

Candidacy Statements for ASCIT Positions Interhouse Committee Chair (3 Candidates)

Sarah Crucilla
IHC Chair Candidate

With the release of the Bechtel Residence and Residential Life report, the evolving role of the IHC Chair is to promote clear communication between the eight houses as well as with Bechtel, ultimately making sure all students' voices are heard. I am running for IHC Chair because I believe



I am the best person to do that. I'm hoping my love of the houses, overwhelming desire to ensure the housing system is inclusive, past and current work on campus-wide committees, and ability to mediate discussions between students and administrators will help us create a better Caltech.

In this time of uncertainty, the IHC Chair must serve as a trusted liaison between students, faculty, staff, and administrators. As a member of COUCH, BOC, ASCIT, MHF, and the Title IX Peer Education Committee, I have developed strong relationships with many administrators. I have spent hours in meetings with Joe Shepherd, Felicia Hunt, Kevin Gilmartin among others, tactfully advocating on behalf of the students, ensuring that Bechtel would be a place in which students would want to live, ensuring that all-frosh housing would not be made a reality, and ensuring that student-elected bodies such as IHC and ASCIT have representation and decision-making abilities on the ACRL. As IHC Chair I would continue these level-headed discussions, making sure that through reason, the best possible decisions can be made with, not for, students.

Now, to the largest issue in the room: Rotation. I am committed to making sure Rotation happens, both as a member of the ACRL and as potential IHC Chair. I want houses to stay houses and houses, filled with their quirky cultures and traditions. To many students including myself, the House System and Rotation are two of the reasons I came to and stayed at Caltech.

However, I acknowledge that there are flaws in both of those institutions. There are students who feel isolated. As IHC Chair, I want to continue the work of past IHCs by running simulations to ensure a system that's the most pre-frosh-optimal and the least "gameable", allowing for greater satisfaction and comfort in whichever house a student ends up in. I also want to make sure that the Bechtel option and any additional opt-out options are clearly presented, allowing pre-frosh to make informed choices. However, house input is important. As IHC Chair, I will continue my ACRL work to create a less-judgemental and standardized way for houses to give input on pre-frosh, ensuring everyone is comfortable but no one is unheard. Ultimately, throughout each of these processes, as IHC Chair, I would want to make sure students have a voice and a channel of communication within the decision-making body.

As important as large decisions are, the little things that make people feel comfortable in their homes cannot be ignored. As a member of the COUCH, I worked to make sure needs-based themed housing would be an option for students who want to feel more comfortable in their living environment. I worked with Jon Webster to explore expanding board options to allow for people to cook their own meals. On the ACRL, I am continually working to make sure that these decisions are

Noah Huffman
IHC Chair Candidate

Over the past three years, I have had the good fortune of serving the Caltech community in various capacities, most recently as Ricketts House President. Through these experiences, I have learned much about our student body, faculty, administration, and how they all interact. It goes without saying that we are facing a time of great change, but if we work together to instrument it properly, I believe that change can be for the better. Our student government over the next several years will play a key role in welcoming the Bechtel Residence and its members to campus and creating a living system that everyone can benefit from. Not only will the IHC chair serve as a loud student voice on the Advisory Committee on Residential Life, but will also be responsible for improving our framework of student life long after the ARCL has disbanded. To ensure that we, as a Caltech community, create an undergraduate experience that preserves the triumphs of our current arrangement, while improving its pitfalls, I am committed to maximizing student input in decision making, ensuring that the ARCL takes the voices of students to heart, and building

not forgotten and would tirelessly continue to do so as IHC Chair.

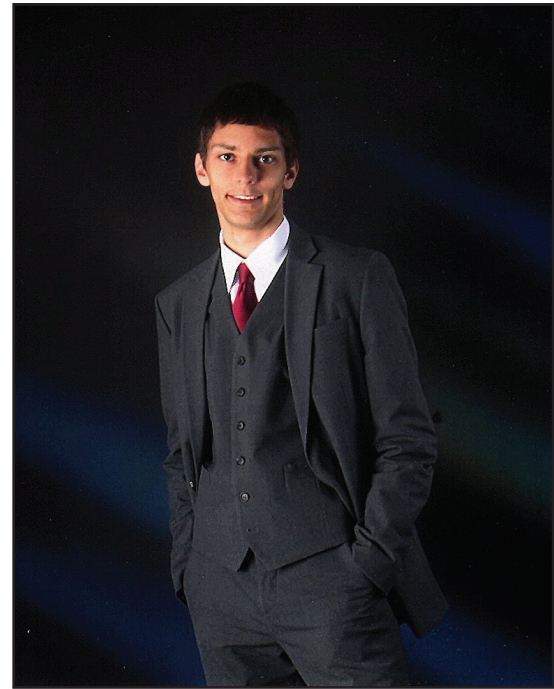
I am also focused on the long-term well-being of the campus; there are so many things as IHC chair I want to do to make it better. I want to continue the conversation about the alcohol policy, working to make sure that student voices are heard with respect to its safety. I want to continue to work to make interhouses safer. I want to integrate a Bechtel representative onto the IHC to make sure the 212 people living there have representation in issues regarding housing. I want to continue conversations on modifying board while continuing to support student-waited dinners. I want the student voices to be heard.

Though each house and each student has different values I want to create a dialogue that supports all members of the campus the best it can.

If you have any questions about my candidacy, the COUCH, or the ACRL, feel free to email me at scrucill@caltech.edu.

a sustainable communications network between students and the other facets of the Caltech community, so that student perspectives regarding important issues can be heard clearly and often.

