics department has named Jack Leavitt as its new head coach of the swimming and diving program.

He will begin transitioning into his role over the next few weeks with a July 1 start date.

Since the program's inception in 1921 he is the 14th person to lead the Beavers program.

He takes the reigns of the squad from Clinton Dodd who is retiring at the end of the school year after

34 years at the helm. Prior to his appointment with the Beavers program, Leavitt served as the assistant coach at the United State Military Academy.

While with the Black Knights he was primarily in charge of training the distance swimmers as well as all aspects of recruitment for the men's team.

In 2013 the Patriot League honored the men's team with the coaching staff of the year award.

"I am honored to be the next swim coach at Caltech. After visiting and speaking with people

on campus, I knew it was a great fit. Everyone in the athletic department and on the academic side had the same vision of success for athletics at Caltech," Leavitt said.

"I am excited to work with exceptional young men and women on the goal of matching our academic success with success in the pool." "I would like to thank Betsy Mitchell and everyone that was part of the search process for affording me with this great opportunity."

Leavitt began his coaching career as an assistant for the

women's program at New York University.

During his two-year stint at NYU, Leavitt helped coordinate the team's recruiting efforts, designed training plans for the swimmers, arranged travel and implemented a strength and conditioning program.

He also helped develop several NCAA Division III All-Americans, and was a member of the 2009 UAA Coaching Staff of the Year. After his time at NYU, Leavitt moved to Boston to work with the Harvard University men's program.

During his time with the Crimson, he worked with all of the groups on deck, learning under US Olympic Coach Tim Murphy.

While in Boston, Leavitt also served as the head coach for the Bay and Ocean State Squids/Crimson Aquatics.

With the club team, Leavitt was responsible for the training and competitive development of more than 100 swimmers in the Gold Medal Swim Club.

He expanded the team from 60 swimmers to over 100 in his first season, and mentored three Junior National qualifiers and one Senior National qualifier.

A four-year standout in the pool at Seton Hall University, Leavitt broke three school records and won the BIG EAST title in the 100-yard backstroke in the 2005 season.

Leavitt, who served as a two-year team captain, was selected MVP of the Seton Hall men's swimming team as a junior.

Leavitt graduated from Seton Hall in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in Communications.

A four-year member of the BIG EAST All-Academic Team, Leavitt was also Dean's List student.

An avid hiker with his dog Penny, Leavitt also enjoys supporting Boston's professional sports teams.

He also enjoys participating in basketball, golf and ultimate frisbee.

Beemer tabbed to lead water polo programs

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The Caltech athletics department has named Pat Beemer as its new head men's and women's water polo coach. He will begin transitioning into his role over the next few weeks with a July 1 start date.

Since the program's inception in 1921 he is the 14th person to lead the Beavers program.

"I accepted the water polo position because of the dynamic change culture occurring at Caltech," Beemer said. "I'm honored that Betsy saw fit to have me lead this program where exponential growth is on the horizon."

Prior to his appointment with the Beavers program, Beemer served as the associate head coach with the Indiana University women's water polo program. During his three seasons with the Hoosiers he helped guide them to 75 wins - including a school record 28 in 2012, a league title and an appearance at the NCAA Championships. In addition to the team successes, he coached four All-Americans and seven CWPA Eastern Division all-league sections.

Before landing in Bloomington, IN, Beemer spent six seasons as the

head coach at Wagner, where he produced a 116-89 overall record, including a 48-16 mark in Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) play. He earned the 2005 and 2010 MAAC Coach of the Year award.

In his time at Wagner, Beemer coached 11 All-MAAC First Team selections, 12 All-MAAC Second Team selections, 29 MAAC All-

Academic honorees, three All-Americans and two Academic All-Americans.

In addition to three regular season conference titles, he guided the squad to berths in the NCAA Championships in 2005 and 2007.

Beemer was also the head coach of the Downey High School Boy's and Girl's Water Polo and Swim teams in his hometown of

Downey, Calif. before taking over at Wagner.

He coached the school to a pair of San Gabriel League Championships in 2001 and 2002, as well as an appearance in the 2003 CIF Semifinals.

Beemer had a successful playing career at the University of California, San Diego as a goalkeeper. He helped the Tritons

to a No. 7 national ranking during his career at UCSD. He graduated from UC San Diego in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in history.

He earned a masters degree in secondary education from Wagner in 2005.

Beemer takes the reigns of the squad from Josh Moser who is pursuing other opportunities within the sport.



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