The Hot Rivet

JOE SHEPHERD

ASERTS CONTROL

CARTRER WALKRITE

Field Reporter

In the early morning hours of last night, forces loyal to the VPSA stormed SAC-15, the Tech room and all the rooms of the House presidents. The underfunded ASCIT defense forces were ordered by the BOD to lay down their arms after a short symbolic exchange of fire as to limit the bloodshed. As of this afternoon the whereabouts of the House presidents remains unkown but according to an Office of Strategic Communications press release the Presidents have been taken to a leadership retreat “for their own protection.”

According to early reports, several members of the IHC, ACRL and ASCIT were tipped off 12 hours in advance of the coup. This early warning allowed major portions of the ASCIT government to escape campus and set up a government-in-exile in PCC. The leadership of the ASCIT government-in-exile proclaimed in a recent radio broadcast “We shall return!!!...at the very least to pick up our diplomas.”

Under the harassment of enemy fire, ASCIT managed to evacuate large portions of its treasury, alongside with some heavy equipment. “With the ASCIT formal money, the Fleming cannon, and the Lloyd gong, we shall take this fight to the enemy and liberate campus! Vive La Caltech!” announced ASCIT defense force commander Andre Corrella. This defiant response contrasted starkly with the IHC’s denial of the coup and recommendation for cooperation as to maximize goodwill between students and administrators. In a press release to the Office of Strategic Communications, VPSA

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Caltech Burns Down in a Blaze of Glory

This morning at 2 A.M. fire alarms again sang throughout the south houses. Although false alarms are common for the state-of-the-art machine-learning blockchain big-data fire prevention system on the cloud designed by Caltech’s own Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the three fire alarms this morning were not a drill. The entirety of the Southern Undergraduate residences collapsed to the ground around 2-35 A.M., less than an hour after the fire alarms started. Fortunately, most undergraduates were on break and were not in the residences at that time. However, many students came back to the charred remnants of their belongings and have lost their entire life savings. Students expressed their frustration that the fire alarm started and stopped twice.

Caltech has contacted the United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees for assistance with dealing with the displaced undergraduates. The administration has declared the undergraduate residences as a disaster area and has increased the presence of Caltech security around the area supplemented by private military corporations to prevent looting. Supplies from Red Door have been distributed to the students about once per hour. To oversee the humanitarian operation, the Caltech administration has placed the VPSA in charge.

The fire started during a routine Caltech Gas & Electric (CG&E) maintenance operation across the street from the Athenaum on Hill. This was the same house that caught on fire that caused the South Houses to be evacuated before break. CG&E was attempting to rewire the entire house so that the house would be less likely to catch on fire. However, the fire started when one of the CG&E employees seemed to forget to shake off the old electrons from one of the power conduits leading to the house.

Artist's Impression of the South Houses burning down.

Democrats demand the entire ACRL report

BIM JACOSTA

Reporter, Parsons-Gates Bureau

While the current administration claims that the ACRL report exonerates them of any and all crimes, the Democrats still want the report to be released in its unredacted form. “How will we know which house scared prefrosh away during PPW?” Nancy Pelosi asked reporters outside her Capitol Hill office. While some Democrats, especially those in swing states, were reticent to comment on the situation, Judiciary Chairman Jerry Nadler declared “If the administration refuses our April 2nd deadline, we will be forced to subpoena them.”

Tech Editor Dead

EDITORIAL BOARD

Last night, one of our colleagues at The California Tech, Dan Xu, died during the storming of the Tech room. Dan had been writing a humor column when armed soldiers associated with the VPSA coup stormed the Tech office. In the confusion that followed, Dan confronted the soldiers and stalled them long enough so that the rest of the Tech editors and staff were able to escape. His ultimate sacrifice has allowed the fight against apathy, ignorance, and authoritarianism to continue with the Hot Rivet.

In a press release by the Office of Strategic Communications, the death of Dan Xu was blamed on an attempted coup by ASCIT defense forces. This press release by the OSC is nothing more than propaganda: the ASCIT defense forces hadn’t even mobilized when the Tech office was stormed. Instead, the claim “counter-coup” by the forces of the VPSA was in fact the only coup.

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Upcoming Events

EDITORS-IN-CHIEF

The Upcoming Events column serves to inform students of upcoming events. The list is compiled by the Editors-in-Chief from information available around campus.