First, I will make it a priority to incorporate a wide spectrum of student input in decision making. I have been blessed to have many conversations with my peers in the past year about Bechtel, Rotation, and student life at Caltech. While



I treasure the House System and will do everything in my power to ensure its healthy existence, I have heard passionate, persuasive, and reasonable arguments as to why what we have does not work for everyone. No matter how small a population holds a certain opinion, every member of our community deserves to have their voices heard. If we spend the next six months crafting a system that ignores valid concerns with our current regime, then we will still be scrambling to address these same issues five years from now. Rather, I see our current situation as an opportunity to strengthen the House System for those who love it, while improving the lives of those who don't. To create a system that everyone can enjoy for years to come, we cannot afford to ignore anyone. Thus, I plan to actively talk to students with and without roles in our government from all sides of an issue to take the best path forward.

Second, I intend to keep the ALRC committed to keeping the concerns of students at heart, as long as I am a member. To the credit of its current members, The ALRC has been concurrently allocating beds for Bechtel, discussing Rotation changes, and determining what its permanent student representation will look

like. As IHC chair, I plan to continue to push these and other central student issues, so that they are addressed in a considerate and timely manner. Furthermore, I will ensure that the ARCL addresses any vagueness in suggested changes to student life, so that students have a clear sense of what to expect come Fall.

Finally, I plan to work on a communications network to provide a helpful dialogue between students and other members

of the Caltech community that can exist long after my term of service ends. While I respect the well-intentioned motivations behind the sweeping changes to student life, I have issues with how these changes were announced. I, along with many of my peers, felt blindsided by some of the proposed changes. That being said, I have learned that there are many voices

at Caltech that need to be heard to make long-lasting, beneficial change, and that we were unaware of these opinions is in part a failure of the student government, myself included. Thus, in the next year, I will strive to reach out to faculty, staff, and administration on behalf of the students and invite them to participate in student life, and hear student's stories. This not only reduces misunderstandings, but aligns perfectly with Caltech's commitment to broadening the Faculty in Residence program. The more we, as a student body, communicate with other members of the Caltech Community before changes need to be made, the more potent effect our experiences and input will have on any decisions that are made.

We are living through a great change. It is likely that, if elected, I will not fulfil the same duties as my predecessors. However, I believe that staying committed to maximizing student input, keeping the ALRC focused on issues important to students, and improving undergraduate communication with the Caltech community, will guarantee that tomorrow's students enjoy an experience even better than the one we have today.

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Caltech Y Column

CALTECH Y

The Caltech Y Column serves to inform students of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. The list is compiled by Katherine Guo from information given by the Caltech Y and its student leaders.

Founded by students in 1916, the Y was organized to provide extracurricular activities planned and implemented by students as an opportunity to learn leadership skills and discover themselves. The mission of today's Y remains the same—to provide opportunities that will prepare students to become engaged, responsible citizens of the world. The Y seeks to broaden students' worldviews, raise social, ethical, and cultural awareness through teamwork, community engagement, activism, and leadership. More information about the Caltech Y and its programs can be found at <https://caltechy.org>. The office is located at 505 S. Wilson Avenue.

Upcoming Events

Costa Rica Alternative Spring Break Trip

Saturday, March 17th through Sunday, March 25th (9 days) | Cost: \$950

Applications Due: by Noon on November, 22nd

The Caltech Y is excited to seek applicants for our 2017 Alternative Spring Break trip to Costa Rica. Join other Caltech students for a conservation focused spring break trip this year. On the Costa Rica trip we will be working with a host organization OSA Conservation www.osaconservation.org – which is dedicated to protecting the globally significant biodiversity of Costa Rica's Osa Peninsula. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to explore another part of our planet and make a tangible difference in the world.

Trips fees include transportation, lodging, and most food. The Costa Rica Alternative Spring Break trip is coordinated by the Caltech Y and has been made possible thanks to generous funding from the Frank and Elsie Stefanko Fund, the George Housner Fund, Caltech Student Affairs, and the Caltech Y. Spaces are limited.

Visit http://caltechy.org/programs_services/areas/asb/ for applications and more information.

The Caltech Y Social Activism Speaker Series presents:

Solving Climate Change: From Policy to Personal

Thursday | November 30th | 4:00 to 6:00 PM | Location: TBD

The Caltech Y Social Activism Speaker Series is hosting a panel with members of the Citizens' Climate Lobby, a non-partisan volunteer organization dedicated to national policy to address climate change.

Climate change is one of the most pressing issues facing humanity. While the impacts of emissions up to now will be felt potentially for decades, significant policy changes are required in the immediate future to address greenhouse gas emissions and reverse the warming

trend in the long term. Passing legislation to deal with this pressing issue however, remains a problem. CCL campaigns for the passage of a Carbon Fee and Dividend bill designed to tax carbon emissions and return carbon dioxide to its pre-1990s levels. This discussion will feature a panel of CCL members from a variety of backgrounds each of whom will bring their perspective to this issue. Each panel member will talk about their views and then take questions from the audience.

Presentations are intended to introduce one perspective in order to stimulate thought and to provide a forum for respectful dialogue and examination. The views expressed by speakers are solely those of the speakers. Presentations do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the California Institute of Technology or the Caltech Y and should not be taken as an endorsement of the ideas, speakers or groups.

Decompression 2.0

Friday | December 1st | 3:00 to 5:00 PM | Center for Student Services

We made the move... Decompression is now an end of the week stress reliever with activities, snacks and entertainment. Don't go into finals week stressed out. Join us at the end of class week for a little break before studying. A variety of drinks and snacks, entertainment and activities will be provided.

