The California Tech

Conscious Social Leadership Remembered:
Caltech Observes Martin Luther King Day

This year's observance was particularly special, in that it falls close to the 40th anniversary of King's visit to Caltech. In 1958, the Rev. Martin Luther King, accompanied by his wife Coretta Scott King, followed Richard Nixon as the second visitor in the Caltech-Y sponsored Leaders of America program. By this time, he had successfully led the Montgomery Bus Boycott and had gathered support both national and international stature. Between February 25 and 27, King gave speeches in Dabney Hall and the Athenaeum, including an early version of his "I have a dream" speech, which was delivered in its more famous form at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial during the 1963 March on Washington. He was also the guest of honor at several dinners hosted by undergraduate houses and interacted with faculty, staff and students, leaving strong impressions.

While he did not parallel Dr. King's stature in the Civil Rights Movement, the afternoon speaker, Tommy Hawkins, related his experiences combating segregation on the most basic level. When he received a full scholarship to Notre Dame, he was one of only nine blacks in the university. While Rosa Parks was being arrested, he was a freshman in the less hostile, but equally seedy community of members of the Johnstown, Ohio, police force. When he returned, he had a chance to find out that the administration stated that any place where he was not welcome, the entire University of Notre Dame was not welcome. He recalled taking a date to a local pizza parlor, where he was asked if he had a reservation. This was a poorly hidden excuse to bar him from the restaurant, and when he was denied entry, fellow students immediately left without paying their checks, and the establishment was made officially off limits for all students unless Hawkins received a public apology, an apology which was eventually given. Similar scenarios occurred in restaurants, hotels, and movie theatres across the country; he was a member of the basketball team, and as they traveled on the road in pursuit of a national championship, they always found establishments where everyone was welcome.

Mr. Hawkins went on to discuss modern problems which have persisted after the gigantic achievements of the 50's and 60's. He expressed the need to provide greater support for the nation's children, and attributes a great deal of social degradation to the lack of self respect. Young people exposed to racism and bigotry start out with a social deficit, which must be overcome through "family support, education, good feelings of self, and education." Clearly Hawkins feels that education, the assertion that experience and education make an individual competitive with anyone. When asked after his speech to comment on the situation at Caltech as a result of students pursuing college degrees, he stated that higher education was still not a level playing field, and that exceptional schools like Caltech must make a concerted effort to appeal to minorities, making it clear that the doors are open. Hawkins supports affirmative action, provided that ability remains the primary criterion, and that athletics is currently the only area where performance based equality is realized. "It doesn't matter what color they are. You give a kid what they need to succeed," he said.

While the Civil Rights Movement is over in the eyes of historians, Hawkins expressed the need for responsible moral leadership to heal the wounds that remain. The celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday remains a controversy as people are unwilling to look back on such a negative history. He was a great man because he was able to lead the oppressed into a higher dimension of human dignity. Hawkins said. At the end of his speech, Dr. Baltimore presented Hawkins with a model of the naked sun probe as a token of Caltech. Perhaps it is more indicative of the distance we have come, and the distance we have yet to go. As Mr. Hawkins put it in the closing lines of his speech, Dr. King's ultimate message was that "you give people what they need to be the best they can be, and you'll have a better country."

Student Quality of Life Report Released

The Committee on the Student Quality of Life has released its report to the Caltech community. Their findings are based on the responses to the Quality of Student Life survey distributed at the end of last year. The report will be made available to students through the Houses or Libraries on campus.

President Everhart formed the Committee on the Student Quality of Life after a visiting NSF team produced an unfavorable report about the conditions for women and minorities at Caltech. Everhart's goal was to "assess whether our students are able to live and learn in an environment of mutual dignity and respect ... regardless of their gender, culture, race, national origin, or individual differences." To that end, a committee was formed to include faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students. A survey was produced and distributed to both undergraduates and graduate students asking a variety of questions about housing, academics, and social life. The results of this survey were encouraging in some ways, but also showed areas in which the quality of student life could be improved.

For undergraduates, the areas of concern for the NSF team did not appear to be the seat of any problems. Statistically speaking, women and minorities were just as likely to live in the Houses as in Avery or off-campus. It appears that the accusation that Caltech was forcing women to live in the equivalent of male fraternities is unwarranted, or at least that the housing situation is enjoyed as much by women as by men. Another question asked about how comfortable the student is with his or her TA. Men and women responded similarly indicating that, although individual problems do exist, women are not disproportionately affected.

