Gupta, Sturgeon win election

Results for Senior Class Co-President Elections:

Results from the senior co-presidents election on Tuesday are in. The winner of the five pairs of candidates who ran was Tony Sturgeon and Dinkar Gupta. (Recall that the current resolution eliminated the junior class officers.)

Thanks to the Donut team, for the first time online voting was available for this election. A total of 113 people voted: 37 from paper ballots in the houses and 76 with the online system.

NO received 7 first place votes, Kuo/Collins received 8, Hunyadi/Harris 15, Valdivia/Karhson 17, Stick/Lamanna 21, and Sturgeon/Gupta 33. There were also 4 valid first place write-in votes. The error was 2. A number of ballots were disregarded because they were improperly cast (see ASCIT Bylaws, article VIII).

In accordance with the Bylaws, votes were redistributed from NO, then from write-in candidates, then from Kuo/Collins. At this point we had a tie in last place between Hunyadi/Harris and Valdivia/Karhson. We redistributed votes for Hunyadi/Harris and then from Valdivia/Karhson; in both cases Gupta/Sturgeon had an absolute majority of remaining votes, so they were declared the winners.

Award winners announced

The Green, Froehlich, and Haagen-Smit Awards were presented on May 24, 2001 at a luncheon hosted by the Deans in The Athenaeum. Benson Muirte, senior in Engineering and Applied Science (ME) and Economics received the George W. Green Prize. The Green Prize is awarded to an undergraduate student in any class for original research, an original paper or essay, or other evidence of creative scholarship beyond the normal requirements of specific courses.

The McKinney Committee of the Caltech Literature Faculty is pleased to announce the winners in the 2001 contest for excellence in writing. In the category of prose fiction, first prize has been won by Mike Russo. In the category of non-fiction essay, first prize is awarded to Giao Hang. No prizes were awarded in poetry.

Honorable mention is given to Brian Palmer, Stephanie Kovalchik, Robb Rutledge, Daniel Kim, and Suzana Shubani.

The Jack E. Froehlich Memorial Award is for outstanding juniors in the top 5% of the class. Elizabeth Hong, junior in Biology and Thomas Snyder, junior in Chemistry were selected this year. Aaron Robison, junior in Biology won the Arie J. Haagen-Smit Memorial Award. The Haagen-Smit Award is given to a chemist or biologist who has shown academic promise and has made recognized contributions to Caltech.
The gentle reader will never know what a consummate ass he can become until he goes abroad. I speak, of course, in the supposition that the gentle reader has not been abroad, and therefore is not above being a consummate ass. If the case be otherwise, I beg your pardon and extend to him the cordial hand of fellowship and call him—Mark Twain, Injunce Abroad

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A.S.C.I.T. Minutes
May 28, 2001

Present: BoD - Ayeh, Nick, and Joe Fassler. Guests: Laura Brogoch, ex-BoC Chairwoman with a proposal for By-Laws amendments.

Guests
Laura scripted a series of clarifications and amendments to the present BoC By-Laws, to be voted on by the Caltech undergraduate community before the term ends. The proposed changes were brought in front of the BoD before placed on the ballot to double-check wording and developing pro-and-con arguments that will come out in the Tech this week. Because three members of the BoD were absent, the amendments were only introduced and no decisions were made. One of the more contentious issues in the changes included the addition of a defendant's right to see all relevant physical evidence presented against him/her, and whether that included testimony from witnesses. While the BoC seeks to protect witness testimony, an issue was raised that defendants should also be able to protect themselves from perjured testimony. Decision on the wording of this section was deferred to the subsequent meeting. Laura also presented a method for dealing with a representative who violates the BoC By-Laws. Since the ExComm is charged with interpreting By-Laws, it was seen as the right body to determine if a violation existed enough to warrant a representative's removal from the board had been committed. However, deciding the governing body charged with the power to remove the representative remained questionable, especially as the ExComm is not an elected body and granting this power would overstep the Houses' right of appointing representatives to the BoC. Again, further discussion was reserved for the subsequent meeting.

General Meeting
Joe Fassler is leaving a month before his term as BoC Chair ends for the Cambridge exchange. The Executive Committee has been consulted to develop procedures for installing an interim BoC chair. Since the proposed wording was more frequently, the ExComm is also requesting $100 for an anti-starving fund for the year.

The Formal was attended by 262 people, making ASCIT poor. We originally planned for an attendance of 200, but the freshmen appear to be an unusually social class. ASCIT is crossing its fingers that we'll get some additional funding from the Alumni Association and Student Affairs. While we could hope to socialize the budget, some of the other events that we've planned for, such as the beach trip and Rotation Week BBQ, serve a larger population than that going to the Formal. Accordingly, ASCIT is hoping not to have to cut into funding for these events, and making a not-so-subtle plea for extra funds in the Minutes. Since they are having meetings approximately half of the attendees paid for the formal through their UID. Ted will be developing a survey soliciting opinions about the event.

Recognizing that people have been reserving the Screening Room for 3-hour blocks to play video games, ASCIT would like to put a stop. The resolution concerning the Screening Room has been revised to say that the facility may only be reserved for the viewing of movies, so those with fast fingers and short attention spans be warned. Joe Jewell's revised resolution also stipulates that people who originally reserved the Screening Room and decide at a later time not to use it have the responsibility of changing and deleting Donut reservations. Resolution passes 4-1, with one abstaining on the principle that not all members are present.