Caltech Y Explore LA Series The Broad Museum

Sunday | December 3rd | 2:30 PM | Cost: \$5 | Transportation Included

Sign-up starting Thursday, 11/16 at the Caltech Y

Join us on a visit to The Broad with the Caltech Y! The Broad is a contemporary art museum founded by philanthropists Eli and Edythe Broad. Designed by Diller Scofidio + Renfro in collaboration with Gensler, the museum is home to 2,000 works of art from the Broad collection, which is among the most prominent holdings of postwar and contemporary art worldwide, and presents an active program of rotating temporary exhibitions and innovative audience engagement. The 120,000-square-foot building features two floors of gallery space and is the headquarters of The Broad Art Foundation's worldwide lending library, which has actively loaned collection works to museums around the world since 1984. With in-depth representations of influential contemporary artists like Jean-Michel Basquiat, Barbara Kruger, Cy Twombly, Ed Ruscha, Kara Walker, Christopher Wool, Jeff Koons, Joseph Beuys, Jasper Johns, Cindy Sherman, Robert Rauschenberg, and more, plus an ever-growing representation of younger artists, The Broad enriches, provokes, inspires, and fosters appreciation of art of our time. This offer is for students only; however, students purchasing tickets are permitted to purchase tickets for up to one guest each – and that guest can be a non-student. Explore LA is coordinated by the Caltech Y. The Caltech Y is located in the Tyson House 505 South Wilson (Bldg. 128).

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Pasadena LEARNS

Every Friday | 3:00 - 5:00 PM | Pasadena

Come volunteer at Washington Middle and Elementary STEAM School! We are partnered with the Pasadena LEARNS program and work with their Science Olympiad team or do regular tutoring along with occasional hands-on science experiments. Transportation is provided.

For more information and to RSVP, contact azhai@caltech.edu. Eligible for Federal Work Study.

Hathaway Sycamores

Every Monday | 5:45 - 8:00 PM | Highland Park

Volunteer at Hathaway Sycamores, a group that supports local underprivileged but motivated high school students. There are a variety of ages and subjects being tutored. The service trip includes about 40 minutes of travel time and 1.5 hours of tutoring. Transportation is included.

For more info and to RSVP email Elisabeth at egallmei@caltech.edu. Eligible for Federal Work Study.

Mentors for L.I.F.E

Volunteer times: 2:45 - 5:00 PM at various locations in Pasadena

Stressed out by school? Step outside the Caltech bubble and mentor tweens who've yet to even consider college. Things you could do: Build a baking soda and vinegar volcano, read a book aloud, play sports or board games, teach the alphabet of another language, do a craft. Having a mentor makes an at-risk student 55% more likely to attend college, 78% more likely to volunteer regularly, and 130% more likely to hold a leadership position. Interested? If you have 180 seconds, you can watch this video and be inspired. If you have an hour a week, you can mentor someone and be their inspiration. If you feel unqualified, don't worry. Ultimately, mentoring is about being a consistent, dependable friend—not a surrogate parent or psychiatrist.

To get started, contact noelle@caltech.edu.

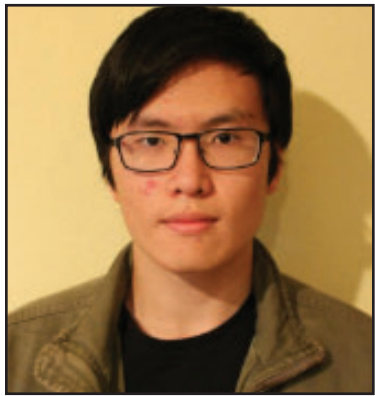
Interhouse Committee Chair (3)

Sean Yu
IHC Chair Candidate

We live in a time where the very nature of our house system is in jeopardy. The next IHC chair may become the captain of a sinking ship. Despite this, I am willing to take the responsibility. I see main three reasons for why I should be chair.

First and foremost, I am firm believer in the house system.

I will do as much as I can to fight for a system that preserves house



identity, culture, and traditions. However, I also recognize administration's concerns and I have the capacity to negotiate reasonably. Second, I believe that one of the largest issues facing the house system today is the fact that the houses divide us. I personally want to champion events and programs that promote interhouse interactions. I think that these efforts to break down barriers would improve the quality of student life on campus. Thirdly,

I represent a wide range of students on campus. While we seem to be unified locally (e.g. within

certain communities or houses), on a global level we can have very different opinions on many issues—especially involving the house system. I will be an effective liaison between the diverse perspectives we have here at Tech.

In the positions that I have held, I have committed myself to go above and beyond. As Page house BoC rep, I have made an effort to be as involved as I could with cases. As a TA for CS 21, I put in extra hours to create additional study guides, thereby establishing a positive paradigm that other TAs have followed.

As the president of Caltech Poker Club, in the span of 10 weeks I transformed an idea into a legitimate organization. Through my leadership and dedication we have obtained corporate sponsors, established a strong advertising presence on campus, and run successful events.

I am a firm believer in the house system as it stands right now. I believe that strong house identities and distinct house cultures create invaluable, supportive communities for students on campus. I will fight for anything that would help preserve these communities.

However, I also recognize that the house system has flaws. I know that houses can cause social divisions in the undergraduate population. Anecdotally, people find it difficult to meet new people outside their house—often to the detriment of their social life. This

is something that I have personally worked towards throughout the past two terms, by actively appearing as a guest at various house dinners and reaching through Caltech Poker Club as an interhouse organization.

A daunting responsibility for the next IHC chair will be to negotiate with Joe Shepherd and the ACRL in order to reach a decision on rotation. I believe I am the best equipped to handle this responsibility: I am a staunch supporter of current system of rotation. When the decision first came out I was one of few people in the north houses actively involved with the Caltech Cared movement. On the other hand, I also recognize Joe Shepherd's concerns. If elected, I will work towards a reasonable compromise with administration without appearing too hardline or aggressive. No matter what ends up getting decided with rotation, I promise I will work hard to ensure that it runs smoothly regardless of how much I agree with it or not.

As chair, here are some specific initiatives I will push for: I will create a monthly IHC newsletter to keep the student body updated. I will establish a system where people could anonymously submit feedback to the IHC. I will start to plan with the eight house presidents to organize a set of events to promote interhouse interactions.

Thank you for considering my candidacy for this position. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to me at ssyu@.



members of our community. Thank you for your consideration, and best of luck on your finals (may they be reasonable in time limit and difficulty).