However, one of the questions returned disturbing results. When asked whether they had experienced "unwanted attention based on gender which has frightened them or caused them to change their behavior" on a scale from not at all to frequently, 31% of undergraduate women reported that they had been exposed to such behavior. In spite of much. Although it can be expected that some percentage of women will have such an experience, the size of that fraction is very large. Only 16% of graduate women responded in the same way indicating that there are social problems still plaguing undergraduates.

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Comments from Dr. Kim West

Dear Editors,

Geoff Smith’s article in last week’s Tech raises some important issues that warrant further discussion. The student conduct system currently in place on our campus allows conduct issues to be adjudicated by a number of different groups and offices (e.g. BOC, Deans, Residence Life). While this may have its benefits, it does allow some situations to be addressed by only one person (e.g. the Dean of Undergraduate Students or the Director of Residence Life). In general, I do not believe campuses are best served by systems like this. My previous professional experiences have typically involved working with “conduct boards,” not unlike the BOC, that are comprised of faculty, staff and students working together to maintain a set of standards for a campus community. I raised this idea with some of our students several years ago and was surprised that I did not receive a more favorable response. There seemed to be concern about creating a system that was duplicative of the BOC and some concern about peers adjudicating conduct issues that appear to fall outside of the Honor Code. Maybe it is time to revisit that issue.

You also indicated that I "declined to contribute and refused interviews on the subject of the pot." I think your statement is misleading. When this incident first occurred, I spoke with three of you in my office about what had happened. Since it was a confidential conduct issue, I was limited in the details I could provide but did make a general statement about my concerns. When the issue of the “pot” came up, my first request for a comment from me at 1:20 a.m. when a Tech reporter came to my home. I don’t think it is necessary to explain why I did not give you a statement at that time. Your second request for a comment came in the form of an e-mail sent at the end of 1st term. I received that message after returning from a 10 day vacation and responded to you that I had just received it and that it was probably a moot point at that time, meaning that I had obviously missed your printing deadline. Yapha and I most recent request came last week. I indicated to you that Dean Revel had written a letter to the editors that I had read and commented on for him. In addition, I stated that I felt he had addressed all the important points that I would have and that I agreed with his letter this it was not necessary to retract what I have already said.

Kim D. West
Director of Residence Life

Student Life Report

From page 1

Graduate students had a number of concerns. Most were unsatisfied with Caltech’s housing opportunities. Also, there was a feeling that freshmen were not paid enough in wages from department to department causing some friction. Like the undergraduates, they complained about a lack of social opportunities.

By far the most worrisome aspect of graduate student life was a perceived deterioration in the student-advisor relationship. Many graduate students felt trapped if they had problems with their advisor, and felt there was nowhere to turn for help. The assistant graduate student relationship is vital to a graduate student’s future career and leadership. Student complaints that what was demanded of them varied tremendously from advisor to advisor.

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Ad Sales: Sell ads for the next two weeks. Send best ad ideas to Business Manager.

Helpful Hints:

Be prepared! In this business there are no breaks. Make your own decisions and be self-motivated.

Opinions
In some math and physics courses, one learns that our universe is a "4-dimensional Lorentzian manifold." We are taught various "laws" of behavior for our universe, but I have never encountered a course that discusses the mathematical consequences of our universe's structure if such "laws" are broken.

So-called "un-physical" behavior should correspond to an added dimension in our universe's structure. For example, conservation of mass/energy (considering them as the same quantity) cannot be violated (as far as we know). If it were violated, our universe would have to have at least a fifth dimension! In particular, the character that Eddie Murphy played in The Nutty Professor must (assuming a three-dimensional character) be at least 5-dimensional!

Humans view the world in four dimensions, even though we know there are at least four. We cannot tell if there are more than four without observing some unphysical behavior because—regardless of what space our universe actually is—the 4-dimensional projection of it that we witness would be the same.) Look at an object and decide that it is three-dimensional. However, it is at least four-dimensional, because it would otherwise exist for only an instant in time. Nevertheless, unless the so-called laws of our universe are violated, we cannot recognize a better lower bound of its dimensionality.

