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Welcome to the *first* issue of ENGenious, our semi-annual publication for EAS alumni and friends.

*I've had the privilege of serving as the Division Chair for Engineering and Applied Science since June 2000 and in that time I've developed a renewed appreciation of the unique nature of Caltech as a research and educational institution. Caltech is truly a national treasure and an incredibly exciting place to be a part of.*

*The Division has a strong history of fundamental research advances and exceptional alumni that have given it a level of visibility and impact far out of proportion to its size. The environment for education and research at Caltech is extraordinary, and the traditions of multi-disciplinary, basic research—aimed at changing the world around us—remain alive and well. Coupled with the enormous economic and intellectual impact of technology, the coming years promise to be an exciting time for the Division.*

*In this issue of ENGenious we have assembled a variety of articles on current events and research activities, along with campus news and Progress Reports from faculty members. We'd like your input on the publication—let us know what you find exciting, what you would like us to cover more in depth, and what additional features you would like us to include in future issues.*

*I look forward to keeping in touch.*

*Sincerely,*



**RICHARD M. MURRAY**

*Chair, Division of Engineering and Applied Science*