Conduct Review Committee Co-Chair (2 Candidates)

Harel Dor
CRC Co-Chair Candidate

Hi Techers! I'm Harel Dor (Dabney '20), and I'm happy to announce my candidacy for CRC Co-chair. I'm now entering my second year as Dabney's CRC rep, and I'm incredibly proud of the work I've been able to do in this position. The CRC exists to protect members of the Caltech community, not punish them, and to this end I feel that in my time as a CRC rep, I've been able to influence CRC decisions in order to make them benefit all parties involved as much as possible. I prioritize treating defendants more equitably, while still protecting the community from further violations of the Honor Code. I've sat nearly every case that's occurred during my tenure and am always eager to sit new cases as they arise. This eagerness stems from the fact that while these hearings are difficult and the discussions emotionally taxing, I come out of each case feeling that I've fought for the best outcome possible.

With the current CRC Co-chair graduating this year, I'm ready to take up the mantle and serve to do my part to protect the trust and freedoms that drew me to Caltech in the first place. The CRC Co-chair performs many

duties throughout the process of a case, each of which is essential to ensuring that proceedings are fair to all involved. Caltech needs a competent, dedicated CRC Co-chair to fill this important role, and I can see myself excelling in the position. I've already gained a wealth of experience defending the Honor Code and our values as a community in my work as a CRC rep and on other committees, such as the COUCH Committee on New Houses. I feel ready to continue working to these ends as the CRC Co-chair, and to do my best to promote the respectful and equitable treatment of the

Cody Lim
CRC Co-Chair Candidate

The Honor Code is one of the most beautiful aspects of Caltech. There hasn't been any other point of my life during which I could place so much trust in my peers, and vice versa. This atmosphere of comradery, transparency, and honesty is unparalleled; it's one of the primary factors that convinced me to apply to Caltech in the first place. To preserve this, I joined the CRC to serve as a representative during my sophomore year. Since then, I have come to greatly appreciate the systems in place for upholding the honor code at Caltech. The CRC is a student-driven committee, where all investigations are held by a jury substantially comprised of peers. This helps to encourage decisions that will more directly benefit the Caltech community through rehabilitation, rather than through strictly punitive measures.

However, being under investigation for a potential honor code violation can be an extremely stressful, anxiety-inducing process, with adverse effects on mental health, even if no violation was committed. I know this first hand, from both sides of the investigation table. Because of these experiences, my priority as CRC student co-chair

Board of Control Chair (1)

Christopher Johnstone
BoC Chair Candidate

The honor code is the reason that Caltech is great. The freedom to take exams when and where we want or the freedom to collaborate and learn together on problem sets relies on trust. It is extraordinary that in addition to students trusting each other to uphold the honor code, the faculty also trust students and the BoC to uphold the honor code. I'm running for BoC chair in order to continue this important work.

As BoC chair, I'll interface with professors, students, administrators,

and defendants in order to fairly hear cases. As BoC secretary, I've also had experience in addressing the concerns and needs of defendants throughout their cases. Finally, I will work to continue the culture of trust in the honor code we have at Caltech.



Off-Campus CRC Rep (1)

Catrin Murphy
Off-Campus CRC Rep

I'm running for off-campus CRC rep because the honor code is something that is a strong reason I chose to come to Caltech, and I would like to do my best to see it upheld in a manner that is fair to students on both sides of any dispute. Also, nobody else signed up and I like to think I wouldn't do a terrible job.

Jokes aside, I will do my best to be as fair as possible and to do my job as a CRC rep to the best of my ability.



would be to advocate for students' access to mental health support networks to reduce the stress of the entire process as much as possible. This advocacy would extend through the entire process, from preliminary hearing, and ending well after any decision is made. For example, I would push for CRC reps to receive mental health and counseling training in how to help out those currently being investigated, and how to potentially reach out in the future to make sure people have good mental health and demonstrable rehabilitation after the fact. This would be to help ensure that students both learn from any violations of the honor code they may have committed in a productive, positive manner. The primary goal of the CRC is not to punish those who violate the Honor Code, but rather to help educate and rehabilitate those that do so that they may re-enter the Caltech community and embrace the Honor Code fully.

In addition, I would act as an effective liaison for student culture and rights, especially to faculty members present in CRC hearings. I believe that, especially during times of friction between the student body and administration, it is important that the acting student co-chair advocate for

those that may be misunderstood by faculty due to some lack of knowledge about student culture. Through my nearly three years of interacting with the Deans on committees such as the ARC and the CRC, I am confident that I can advocate for students' rights and communicate student culture during hearings, promoting just verdicts and preventing overly harsh/misguided judgments from faculty regarding student life and culture.



If you have any questions, feel free to message me on Facebook, or email me at clim@caltech.edu; I would love to engage in conversations regarding my thoughts on the CRC and implementation of the Honor Code at large.

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Copies of last year's prizewinning writing are stored in CaltechTHESIS, and they can be viewed by following links from this writing center webpage: <http://writing.caltech.edu/community/prizes>

Submission Guidelines:

Deadline: April 6th, 2018

Only currently enrolled full-time students may submit. Entries should be double-spaced PDFs. Winners will be announced in June, and winners' names will be in the commencement program. Winning writing will be archived using CODA through the Caltech Library. Email entries to Cecilia Lu at cecilial@caltech.edu, noting the prize to which you are applying in the email subject and filename.

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Men's epee caps perfect season with conference championship

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Actual Sports Content Editor

PASADENA (Feb. 26, 2018) – The Caltech men's fencing Epee squad became the Intercollegiate Fencing Conference of Southern California champions for the first time since the conference's 1968 inception over the weekend. Caltech finished second in the combined standings for a second year in a row (epee, foil, saber).

Theepeesquad, consisting of senior captain Ethan Lo, senior Spencer Strumwasser, junior Qifan Wang and rookie Zimo Zhu, in addition to freshman Ethan Jaszewski went a combined 102-16 on the year to dominate the league and win 14 individual matches against the conference's seven other schools, the likes of which includes the University of California Los Angeles, the University of Southern California and the University of California Santa Barbara and others. The Beavers' most dominant epee victory came in a 9-0 triumph over the University of California Riverside.