Though scientists model the universe in which we live on a certain mathematical structure, there is no way to tell—a priori—whether what we observe is actually a projection of something more complicated. "Unphysical behavior" would imply that our model is somehow wrong. However, it is possible to think of the alterations to the model mathematically rather than physically, although it is ideal to consider it using both ways of thinking. (Part of the point is that it is possible to derive a lot of physics without really understanding it just as is the case with mathematics.)

I would like to receive feedback concerning the contents both of this feature and the installment that appears in this issue. Most of the content of this particular article is not entirely serious, and I have not verified my assertions rigorously. All mail I receive should be written in light of the above statement. That caveat aside, if you have any comments or constructive criticism, please e-mail macon@ages. I will address some of comments in future articles.

By Myfanwy Callahan and Kati Isaacs
HAVANA, CUBA — Pope John Paul II arrived in Cuba Wednesday in his first visit to that country. Tens of thousands of Cubans came to see him as he arrived. Though expression of religion is discouraged in Cuba which has been under communist rule for 39 years, many people carried posters of a religious nature to proclaim their faith.

BAGHDAD, IRAQ — President Saddam Hussein has barred all military inspections or even discussion of sensitive military sites until April of this year. In response, President Clinton stated, "I far prefer the United Nations. For they really believe that there are no circumstances under which we would act alone, they are sadly mistaken.

DUBLIN, IRELAND — The Irish Republican Army announced that there is a crisis in the peace talks in Northern Ireland. In the last month six Catholics and two Protestants have been killed near Belfast. Peace talks are scheduled to move to London next week.

LAGOS, NIGERIA — Over 60 people have been arrested in the last month and charged with plotting to overthrow the country's military leader, Gen. Sani Abacha. These include the deputy head of state and two Generals from Abacha's Cabinet. Critics say the coup was invented as an excuse to remove possible challengers to Gen. Abacha.

HARARE, ZIMBABWE — For two days, riots have broken out over a steep rise in the price of basic foodstuffs. Prices rose 50% above Zimbabwe's currency fell 70% with respect to the dollar last year. In an emergency session, the government of Zimbabwe decided to institute price controls on food.

BOSTON — Two Holstein calves were born in a new cloning experiment based on a variation of the procedure which produced Dolly the sheep. University of Massachusetts scientists Dr. James Robl and Dr. Steven Stice simplified the technique and vision cloning technology soon becoming a commercial enterprise for pharmaceutical companies.

SACRAMENTO — Theodore Kaczynski admitted he was the Unabomber on Thursday January 22nd. Kaczynski pleaded guilty in a deal with the government. He will spend the rest of his life in prison, avoiding death by lethal injection. Kaczynski was judged by a prison psychologist to be paranoid schizophrenic and did not want to be portrayed in court as a madman.

AUSTRALIA — Officials announced the discovery of southern right whales, previously believed to be extinct. These whales were found in the Southern Ocean whale sanctuary, 200 miles south of New Zealand. Scientist estimate the newfound group to be about 150 in number.

JOBS IN THE GLOBAL MARKET.....

Being Asian bilingual is your ticket to success. Interview with the world's top companies at the Pan-Asian Job Fair. Past participants include Adobe Systems, Dow, Fidelity Investments, Johnson & Johnson, Praxair & Gambill, and more...

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Pan-Asian Job Fair
So here we are... today is Add Day, already 3 weeks into the term, and into the New Year. 3 weeks in which to implement all these resolutions. You have not forgotten already have you, the promises that you made to yourself in a fog of golden bubbles and a haze of hard pounding heart under the mistletoe? Please tell me you have not.

For me Add Day means oodles of yellow cards signed for absent advisors. It also means many petitions coming to me, petitions to overload mostly. Although a coming to me, petitions to already 3 weeks you have pounding heart under the New.

I look back from Mars and yearn to interpret them, I dream of landscapes and views that I could render poignant and meaningful to many, trying to show them what I see, sharing my perception and the feelings they provoke in me. Like you, (I hope you do), I dream of so many things I'd like to do understand, to explore.

So it is hard to turn any one down who wants to do the same, yet it is my responsibility when I feel it is necessary, as a dean, i.e. adviser, teacher, role model, friend, and authority all wrapped in one. It is hard at this point to distinguish those who can really do it, from those whose P in the first term is just that, an honest but undistinguished humdrum Pass, a Pass that is just not a Fail. What makes life easier for me is the knowledge that although I might disappoint some and even dull the edge of their enthusiasm, I am doing the right thing by them. I know, I know, believing oneself right does not mean that one is right, but the buck must stop somewhere.