Beginning of Instruction for Spring Term
Monday, April 1 | 8 AM - 5 PM | Campus

Beginning of instruction, Spring Term
For more information, please contact Registrar’s Office by phone at Ext. 6544 or by email at registrar@caltech.edu

High Energy Physics Seminar
Monday, April 1 | 4 - 5 PM | Beckman Auditorium | Lauritsen 469
Unlocking Neutron Stars as Sensitive Probes of Dark Matter
Tim Linden, Ohio State University

Undergraduate Academic Standards and Honors Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 2 | 9 AM - 5 PM | No Location
Undergraduate Academic Standards and Honors Committee Meeting
For more information, please contact Registrar’s Office by phone at Ext. 6544 or by email at registrar@caltech.edu

Gaypril Kick-Off
Tuesday, April 2 | 12 - 1 PM | Red Door Café
Stop by and learn more about PRISM, Caltech’s campus social group for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) students, staff, faculty, and their straight allies. Find out about programs and services for LGBTQ+ students from the Caltech Center for Diversity at a resource table outside of the Hameetman Center.

For more information, please contact Taso Dimitriadis by phone at 626-395-8108 or by email at taso@caltech.edu

Dish and Discuss: Indigenous Cultures Represented in Dance
Thursday, April 3 | 12 PM - 1 PM | Bechtel Residence Dining Hall
Two Caltech undergraduate admission colleagues, Nikki Kahealani Chun (Native Hawaiian) and Jarrid Whitney (Six Nations Cayuga), will discuss their own Indigenous identities and how they use their identities to connect with their individual cultures. Participants will even have the opportunity to see and learn some of their dance movements!

Dish and Discuss: The Caltech & PRISM Community is invited to our workshop series highlighting a variety of topics chosen to encourage cultural intelligence, engage critical discourse and provide an inclusive space for the exploration of diverse identities, thoughts and interests. This year’s theme is What Matters to Me, and Why?

For more information, please contact Priscilla Von Glinow at 626-395-6100 or email priscilla@caltech.edu

Emotional Well-Being Workshop Series - Breathing techniques for emotional self-regulation
Wednesday, April 3 | 12 - 1 PM | Avery Library
Each year, Counseling Services presents the Emotional Well-Being Workshop Series to bring in mental health professionals from both on- and off-campus to discuss a wide variety of topics related to having a healthy emotional life. Each workshop will be held on a Wednesday from 12:00 - 12:55 in Avery Library, and free lunch will be provided on a first-come basis.

On April 3rd, Dr. Jan Aura will speak about breathing techniques for emotional self-regulation. When you’re overwhelmed, it can be hard to calm yourself down because we don’t have direct control over most of our sympathetic nervous system. One important exception is through regulating our breathing - and there are numerous useful and practical strategies that you can learn to help yourself through difficult emotions.

Dr. Aura has worked with many people engaged in challenging and often creative goals who are having difficulties with relationships, achievement, depression, anxiety, sustained attention, or emotional concerns. She holds a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology (with minors in Quantitative Psychology and Movement Psychotherapy) from UCL. She has previously worked at Caltech Counseling Services and has worked closely with Caltech students and staff for many years. In her private practice, she has provided and taught psychotherapy for over 25 years.

For more information, please visit http://wellness.caltech.edu/resources/workshops-and-groups

BioSafety - Comprehensive Training
Wednesday, April 3 | 1 - 5 PM | Keith Spalding B117
This course is designed for individuals who are working with Biosafety Level 2 (BSL-2) microorganisms or human blood, cell lines, or other potentially infectious human materials. The course presents biosafety information.

From 1:00 to 2:30, basic Biosafety and Blood Borne Pathogen training will be offered followed by more lab specific training including a one hour training on viral vectors and one hour training on biohazards. Not all students will need the full complement of training. If all topics are required, the training is scheduled for 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Regardless of number of modules, the session starts at 1:00 PM for all students.

Visit our Training Calendar Tab for course dates and times.

To enroll in this course:
Log onto access.caltech
Under SELF SERVICE, click the Training and Professional Development link
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Caltech Library Workshop - You and Your Thesis
Wednesday, April 3 | 2 - 3 PM | Sherman Fairchild Library 328 (Multimedia Conference Room)
This class will give a brief overview of techniques useful in the production and publication of Caltech electronic theses, including tips on formatting and submitting. It will also touch on intellectual property considerations and access, as well as thesis dissemination policies. Additional topics may include author identification (ORCIDs) and preservation of thesis-related research data.

For more information, please contact Kathy Johnson by phone at x6065 or by email at kjohnson@caltech.edu

Film Screening: "CODE: Debugging the Gender Gap"
Wednesday, April 3 | 5:30 - 8 PM | Center for Student Services, 2nd Floor, Conference Room
Ever wondered why there are so few women in the computing industry, as well as in other STEM disciplines? Ever wanted to change that situation?

Join your fellow undergraduates, graduates, and postdocs in a documentary screening night with the highly acclaimed film CODE: Debugging the Gender Gap!

CODE exposes the dearth of American female and minority software engineers and explores the reasons for this gender gap. It raises the question: what would society gain from having more women and minorities code?