"The team really pulled together this year, overcoming injuries and illness especially

the last team event this weekend at UCI, leaving us with a short team of two fencers." Head Coach Carla Corbit said. "Normally we would have three plus an alternate. Ethan Lo and Zimo Zhu fought hard through the last tournament holding on to our lead and finishing off all the team matches undefeated. I was so happy that they accomplished this with two seniors on the team, an amazing finish for their four years of work."

The men's foil team, meanwhile lifted the Beavers' cumulative ranking with a second-place conference finish. The team consisting of sophomore Evan Yu and freshman Andrew Chan pulled ahead of the University of California Irvine in the final conference match of the season. Caltech secured nine victories against IFCSC schools, which amounted to 71 individual wins. The saber team, led by junior Aaron Shih and newcomers Jim Zhang and Amol Patil finished fourth in the league with seven conference wins and 71 individual victories. The success of the foil and saber teams is further indicative of the growth in depth this year's fencing team saw.



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Several men's swimmers Named to All-SCIAC, Hughes men's Coach of the Year



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LAGUNA NIGUEL, Calif. (Feb. 28, 2018) – The Caltech men's swimming and diving team qualified more all-SCIAC swimmers than they have in recent memory at the 2018 SCIAC Championships. The Beavers' string of impressive performances helped earn Head Coach Paul Hughes and his staff SCIAC Coaching Staff of the Year honors for a second consecutive year on the men's side, as voted on by the conference's coaches.

All-SCIAC selections on the men's side include sophomore Thomas Gallup, junior Henry Steiner, junior Jonathan Willett, junior Dylan Lu, freshman Alex Janosi and freshman Andy Rothstein. Gallup made four trips to the podium, the most of any Caltech swimmer this year. Steiner's butterfly helped him to

spots on the Beavers' two third-place relay teams in the 200 and 400 Medley Relay, as was the case with Willett, Caltech's freestyle anchor. With Gallup also having a role on both teams with his patented breaststroke, Lu and Rothstein split the backstroke on the 400 and 200 respectively. Janosi, meanwhile grabbed second place in the men's 200 Free in addition to one of many school records the Beavers set over the course of the weeklong meet.

The Beavers once again came back to Pasadena with a sixth-place finish in the conference, though this time with 420 total points, 79 more than the prior year and needing just 28 points to upend Occidental College for fifth in the SCIAC. Caltech's improvement under Hughes and his staff is evident in the point total increase in addition to the wide array of all-conference recognitions.

Gallup, Percin invited to NCAA's

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Actual Sports Content Editor

PASADENA (Mar. 1, 2018) – The 2018 Caltech men's and women's swimming & diving teams will have not one, but two Beavers represent the program at the 2018 NCAA Division III National Championships.

Sophomore Thomas Gallup and junior Brittany Percin have each been invited to compete at the national championship meet on the heels of their respective performances at the SCIAC Championships last week. Gallup represented the Beavers last year but Percin will have the opportunity to represent the women this year and become the first female national meet representative since Sue Rosick in 1983 back when swim & dive was an NAIA program. Thus, Percin will go down as the first Caltech woman to compete at the national meet in the NCAA era when she competes in the 500 Free, 200 Free and 200 Fly.

"I am honored to represent Caltech on the national level this year," Percin said. "Our entire team has been working incredibly hard this year and it is exciting to build



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on our accomplishments from the SCIAC Championship."

Gallup returns to the national meet after last year scoring the first points for Caltech at the national meet since 1983. This year he returns thanks to a standout showing in the 100 Breast and also picked up a win in the 200 Breast at this year's SCIAC Championships for his third SCIAC title in two years. This year he will look to improve on last year's NCAA performance where he took 11th in the 100 Breast.

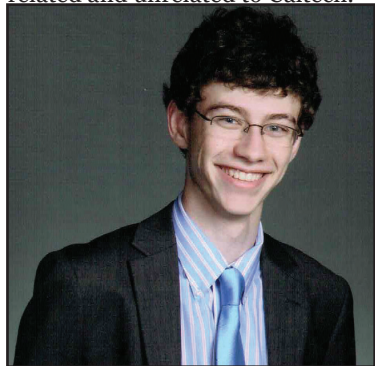
"I am really excited to head to NCAA's this year and represent Caltech as more than just an individual, but alongside a teammate," Gallup said. "It is amazing to see our presence as a team grow, not only at the SCIAC, but national level as well and I am so proud of all the work this team has done this year!"

The 2018 NCAA Division III National Championships will take place from Mar. 21-24 at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis, Ind.

Tech Editors (3 Candidate Teams)

Jon Cotler
Tech Editor Candidate

Jon has worked on *The Tech* since the beginning of his freshman year, and has been the editor-in-chief of *The Tech* for the past two years. He has experience with Adobe InDesign, and has helped to manage the layout of the newspaper on a weekly basis, along with reporting on on-campus news events. He feels that *The Tech* is an important resource for keeping both students and faculty up to date on important events, both related and unrelated to Caltech.



As the current editor in chief of *The Tech*, Jon has extensive experience dealing with a wide range of issues, ranging from layout to editing, from reporting

Marcus Dominguez-Kuhne
Tech Editor Candidate

RevComm Note: This statement was submitted late

Be a meeper not a sleeper.



BoC Secretary (1)

Megan Durney
BoC Secretary Candidate

The Honor Code is essential to the intimate, trusting culture here at Caltech. Academically, this system allows us amazing privileges like take-home exams, collaborative sets, and increased trust between students in faculty in general. It's remarkable that we can share such trust campus-wide!

Key to keeping the Honor Code thriving are our community standards and active student involvement, such as via the BoC. Because the trust and closeness at Caltech are so important to me and are very beneficial to the community at large, I am running for BoC Secretary to help preserve and promote the Honor Code.