... Woodstock with the scarf flapping behind him, the one with the Sopwith Camel...

I have seen too many such people start on a downward spiral which is difficult to come out of. Its very much like the aerial acrobats who push their planes to the limit, with a double barreled Immelman or whatever those maneuvers are called and can't recover in time to avoid crashing. Ah shades of Woodstock! the Woodstock with the scarf flapping behind him, the one with the Sopwith Camel, not the other one, the cow pasture turned concert half and shrive to a generation past.

What's to be worried about is that the more courses one takes, the less time there is for any one course. That's not a very profound observation except that early in your career best is the time to consolidate your understanding of the basics. It isn't the time to take lots of courses, or if you do are supposed to be the case to take many courses P/F, which one was too insecure to take grades. This is the time to get things straight, to reclaim any of the deficiencies you might have, to prepare yourself for what is coming in the next few years. It is the time to adjust at Caltech, find the friends and companions for the rest of your stay, explore the environs, prepare yourself for the future. It is a time to make sure that you know the ropes, that you can trip you up and those that can save you, both. You see, doing poorly in the second term often carries consequences which extend further on. It may mean your first Es, heaven forbid. Es that you'll have to remedy before the next Add Day, thus taking away time from the courses next term, and reducing your chances of doing well. It is difficult to climb out of the spiral. So I'll do my best to keep you out of this to give you your best shot at doing well... good luck all, keep at it, and be honest.

Jean-Paul Revel

The California Tech
A Message from Kohl Gill

by Kohl Gill

Hi. In case you’ve forgotten, I’m a Tech under­
graduate student, so you can imagine how I’m ex­
cited about the possibility of earning $20 per term to pro­
fit from the non-profit corporation as dues and you are entitled to services pro­
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tion.

Our group, the ASCIT Board of Directors (BoD, as opposed to the BoC) comes in. You may have seen (or some subset thereof) eating dinner in your house last term. We make the decisions and (some of) the steps that make ASCIT the veritable beehive of productivity it is. I’m the chair of that committee. My name is Kohl. I carry a badge!

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The Big T: Is late. Sorry about that. The entire editing team has resigned, and the in­
itial group that was assigned to the yearbook (Go Wren!), so it should get you to early by January 3rd at the latest (only 2 terms late!). At the BoD meeting on the 12th, we discussed the Big T 18 detail. Since the ‘98–’99

We’re also trying to move more of our services to the web. There is already a Social Affairs wiki on campus, and the Director has access (adrienne@cco), on the web, and hopefully we can get a Web-Based Bookmarket up by the end of the year (or maybe sooner). We’re still working on automating the CLUE and the UROH, as well as all of our surveying capacities.

We’re thinking of hiring someone to write a lot of the componentary reports for us (you can do this job for a whole lot, but it’s really ful­
filling, honest!), since pro­
gramming isn’t one of our competencies, either (see Pub­
lications).

So, governors and data analysis, pro­

By President Baltimore – all the BoD has been doing is car­
ing a new summary, and cop­
es of the full reports will be going to the Houses and to ASCIT. If you want a peek, let me know (kohl@cco). An ini­
tial meeting to have students rank the House System as one of the least and worst aspects of Caltech.

And of course the Core is still being reviewed and re­

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The original editing team here, too, dwindled away; you’re reading one now! They are approaching several alumni

If you think something should be changed, email me (kohl@cco).

Some of the biggest

gains in this realm of services. True, the ASCIT Van is un­
available for use, but we’re in­
vestigating replacements (ASCIT Monster Truck? ASCIT Old Russian Subma­
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The BoD itself: A startling statistic: fully 1/3 of the Board of Directors has turned over this year (VP/BoC Chair, IHC Chair, and ASCIT Secretary). That’s a pretty high attrition rate, don’t you think? Have you hugged your BoD today?

None of the BoD gets paid for the job it does (the Aca­

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ASCIT Election 1998

ASCIT President

Brigitte Roth

Hey, there... I am Brigitte Roth, and I would love to lead you to glory as ASCIT President!

I am fully aware of the fact that ASCIT is not very important to most Techers. Rather, it tends to sit in the background as long as all is running smoothly. If there are problems (such as where is my Big Ti?), then there will be concern. This is why one of the most important functions of the ASCIT President is to make certain that day-to-day projects keep running smoothly so that you all don't have to worry about it or pay attention.