 Featuring key policymakers, coders and educators from institutions and organizations like Pinterest, GitHub, and ETSI, the program explores a hidden side of minorities, code?}

Food and drinks provided! Please RSVP using the link listed below.

For more information, please contact Angie Liu by email at anqliu@caltech.edu

Galapagos—The Islands That Changed The World
Friday, April 5 | 10 - 11 AM | Beckman Auditorium
When Charles Darwin visited the Galapagos Islands in September 1835, his experiences and studies of this unique environment would change our understanding of life on Earth. With dramatic reconstruction and stunning wildlife images, this program explores a hidden side of the islands, revealing why, more than any other place, they are a showcase for evolution.

A BBC/National Geographic Channel US co-production.

Cecilia Sanders, a graduate student in Geophysical and Planetary Sciences at Caltech, will introduce the film and guide the post-screening discussion.

Recommended for grades 3 through 8.
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$10 (assigned seating)
Rumors of Mercenaries Deployed to Caltech Untrue

TIM SHEPHERD
Reporter, Parsons-Gates Bureau

Some of you may claim to have noticed members of foreign private military companies around recently. These rumors are patently untrue and are nothing but ASCIT propaganda. Due to the deteriorating security situation caused by these terrorists, VPSA Joe Shepherd has called for aid from our allies. The commander in chief of the Caltech Californian Army has sent soldiers to train in Russia, and they have now returned to fight. Because of their hard training, they have forgotten English and now speak nothing but Russian. Do not approach them and ask where they came from; you will be prosecuted for damaging state property. These specialist forces will be involved with cracking down on cases of arson and looting, while having Caltech loyalist army members handle roles that involve positions of high contact (negotiating with the house elders, CRC chairs, etc.).

If issues relating to this arise, please let me know so I can relay concerns to members of the Caltech regime. Intelligence personnel will quickly arrive to take care of these cases of concern.

Continued from Joe Shepherd Asserts Control

Shepherd recognized the IHC and the CRC as the interim government of Caltech Undergraduates. In order to form a new, permanent student government, Joe Shepherd announced a new committee, the

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No Freshman Physicists

In a special news release Wednesday afternoon, Professor Carl D. Anderson, Chairman of the Division of Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy, informed the Hot Rivet that no freshmen had enrolled in the physics option. Said Prof. Anderson, “We feel that this unprecedented lack of interest is totally due to the policy of discouragement adopted by the physics department toward potential enrollees. Suggestions have been received from certain quarters that the new physics course may have been a contributing factor, but Dick said no, and that’s that.”

In an attempt to sample faculty opinion, the Rivet interviewed a cross-section of its members.

Dr. Roach Boat, freshmen lecturer, gave the following reaction: “Ze fools! Ze stupid schwinehunds! How dare zey ignore us! Zey would neffer get away vit dat in Germany. Vey haff vays of delink mit peoples like dat. Heil!” “By ze way,” he said to this reporter (who is a frosh), “half you any relatifs now livin in Germany?”

Softer Fong, Dean of Freshmen and physics Teaching Assistant commented: “I knew it! I knew it! I told them this would happen. I just knew we’d scare them off. Why won’t anyone ever learn to mut? Oh, my poor, poor little frosh. Uncle Softer won’t let them hurt you anymore. I’ll protect you, don’t you worry.”

Professor Richass P. Swineman, when asked for his interpretation of the situation, said, “Care.”

Professor Norim H. Schiit, Professor of Chemistry, had the following to say: “Ohhohyyooyohhooy, for twenty years I’ve watched those damn physi- cists run this campus. Now we’ve got ‘em where we want ‘em. Now we’ll show ‘em who’s boss. From here on out the frosh’l take two years of chemis- try. Ohhohyyooyohhooy…”

Professor Hatchet D. Shih, Chairman of the Humanities, was found in his office preparing a plan to convert Dabney Hall and throw rocks at pass- ing physicists.

He declined to make a comment at this time.

Professor of English Clark “S” Kent was interviewed by reporter as he stood on a balcony on the south side of Dabney Hall and threw rocks at passing physicists.

Dr. Clark: “Now they know what it feels like.”

Christians Arise; Atheists Martyred

The Caltech religious revival is con- tinuing to gain impetus, Gron Romble, chief saint of the Caltech Christian Fel- lowship, reported that at the end of the third day, conversions passed the 200- mark, with more taking place “every hour.” Campus evangelistic meetings held in alleys, lounges and in Winnett have made areas impassable from the crowds.

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Opposition is rapidly forming to the revival. An Ad-hoc Faculty Committee has been formed, headed by Dr. Stampum. Stampum stated that the faculty, confident that the humanities depart- ment was doing its job, was completely caught by surprise at the movement.