As secretary, I would take thorough notes of case proceedings and then write confidential reports detailing the board's decision. Furthermore, I would serve as an interface between defendants, the rest of the BoC,

and publishing. Jon also has a team of nine additional page editors to work with to ensure that they can continue to produce a high quality publication.

As a group, we will continue to ensure that students' voices are heard and that *The Tech* remains a source through which students can discuss important and relevant topics. We hope *The Tech* can continue to be a discussion point to be questioned and challenged by the audience. We always welcome student feedback and new contributors, and we will make an effort to include everyone on campus. An important facet of journalism is to keep this community connected by sharing news and providing an outlet for student opinions.

We are all committed to maintaining the professionalism of *The Tech* and upholding the standards of a college newspaper. We have all been regular contributors to *The Tech* and are willing to put in the time and effort necessary to put out a great paper every week.

and administration. Thus, for a secretary, being approachable,



supportive, thoughtful, and able to facilitate communication are important qualities. As a UCC and BoC Rep, I have strived to embody these traits, and I will continue to pursue them as BoC Secretary.

The trust allowed by the Honor Code is invaluable, and I want to pour my efforts into maintaining it as BoC Secretary.

Sophie Piao, Amrita Rhoads, Milan Roberson, and Daniel Xu
Tech Editors Candidates

First, a reminder of the context and controversy surrounding last year's election for Tech Editor. The incumbents, Gatherine Kuo, and definitely not Jon Cotler, ran a hit piece against the candidacy of Sophie, Dan, and Milan in the Humour section, reproduced below.

Why is Tech Editor an Elected Position?

G. Kuo

This has been a mystery for me for a while. Well, the thing that I really wonder about is what if the "incumbent" editors lost? Would we train the winning team? What would stop us from just going "here's the combo to the room, figure the rest out yourself." I suppose elections for Tech editor could prevent abuses of "power", like pandering toward our personal interests...Speaking of power--Sophie, Dan, and Milan, I really enjoyed your candidacy statement, but I have to say that us editors (well, except the sports editor, hmmm) have already chosen to forgo getting a salary in



the best interests of the paper, and even then we don't have money (??). Would love any suggestions.

Anyway, regardless of the outcome of this very contentious election, I wholeheartedly welcome Sophie, Dan, and Milan to the newspaper team. We meet most Thursdays at 5pm in the SAC!

Love, definitely not Jon Cotler.

After many well-reasoned complaints about the incumbent Tech Editors abusing the power and privileges of their office to influence an election they were standing in, RevComm replied with a toothless email, reproduced below.

Hi All,

Multiple concerns were reported with respect to the Tech's short editorial "Why is Tech Editor an Elected Position?"; specifically, that it uses ASCIT funds allocated to the Tech in a way which could potentially influence the election, and uses knowledge of the opponent's candidate statement, both advantages not readily available to the other candidate team.

RevComm has determined that while this editorial was inappropriate, this was an attempt at humor that was not intended to affect the election or to be taken as a serious piece. Students can join the Tech Editorial team at any time, so Katherine was under the impression that she, Jon, Sophie, Milan, and Dan could all be

editing together regardless. She thought that this was common knowledge, and as such thought that an humor editorial joking about Tech Editor election would be seen as amusing by the undergraduate

population.

We are forwarding a clarification from Katherine:

"About three things I was absolutely positive. First, Jon was a vampire. Second, anyone could be a Tech editor and join anytime.

And third, the Tech editor election held no weight in the production of the newspaper."

Best,
Revcomm

From last year's abuse of the power of the incumbent Tech Editors running for reelection, to the ineffectual response of RevComm, it is clear that if the students of Caltech want to change our newspaper, we will have to grab that change at the polls.

If elected, we will take the Tech in a bold new direction. We propose:

- a 4 page limit to reduce printing costs
- a hard limit of 2 articles per issue to ensure that only the highest quality journalism is distributed
- Interviews with new members of administration, clarifying their opinions on matters important to the student body. We believe that the current Tech Editors gravely missed a vital opportunity to help Caltech learn about our new Provost.
- a hand-curated mail order catalogue of about 5 items—like SkyMall but with Amazon. We will show you things you didn't even know you needed!

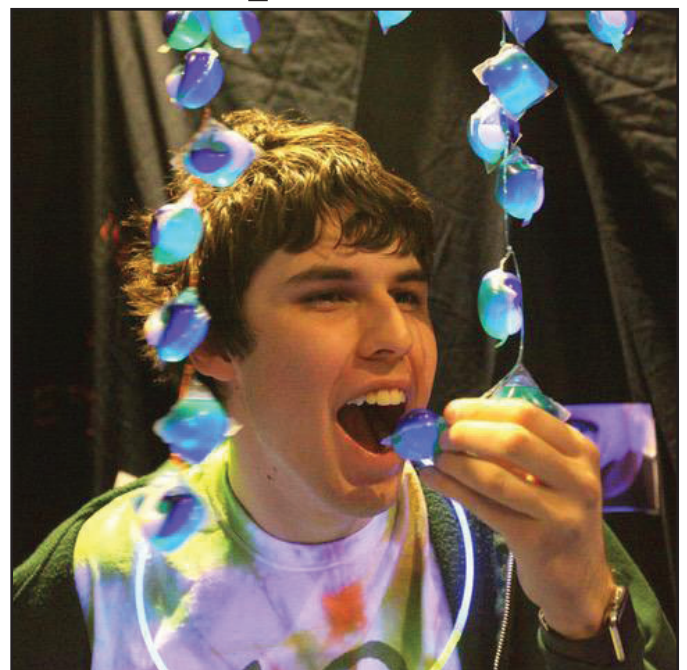
We will keep the best parts of the Tech: the comics and sports with captions. The remaining space will be filled with crossword puzzles, word searches, sudoku, KenKen, and other puzzles and brainteasers to distract you from the pain that is Caltech. Additionally, letters to the editors must be 280 characters or less. If the President can dictate national policy within this limit then you can voice your concern within this limit too. Finally, we will forego our salaries as Tech Editors, student waiters, and TAs to fund prizes for weekly raffles within the Tech in order to promote readership, which has historically been abysmal.