Another major responsibility of the Pres is commonly referred to as "schmoozing." In seeking student representatives, a likely choice is the ASCIT President. Making undergrads look good is important, when dealing with people who might affect our lives.

In addition to keeping the ASCIT machine going and working up our image, the President should be innovative and imaginative, always coming up with better ways to do things.

You probably already knew all that. Now it is important that you know why I am the right person for this job.

Brett Tolman

Hi, I'm Brett Tolman and I'm running for ASCIT President. I think there are a lot of important things going on around campus these days, and I want to take an active role in them. The most recent and one of the most important is the quality of student life report. There are important issues discussed in the report, among them are bringing more women and minorities to Caltech, and encouraging more interaction among the houses. I hope to use my skills as an organized leader to help change these and other issues at Caltech.

Until now I have been very involved in Page House, first as the social chair and currently as the President. As Vice-President (social chair), I was very effective in getting a very large portion of the house (and other social members and friends) involved in many different activities. As President I have taken a role in all aspects of my house's many adventures. I look forward to working for all of Caltech's students. I plan to talk to as many students as I can, to find out their concerns about this school, and to find ways to improve any of our problems. I also hope to promote Caltech as much as possible, and to insure that Caltech undergraduates continue to be known as some of the smartest in the country.

I also challenge every one of you to do a little more, not just in your studies, but to get involved in something. I have been very impressed with the different opportunities that Caltech offers. WE CAN DO ANYTHING! But too many of us are content to worry about nothing but our next hw set, or about the grad school we're applying to. Do something good for yourself. Run for a house office. Do things for the Y. Get a job. Do something good for someone else. That is what I love to do. So I would like to be ASCIT President. Thank you.

Since I have been at Caltech, I have been both a BoC Rep at Large and the BoC secretary, served on the Admissions Committee, and started an ASCIT club. Before Caltech, I chaired a youth organization in Southern California and organized a week-long camp and a weekend conference. I am experienced at running meetings efficiently and organizing activities. I have found myself in all sorts of political situations and dealt with all sorts of crises. I already know (and like) many of the Caltech administrators with whom I may be "schmoozing" in the future. I feel completely confident that I am more than capable of being the ASCIT President. I think it'd be fun, too.

Baldeep

You're probably wondering why I'm running for President. I'll be honest—my motives are purely selfish. I'm in it for all the perks that an ASCIT President gets. The corporate jet, the Mercedes stretch limos, the armed bodyguards and the codes to launch nuclear weapons pointed at rival tech schools all over the world. Besides, nothing beats the smell of fresh donuts at 8 a.m., Friday morning.

I was also thinking, "Hey, maybe I could do something while I'm in office too!" I mean, heck, being at Tech, all I do all day is watch the grass grow.

Since I served on the previous board of directors as Freshman Director, at-Large (and Acting Secretary for a period of time) I have an idea of how ASCIT does its business. I also know the trouble spots that the Board of Directors is likely to run into again, and what we have done successfully. Experience is important to maintaining some continuity in the transition between the new board and the old.

At this point you're thinking "Okay, great. This guy wants to do something, Yeesh!" I figure that about now I'm sounding full of hot air. "Give me some specifics," you say. Alright. Here come two ideas.

One thing I see as a high priority is making the government more integrated. Basically, I'd like to make the Board of Directors more responsible and more actively involved in everything that ASCIT is responsible for. This ranges from publications all the way to the power amplifier that ASCIT owns. A more tightly integrated student government is what will do its tasks efficiently, and make sure they get done.

Another priority of mine is to directly involve students in making policy that affects them. Eventually, I'd like to see ("I have a dream") a formal channel of communication between the administration and the students which will form policy where appropriate. Communicating exactly what both parties feel can prevent any administration vs. students divisions.

Hopefully my rhetoric hasn't caused you any abdominal spasms or other discomfort. If you're not nauseated, think back to my election statement Freshman year (those of you that were here). In it I made the promise that if I liked my first taste of student government, I'd love to serve again. Here I am, and if we meet with your approval, I'd love to serve again.

