Class of 2002 Update
BY SHANNON STEWMAN

The number of students for next year's freshman class has been finalized at 260, according to Charlene Liebau, Director of the Admissions Office. The count is a record number in recent years, but is near the maximum Admissions expects for an entering class.

According to Liebau, "we can reasonably expect [to lose] ten students whose plans may change over the summer." Last year nine students who accepted admission did not enter Caltech in the fall.

Next year's class is more diverse than previous years. Hispanic and Latin American students make up nine percent of the incoming class, an increase from the current five percent in the undergraduate body.

Jazzing up Steele House
BY MONTGOMERY & CALLAHAN

Jazz, sweets and good company lived up Steele House Thursday evening. The building, now used for offices, was host to the once-a-term Dessert With the MOSH. Students from on-campus and off arrived in droves to enjoy a sumptuous repast.

Among the best desserts were chocolate chip bars, brownies, Rice Krispy treats, chocolate strawberries, almond cheesecake with cherries, walnut spice cake, raspberry brownies, Rice Krispy treats, bread pudding. These desserts disappeared quickly into the maws of hungry Caltech students, especially the chocolate covered strawberries which were eaten before the trays hit the table.

The Monday night Jazz Band filled the backyard with jazz standards. The evening's "Fascinatin' Rhythm" and "In the Mood." Their melodies could be heard from half a block.
The Outside World

by Myfanwy Callahan

JAKARTA, INDONESIA — After holding power for 32 years, President Suharto resigned from office Thursday following riots and protests in recent weeks which culminated with calls for his impeachment. Vice President BJ. Habibie has filled the office. Eleven members of Suharto’s Cabinet who handled economic policy also resigned in light of the economic crisis facing Indonesia.

Belgrade, Serbia — The Yugoslav Parliament appointed Momir Bulatovic Prime Minister despite Montenegro’s protest that it will boycott the Government. Montenegro and Serbia are the last republics in Yugoslavia. The debate revolves around whether Yugoslavia should become a market-driven democratic state, as reformers in Montenegro wish, or follow the recent communist structure.

Moscow, Russia — President Boris Yeltsin faces yet another impeachment vote due to a series of troubles wracking Russia. The market faltered, with prices falling 12% Monday, denuding a half million dollar effort by the Central Bank to steady the ruble. Striking miners in the Kuzbas region have held up rail traffic preventing 300 cargo trains and 120 passenger trains from reaching their destinations.

Nairobi, Kenya — Eritrea and Ethiopia, former allies eight years ago, have amassed thousands of troops to the Yigma triangle which the two countries border. The Ethiopian Foreign Minister stated his country would take “necessary measures” unless Eritrea immediately withdraws its troops.

New Delhi, India — Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee spoke at the site where recent nuclear tests sparked international concern, saying that Pakistan should adopt a more conciliatory tone, considering India’s new weapons. “We want peaceful co-existence but the frequent attempts to security forced India to conduct the nuclear tests to silence its enemics and show its strength,” said Vajpayee. The Indian Home Minister also warned Pakistan to ease pressures on India in the disputed territory of Kashmir or face a “pro-active response.”

WASHINGTON, D.C. — As the Asian economy continues to fail, the United States’ monthly trade deficit reached a new high of $13 billion. The Asian crisis has weakened American exports, hurting many manufacturers and farmers.

Foster wins Residence Life and Masters Award

Sam’s house activities included being a member of the social team, assisting with Rotations, and serving as vice-president. She was student representative on the planning committee for the construction of Avery House and assisting in the selection of common area furniture. In addition, Sam has been an active member of the Caltech Y ExCom since her freshman year and an officer for 3 years. Mini-decomposition and the Easter egg hunt were direct results of Sam’s creativity and contributions. Those of us who have had the pleasure of working with Sam know her as hard-working, committed, and a joy to be around. Described as optimistic and “constantly cheerful” by friends, Sam has a way of brightening any situation.