Off-Campus BoC Representative (1)

Nicholas Currault
Off-Campus BoC Rep Candidate

I am Nicholas Currault, a frosh in Dabney Hovse running for off-campus BoC Rep. I believe that the honor code and the general atmosphere of trust that it creates are the best parts of Caltech and were the top reasons for my decision to come here. I would like to be a BoC Rep to contribute to these positive effects by ensuring both that the honor code is applied fairly and that students are able to learn about the BoC's process and seek support.

More specifically to the off-campus BoC rep, I think it is important to have an off-campus representative so that students who are unaffiliated or not as involved with their houses have someone to consult about a BoC case. I think I am pretty approachable in general



and so can fill this roll. Feel free to message or email me (ncurrault@caltech.edu) if you have any questions.

ASCIT Minutes

Meetings are every week in SAC 13

ASCIT Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes for March 2, 2017. Taken by Dana He.

Officers Present: Sakthi Vetrivel, Rachael Morton, Sarah Crucilla, Alice Zhai, Dana He

Guests: Amrita, Julian Sanders, Helena Shield

Call to Order: 4:40 pm

President's Report (Sakthi):

- ACRL meeting. Discussed how to allocate rooms in Bechtel. Minutes are online. Next step is to finalize room allocation process and come up with initial number of freshman to live in Bechtel.
- Would like to review bylaws for ASCIT/IHC appointments.

Officer's Reports:

V.P. of Academic Affairs (Kavya):

- Student-faculty lunches were on Tuesday and Wednesday and went well, were able to accept everyone who asked for a spot at the lunch since Tom gave MOSH SFL funding and CDS started offering much cheaper deal.
- Research Seminar Series planning is underway with the GSC Academics Chair. Research list with year-round professors and info about their labs (what coursework is useful beforehand, what years do they take, current students in their lab, etc.) will be coming out soon.
- Looking at expanding Millikan Study Sessions to non-core classes that are very large to offer more support in addition to office hours (a good example would be CS155 this term with ~190 students).
- Course compliments on ARC website. Submit a compliment to win lunch with the professor you nominated.
- Working on updating the student guide to TQFRs last term.
- Have planned out what the Olive Walk display case will look like, plan to regularly update with events, etc., should be up soon!

V.P. of Non-Academic Affairs (Rachael):

- IHC has been talking a lot about freshman room allocations for Bechtel based on surveys for number of people unsatisfied with rotation (5-7%, ~20 people). Would like more information from housing about lottery numbers to help decide.
- Title IX had a meeting because interhouses have had a lot of inappropriate incidents recently.

Director of Operations (Sara):

- Not in attendance.

Treasurer (Sarah):

- Would like to meet to discuss ditch day and interhouse funding allocations.
 - Proposal from Dabney House and Ruddock for puppies and reptiles event on March 13th during finals week to help relieve stress.
 - Proposal from Page and Fleming House for Pass/Fail party.
- Social Director (Alice):**
- ASCIT movie night: Initially bought 293 tickets, but ended up buying more tickets. Total turnout was 393.
 - Be a Kid Again Day was successful, had a total turnout of around 400.
 - Will sell ASCIT formal tickets by end of next week.
 - Pi day on March 14th at 1:59 am.
 - Considering doing a petting zoo or Escape Room event in April.
- Secretary (Dana):**
- Nothing to report.

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: 5:24 pm

ARC Minutes 3.4.2018

Present: Kavya Sreedhar, Arushi Gupta, Allison Tang, Michael Yao, Andrew Zhou, Alejandro, Vibha Vijaykumar, Erika Salzman

Minutes submitted by: Allison Tang and Shreya Ramachandran

1. Programming

- Student Faculty Lunches (SFLs): went well; high attendance
- Course Concerns: adding more ARC reps to Course Concerns
- Course Compliments: 3 new ones will be posted on ARC website
- UG+Grad Student Research Seminars: will launch next term; will do round table discussions of research during lunch
- Research List: profs were sent the email to update their entry on the list
- Millikan Student Sessions: got list of highly enrolled classes next term; might be useful to extend Millikan study sessions to CS24, CS38 and maybe ACM95b and ACM112

2. Projects

- TQFR Improvement: meeting tomorrow at CTLO to work on TQFR guide; trying to make guide less text-heavy

3. Miscellaneous

- Olive Walk Display Case: start next term, weekly/biweekly updates

The ARC website at arc.caltech.edu has more information about what the ARC does if you are interested. We meet every Sunday at 11am in SAC13 and our meetings are open to everyone! If you have any questions, please feel free to email ksreedha@caltech.edu.



ARC Tip of the Week

Meet with your adviser to satisfy your adviser meeting requirement, which needs to be satisfied to enroll in spring term.