ASCIT Vice President/BoC Chair

Alex Ihler

Well, I'm running for BoC Chair again; I've been Chair of the Board for the past term or so, before which I was the Secretary, and before that I was a House representative. As I am a senior, and intend to graduate, I would be unable to serve the entire term of office, but am willing to continue until sometime early 3rd term, at which point I would need to resign (the day before Ditch Day, of course). Although more elections are of course not ideal, I think there will be more possibilities available at that point, both from the current Board (which will have a break) and from the incoming Board (which will then have experience). I've enjoyed the job, and think that I've done it well; I have quite a bit of experience with it by now and I'm happy to do it for a while still. I would like to continue; I ask you to give me that chance.

Thanks so much for your time and consideration.
The BoD is launching on Thursday the brand spanking new VP for Student Affairs.

Survey - The report from the committee compiling that student life survey from last year is available. Copies will be made available in every house. Contact ASCIT (ascit@eco) if you would like to receive your very own edition. Each copy is handmade by Master Craftsmen of the Franklin Mint and are expected to increase significantly in value. Collectors everywhere will value this memorable report.

Officer Guides - Kill 'em all. Let God sort 'em out. Let God sort 'em out.

They look so nice in leather. They look so nice in leather. We decide that it would be better to choose someone already on the IHC to carry the flag. Articles 12 and 13 of the bylaws say that the IHC must be non-empty. We also decide that it would be silly to have a non-empty set of people without choosing at least one editor who has to meet to appoint Geoff for IHC chair, and she doesn't want to bias any future election.

When elections are over, we should take over when the Chair is unavailable. She has also heard that Geoff might run for IHC chair, and she doesn't want to bias any future election.

We set an election for January 23.

MAY 20, 1996

Larry is resigtned as IHC chair, and the ExComm has to meet to appoint someone for the interim.

Part I (Monday, January 12)
Myfanwy Callahan (chair), Branden VandeBrake (secretary), Michelle Miller, Joe Carroll open at 8:03 pm

We consider a few possibilities for the job. Jonathan Little and Geoff Smith, for instance. None of us have talked to the IHC, so we were not really sure who was interested. Michelle doesn't really like the idea of giving a House President the job. We decide to take care of some smaller details first. Since elections are coming up in a few weeks anyway, we are not going to hold another election, even though the bylaws say we were supposed to have one immediately. Everyone agrees that would be silly.

Kohl - A retired alumnus is willing to meet with us to determine how we might better organize the corporation's affairs. Some non-empty set of committees will take the place of the planned "Fire Committee." The exact contents of the set are to be determined. Any construct will definitely have students on it. Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men.

Meeting adjourned at 00:49.

Respectfully submitted, D. Astle ASCIT Secretary.
Reduced Shakespeare plays Beckman

BY ANDREA McCOll

"History was written by the winners - well, tonight, it's our turn.

With humor and intelligence, insight and immensity, and playful jabs at anything and everything, the Reduced Shakespeare Company (RSC) presented a hilariously entertaining overview of the history of America (Abridged) on January 17th in Beckman Auditorium.

This travelling troupe, whose most famous production is a 90-minute rendition of the complete works of Shakespeare, thoroughly entertained a sold-out house, as they attempted to relate and interpret the events and people which shaped America.

The RSC has two companies, one of which remains in London while the other, consisting of Matthew Croke, Reed Martin, and Austin Tichenor, travels. Within their repertoire, they have three shows: the Complete Words of William Shakespeare (abridged), "History" and "The Bible: the Complete Word of God (abridged)," which they cycle through when they play at different locations.

"What's really fun is doing them in rotation," said Tichenor, when asked.

Caltech has previously hosted RSC, but according to Tichenor, "it always turns out to be more immature. And that's a good thing. You can only sound like a garage band for so long. Unfortunately, no one passed the word to Green Day. That Kottonmouth Kings song off the Redmond (a.k.a. original) is also pretty cool. (The CD is worth getting just for that.)"

It's all about the benjamins, baby, and I definitely don't care that Sean "P Diddy" Combs continues to use sampling in the work he produces for the likes of Mase and Mariah Carey. As long as the original artists got paid, then I have no qualms. If you're more into soul and R&B, check out the two albums from Erykah Badu: Baduizm and Live.

Let me continue rambling: OK Computer from Radiohead was the best album of 1997. And even though Ben Folds Five released their CD Whatever and Ever Amen last year, I expect to get a lot more mileage out of this album.