In a nomination letter recognizing Sam’s important role in undergraduate life at Caltech, a friend described the most important contributions as “the little things she does on her daily basis...passing on hugs, advice, and laughter.” What a perfect way to describe Sam - the successful student, the outstanding leader, the good friend!
OPINIONS

Why is the choice of music not that of the students for whom the ceremony occurs in the first place?

students asked, albeit informally via representatives in the undergraduate houses, whether or not they would like to keep the invocation. Approximately 10 students voted strongly to remove the prayer, while numerous others remained indifferent. The commencement committee pulled the event. No students were consulted in the decision to change the Hal-lelujah Chorus.

Further, the invocation is not non-demonstrational, though the deliverer has a different religious affiliation each year. The problem that students opposed had was two-fold: some are uncomfortable with the nature of the invocation’s speaker, while others are uncomfortable with a prayer of any sort. The Hallelujah Chorus is fundamentally different in nature from the invocation. Most students I have informally asked have no idea of the religious nature of the piece; they simply see it as rejuggling. In addition, the Glee Clubs and the other members of the Caltech community that join the Commencement Chorus have no religious affiliation, unlike the figures that perform the invocation each year.

In trying to make the students’ wishes known, the issue of whose decision the choice of music belongs to has arisen. It seems to be the Commencement Chorus director’s privilege to select the music. This does not make sense to me. In high school, the senior class was invited to make nominations and then vote on the song others I have talked to view the Hallelujah Chorus as a jubilant, celebratory, rousing cheer that we have finished our tenure here and are happy to be moving on, yet also happy that we were here. Gaudeamus is unfamiliar to many more people, and is in an entirely different spirit: pompous and snobbish and stuffy and uptight. I don’t feel this is an accurate representation of my feelings about my experiences here, nor do I see it as an accurate depiction of the school’s attitude, nor does it stand as a testimony to the spirit of graduation. Musically, the Hallelujah Chorus is much more spirited and uplifting than Gaudeamus. The Hallelujah Chorus is much more familial, and people just like it better. Many of the Glee Club members I sang Gaudeamus with at the inauguration just flat out did not like the music or the text. I have personally looked forward to the performance of the Hal-lelujah Chorus at my graduation ever since I first heard it at graduation in 1995.

A final aspect of the choice of music at graduation has been the range of participation each piece allows. The Hallelujah Chorus is simple enough and familiar enough to be picked up in a few short rehearsals by singers. This allows all members of the Caltech community to participate in the Commencement Chorus, not just those who were in Glee Club that year. Gaudeamus is simply not familiar enough or musically easy enough to allow anyone who did not sing it with the Glee Clubs this year to perform it at graduation. I think this is especially important to graduating singers that for some reason or another couldn’t sing in their last year or term, like myself, allowing us to participate in our graduation ceremony. Some singers, myself included, are not singing at graduation only because of distaste for Gaudeamus, but there are other singers who will not be singing at their graduation because they don’t know Gaudeamus.

There are petitions to have the Hallelujah Chorus at this year’s commencement being circulated through the undergraduate houses. A graduating Ph.D. student has taken on contacting other graduating grad students. I urge graduating students to consider signing and asking for the Hallelujah Chorus. I urge the administration to listen this time when amazing numbers of students voice their opinions. Finally, I ask that the choice of music at graduation be given to the students through the Commencement Committee in future years, to make that graduation which we have all worked so hard for truly meaningful and ours.

Katie Stoyer
Class of 1998
Extra lengthy, extra sweeping: ASCIT’s proposed bylaw changes

Proposal Guide: Member Privileges

Section 4.0.5.2.1 - Adoption of Membership Rules:

The purpose of this proposal is to establish a new section in the bylaws that outlines the rules and procedures for adopting new members into the ASCIT organization. The proposal is supported by the Executive Committee and is being presented for consideration by the membership at the upcoming Annual Meeting. The proposed rules include provisions for the nomination and voting process, as well as requirements for maintaining active membership. The proposal is expected to receive widespread support from the membership, as it is seen as a necessary step to ensure the stability and growth of the organization.

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The Current Status:

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Weekly open IHC meetings have now been permanently moved to Thursdays at midnight.

Nominations are now open for the offices of 98/99 Big T Editor and Business Manager. Interested individuals may nominate themselves by signing up on the door of the ASCIT/IHC office (SAC 33).

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