Crossword

Across

- Bother
- Electric lamp
- Analyze
- One time only
- Continent
- Imperial decree
- Large predatory feline
- Fermentation sediment
- Closely constrained
- Type of fin
- Platter
- Relating to the nervous system
- Selects
- Inspection of accounting records
- Seer
- Sacred song
- Rend
- Rant
- Kind of buggy
- Large box with a lid
- Type of color or pigment
- Part of the eye
- Let for money
- Printing machine
- Inundation
- Reddish brown
- Foes
- Depending on chance
- Move or progress freely

- Grabbed
- Separated
- Endure
- Type of carbonated drink
- Small boat
- Sickness and fever
- Not in favor of
- Concluded
- Spool
- Not as much

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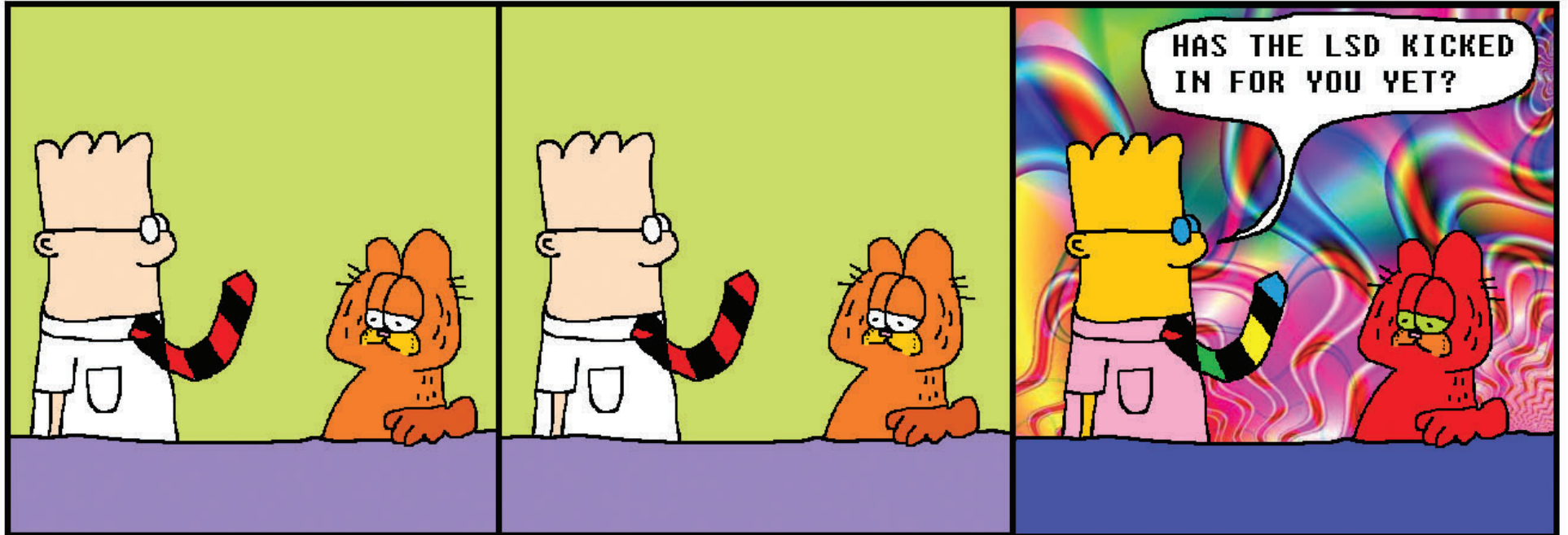
- Crease
- Jointure
- Set of twenty members
- Sultry
- Narrative poem
- Employ
- Prevaricated
- Introductory
- Writer
- Snow runner
- Droop
- Type of wood
- So far
- Starch resembling sago
- Limited in duration
- Supple
- Paddle
- Frighten
- Fairies
- Outstanding tournament players
- Between 12 and 20

- Group of lions
- Sea nymph
- Nimble
- Herb with daisylike flower
- Wicker fishing basket
- Total
- Languish
- Ultra
- Talented
- Chromatic color
- Relating to the sun
- Layer in the stratosphere
- Thaws
- Pay
- Rostrum
- Playing card
- Sweeping camera movement
- Conjunction
- Fish eggs
- Litigate

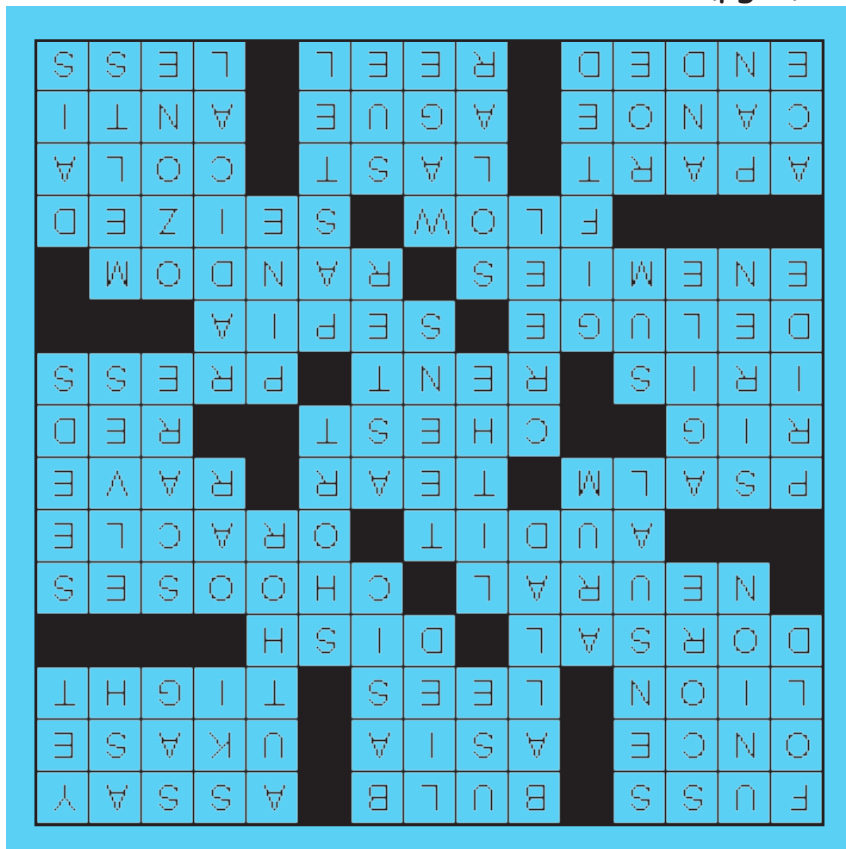
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DILBERT VS. GARFIELD

BY GREG MARLEENS



Answers to current crossword (pg 7)



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