The song "Brick" is already receiving a lot of air play. Their folksy, down to earth sound is at the same time bitter and energetic. To continue the depressing theme, Fiona Apple is releasing her followup album. Considering Tidal's success, a sophomore slump from her would still make the new album a must listen. The Mighty Mighty Bosstones.

The Concert Noir, and Adam Long (who is currently performing with the London company). Shows generally take around nine months to produce. According to Tichenor, "it always changes as soon as we start performing." Perhaps the greatest skill possessed by the members of the RSC is their ability to make the audience laugh, even when the crowd as a nonexistent entity, they played off the reactions of the people watching them. At times, they feigned surprise at the reactions of the audience, and then got the audience to read aloud large cards. They even asked questions to the audience, and allowed people to test the actors' knowledge of history. As Croke said, "Those of us who forget the past are doomed to forget... um... other... other things."

But no one will forget the RSC, after having enjoyed an evening entangled in their web of wit. They are definitely a performance group worth seeing at least once, if not for each of the three productions.

The RSC is likely returning to Caltech next year, with their Shakespeare production, and according to Martin, "there's a whole new cast coming in."

The writing for this new production began last December, and rehearsals start in August. It is uncertain as to when this show will appear theatrically, but if "America" is any indication, a performance by the Reduced Shakespeare Company is a performance of the highest caliber and the highest level of entertainment.

The Californian Tech and multitude will like to apologize to Mr. Andrew Strauss for the modified picture of him in last week's Inside World. We realize, unfortunately in hindsight, that it was published in poor taste and hope that Mr. Strauss was not offended by it.
Spring sports evaluate new season teams; play begins next week

FROM CALTECH SPORTS

The Women's Tennis team began practice on January 5th under the guidance of Coach Karen Nelson. Nelson is beginning her 8th year as Head Women's Tennis Coach at Caltech.

The team begins the season with five returning players and seven newcomers. Senior Alexis Johnson heads up the team returning for her 4th year. Junior Amy Chang-Chien returns for her 3rd year, while sophomore Audrey Lee begins her 2nd year. Senior Grace Yang returns after a year hiatus and begins her 2nd year. When the basketball season is over, senior Irene Wong will begin her 4th year. The seven newcomers bring additional strength and depth to the team. They are senior Emily Ho, and freshmen Dominika Rywnitsa, Nita Losopunkol, Susan Sher, Heather Graven, Caroline Lim, and Nancy Wei.

Coach Nelson plans to remain competitive in the conference with this year's team, while challenging their non-conference opponents. She hopes to have the squad members improve both individually and as a team. They open their season in the state of Arizona against Mesa Community College on Friday, January 23rd.

The Caltech Men's Tennis team begins their season under Head Coach Wade Gilliam, who is starting his second year at Caltech. The team has ten players returning, as well as a large group of newcomers. Returning for their senior year are co-captains Jason Jenkins and Ronak Bhatt. Other returning players include senior Eric Dennis, juniors Jeff Custer and Gabe Miller, and sophomores Matt Mussick, Kanwar Kahlon, Albert Hsiao, Stephan Kazackchi, and Ian Swett.

The team's goal is to finish high in the conference, while individual goals revolve around playing competitive matches with the best teams in the conference. The Beavers have 21 players for the team, including seven very talented freshmen who will see plenty of playing action. All of their top players from last year have returned. Gilliam believes the team is stronger this year and he is hopeful that this strength will be reflected in their matches.

The team's season-opener is against Whitworth on January 28th. This year, they are also looking forward to a Spring Break trip to Hawaii.

The Caltech Golf team begins their season with Head Coach Mike Jackson, who is in his 17th year at Caltech. He is assisted by Tom Jarrett.

Returning for the Beavers are Kyle Stickle, Kazu Nakada, and Nick Lorenz. Newcomers to the Caltech squad are Ozy transfer junior Paul Welander, and freshmen Francis MacDonald, Nick Wisiewicz, Stephen Wester, Nathan Heicht, Matt Davis, Amy Peterson, Dennis' Fong, and Jason Chua. Stickle and Welander are All-Conference performers. MacDonald was a three-time All State performer in high school. Nakada, Lorenz, Wisiewicz, and Wester provide strong backup while the rest of the newcomers will gain experience for future years.

Coach Jackson is hoping to have a strong team which will finish in the top half of SCIAC. They open their season against Occidental at Annandale on January 26th.