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Women's Tennis Back to 20th in Latest ITA Rankings

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PASADENA (Mar. 28, 2019) – The Caltech women's tennis team returned to No. 20 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s national rankings, tying its all-time best rankings from earlier in the season. The Beavers also check in at fourth in the west regional rankings since January after being left off the previous list. Caltech stands only behind SCIAC powerhouses No. 2 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges and No. 4 Pomona-Pitzer Colleges, in addition to No. 19 Trinity University (Texas) on the regional list.

Caltech just as notably made noise in the individual ranks. Senior Kana Moriyama (Redmond, Wash. / Redmond) has been ranked as the 15th-best singles player in the region and freshman Anna Tifrea (Fullerton, Calif. / Troy) made her debut on the ITA’s list as the 20th-ranked player in the West.

Moriyama, along with sophomore doubles partner Sarina Liu (Rolling Hills, Calif. / Palos Verdes Peninsula) have additionally been ranked as the sixth-best doubles team in the region and fourth among SCIAC foes.

Head Coach Mandy Gamble and the Beavers will play their next match against SCIAC foe No. 37 University of Redlands at home this Saturday at 10 a.m.

Men's Tennis Rewrites Record Books in Latest ITA Rankings

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PASADENA (Mar. 28, 2019) – The Caltech men's tennis team improved its all-time best national ranking to 21st on Monday while earning several regional accolades and milestones along the way.

The men's team's 8-3 start is its best in recent memory, and three ranked victories over the last two weeks have propelled the Beavers up seven spots in the national rankings. Caltech showed itself to be arguably more impressive in the west regional rankings, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s first batch since November. The young Beavers check in at fourth in the region behind only SCIAC powerhouses No. 4 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges and No. 15 Pomona-Pitzer Colleges, in addition to No. 11 Trinity University (Texas).

Caltech also made tremendous strides in the individual regional rankings. Sophomore Varun Shanker (Midland, Mich. / Midland Dow), fresh off his fifth singles victory of the season over a ranked player, has earned the title of the third-highest ranked singles player in the region and the highest ranked singles player in Caltech history. Shanker trails only Jed Kronenberg of Pomona-Pitzer and Jack Katzman of CMS and will have a shot at both players when the calendar turns to April.

Additionally, classmate James Wei (Chappaqua, N.Y. / Horace Greeley) returned to the regional rankings at 15th with the potential for further gains when the Beavers begin their SCIAC schedule. Both players also retained their distinction as the top-ranked doubles team in the region.

Head Coach Jon Bonafede and the Beavers will play arguably their most important match of the season on Saturday, Mar. 30 when they take on No. 22 University of Redlands on the road at 10 a.m.
2019 CALTECH UNDERGRADUATE WRITING PRIZES

Each year, the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences awards a number of prizes for undergraduate writing. Consider submitting your work to be recognized and rewarded for your efforts as a writer.

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Submission Guidelines:
- **Deadline**: April 3, 2019
- Only currently enrolled full-time undergraduate students may submit. Entries should be double-spaced PDFs. Students can only submit one paper per category. Winners are announced in June and their names will be in the commencement program. Winners’ writings will be archived using ODA through the Caltech Library. Email entries to Cecilia Lu at cecilialu@caltech.edu, noting the prize to which you are applying in the email subject and filename.

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8. Rice Krispy Sheets $ 11.88
9. Canned Soup $ 8.89
10. Peanuts $ 0.51

DBal Dilemma

TINY CHIPS FOR BRAIN-BODY-MACHINE INTERFACES

Azita Emami, Andrew and Peggy Cherng Professor of Electrical Engineering and Medical Engineering; Investigator, Heritage Medical Research Institute; Executive Officer for Electrical Engineering.

Microscale implantable and wearable devices will one day transform the field of medicine. They enable continuous monitoring and closed-loop therapeutic systems that can help millions of patients suffering from chronic diseases such as diabetes and epilepsy. Current solutions are bulky, inefficient, hard to track, and do not last very long inside the body. Azita Emami will discuss how to solve these problems and build microchips that can continuously and wirelessly monitor key biomarkers such as glucose. She will also present efficient personalized devices for future brain-machine interfaces.

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Letters from the Editors-in-Chief

Amrita (former editor): Goodbye, farewell, and amen.

Sophie Piao (former editor): I’m not sure if I actually am an editor anymore but it’s nice to have this platform? maybe? if you’re reading this please know that I love my cats.

Milan Roberson (former editor): So long and thanks for all the fish.

Dan Xu (former editor): I’m pretty excited to get laid off from this job!

Albert Nazareti: Please, please, please, please, read the Tech.

Umoh Padias: We’ll return to our regularly scheduled content shortly.

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