The Caltech Baseball team began their season on January 6th. The team is led by Head Coach John D'Auria and assistant coach Frank Monzon.

Though one player was lost to graduation, 11 players lettered are returning, giving this 1998 Beaver team experience and depth. Leading the group of returning players is second team All Conference shortstop and catcher Greg Frick.

"If he has a solid year like his freshman year, I'll be extremely happy," stated Coach D'Auria.

Other returning players who may contribute in a big way are second-year team members catcher Jeremiah Smith, pitchers Alan Rosenwinkel and Kevin Bradley, and outfielder Matt Sullivan. The veteran leadership will come from juniors Grant Williams, Matt Dawson, Miles Sherman, and seniors Jon Allen, Jason Barnes, and Rob Tryon.

Another pleasant surprise for Coach D'Auria was the group of freshman players. The six of them should contribute a great deal over the season. Three of them have some pitching experience, which is always a bonus for the Beavers.

Having a unique blend of experience and depth coupled with our new enthusiasm should make for a very positive team experience. Coach D'Auria is hoping for a very competitive season this year. The Baseball team's season opener is against Dowdgetown on January 24th.
Women's Basketball wins, Men's to follow?

BY KATY ISAACS

The Caltech Women's Basketball team triumphed over Mills College 46-30, on Tuesday January 13th in Braun Center. The Lady Beavers led for the entire game, gaining their first win of the season.

The team was able to overcome Mills despite the opposing team's aggressive man-to-man defensive and full court press, becoming especially heated in the second half. The Lady Beavers contrasted with a solid zone defense and half court press. Both teams displayed nice passing throughout the game.

The Mills team missed a large number of lay-ups, making up for it with the elegant three point shots of Mills player Jennifer Barton, who scored over half of the points for her team.

Caltech made a lot of shots and was much better off the board than the Mills Team. The consistent shooting of Ellis Meng and Joanna Dodd, along with the successful fast breaks by Lori Hsu, ran up the score for the Lady Beavers.

With the rebounding of Meng and Dodd and the ball handling of Hsu and Irene Wong, the Caltech Women's Basketball Team outplayed the Mills Team impressively.

The Caltech Men's Basketball Team will face Occidental College on Wednesday January 28th at 7:30 pm in Braun Center in what should be a very exciting match-up.

This game is important to the Beavers, who stand an excellent chance of winning. Last year, Caltech lost to Occidental by just four points. This year, Oxy faces an experienced Caltech team without the help of last year's All-American center, who transferred to a NCAA Division I school for this season. This will give 6'10" senior center Ben Turk and the rest of the team an easier time than they had last year.

The team is eager to fill the stands and remind fans that this will be a game that can't be missed.

The Intercollegiate Scoreboard:

1/3: Women's Basketball Caltech 28 Pomona 73
Men's Basketball Caltech 46 Carnegie Mellon 61
1/6: Women's Basketball Caltech 18 La Verne 70
Men's Basketball Caltech 42 Southwestern 65
Women's Basketball Caltech 20 Redlands 62
1/10: Men's Basketball Caltech 45 Arizona Bible 56
Women's Basketball Caltech 32 Pacific Christian 49
Men's Swimming Caltech 100 Occidental 111
Women's Swimming Caltech 39 Occidental 159
1/13: Women's Basketball Caltech 46 Mills 30
Men's Basketball Caltech 21 Claremont 52
Women's Basketball Caltech 35 Whittier 58
1/17: Women's Basketball Caltech 31 Christian Heritage 75
Men's Basketball Caltech 43 Pomona Pitzer 66
Men's Swimming Caltech 92 Redlands 148
Women's Swimming Caltech 40 Redlands 184
Men's Swimming Caltech 83 Pomona Pitzer 159
Women's Swimming Caltech 28 Pomona Pitzer 201
1/20: Women's Basketball Caltech 36 Pacific Christian 88
1/21: Men's Basketball Caltech 53 La Verne 83
**Mints**

- denotes a new application.

**Announcements**

- Deadline Day is a nationwide event that raises funds for cancer research, education and prevention, and patient services. For more information, please visit mints.org or call Jill King at 1-855-MINTS.

- The Presidents' Day 2018 event will be held at the California Tech Library on February 5.

- Caltech President David Baltimore will address the Caltech student body on January 30th from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in Beckman Auditorium.

- The annual Fff's Tech Talk will be held on February 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Beckman Auditorium.