A new resolution was written to state explicitly the policy on clubs that pick up funding late. Clubs asking for funding from a term that has passed will be penalized at least 50%. If more than one term has passed or if the term fell in the previous Board's fiscal year, money from the term in question can not be acquired. While we have allocated money for clubs in our budget, the purpose of adding this measure is to encourage clubs to communicate with ASCIT about participation and events regularly. ASCIT would also like to remind newly approved clubs that progress reports must be submitted for the first year following its inception. Voting on the resolution is deferred to correct wording snafus.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 PM Tuesday night.

Evidently, Justin

A.S.C.I.T. Minutes
May 29, 2001

Present: BoD - Dana, Guest: Laura Brogoch. And now ladies and gentlemen, let's get ready for round 2. Meeting called to order at 10:10 PM.

Guest and General Meeting

This extra meeting was called to finalize wording of the BoC By-Laws changes and additions that will appear on the ballot for voting by the undergraduate community, hopefully before the end of the term. The exact wording appears elsewhere, in the Pros-and-Cons section.

The BoD approved to place each finalized version of an amendment on the ballot unanimously. Among the changes to the BoC By-Laws that the BoD voted to place on the ballot:

1) Adding that students affiliated with more than one house can only vote for one BoC representative;
2) Mandating that the BoC is responsible for informing representatives of the identities of voting members on the case;
3) Precluding representatives from carrying out investigations of their own without sanction by the BoC;
4) Allowing defendants the right to request the dismissal of a member on the case before the first hearing in the event that the defendant feels that a representative was biased. Circumstances could also arise resulting in removal of a member from the case in subsequent hearings;
5) Requiring agreement of both the BoC Chair and Secretary on dismissing a representative before removal;
6) Preventing former House Presidents from serving on a case as they are not considered past members of the BoC;
7) Allowing anyone asked to attend a preliminary hearing to be accompanied by a current or former BoC member of his/her choice;
8) Requiring full and thorough consideration of all aspects of a case prior to calling a vote for conviction or dismissal;
9) Requiring that the defendant be shown all physical evidence pertaining to the case, and given an opportunity to respond before the BoC votes to convict;
10) Requiring 3/4 majority vote of the present Board for any decision except for case dismissal, which will only require simple majority;
11) Allowing the BoC to collaborate with the Conduct Review Committee in addition to the Graduate Review Board, the Dean of Students, and the Director of Residence Life;
12) Stipulating that in cases resulting in conviction, the Chair and Secretary must make clear to the defendant the Board's basis for its decisions, including but not limited to the main line of reasoning that led to the conviction.

Item 10 of this list was edited from the original version stating that a 7/8 majority was required for dismis- sal of a case. In the past, deadlocks have been reached numerous times without 3/4 majority votes made. In the future, either dismissal or conviction at first. According to Laura, long deadlocks have often caused representatives to make bad decisions out of frustration. Originally, the proposed change in lieu of this version was to allow dismissal following a 3/4 majority vote that all evidence had been thoroughly considered and a 3/4 majority vote that the board was in deadlock. However, these two votes would not have made dismissal any easier. Accordingly, the proposed changes for dismissal following a majority vote too would be under the condition that the board has thoroughly considered all evidence. The emergence of new evidence is grounds for the Dean to reopen the case or for a student to request a new trial.

Recognizing that there is no motivation to follow the BoC By-Laws, a change initially proposed was to grant the Executive Committee the power to initiate a recall election of a BoC representative or to directly remove a representative if it found guilty of a serious violation, under the condition that the complaint was brought before the ExComm. That, the ExComm would serve as a checks-and-balance for the BoC. Several members of the BoD felt the clause was charged with the duty of interpreting By-Laws and deciding whether a violation had occurred, granting them this power would give them too much discretionary power. A representative would not necessarily nullify a decision on the board, but removing representatives would suspend the powers of the representatives. The amendment was a highly contentious issue and was decided that the formulation of disciplinary measures for disobedient BoC representatives would be deferred to a later time.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 PM. Evidently, Justin

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No Board representative shall conduct any investigation outside a hearing except at the instruction of the Chairman.

EXPLANATION
The voting Board members question defendants and witnesses and examine evidence. The preliminary investigators (the Chair and Secretary or one of those plus a rep who doesn’t get to vote) are in charge of gathering all necessary evidence and any other information needed by the voting Board members to reach a decision. Since they are gathering the case, they do no vote on it. This allows them to gather information in an unbiased way. If voting members need further information before they can make a decision, the preliminary investigators will get it. No investigation should ever be conducted by members of the board that are not preliminary investigators. The board member that feels that an investigation is not being conducted appropriately, they should not hesitate to bring their concerns up with the chair or the board as a whole.

Insert “before the start of the full Board hearing” to Section 3, Subsection (i) as follows:
If a defendant feels that particular Board members are unable to render an unbiased judgment, a request may be made to the Chair to conduct a full hearing on the start of the full Board hearing that those members not sit on the case.

PRO
This amendment does not say that requests can’t be made during the hearing. It also does not say that the chair or the rest of the board can’t ask an obviously biased rep to step off the case.

The purpose of this amendment is to set out the normal procedural operation of the board, that requests for dismissals be made between prelims and the full hearing. Once a full hearing has begun, it is difficult to remove a rep and begin the case again. This is not a step that is ever lightly undertaken. If there is any possible issue with a rep, even if that rep is not initially dismissed, it is good practice to right up before the case begins to show that the request for dismissal comes from a pre-existing bias and not only the actions of a single case.

CON
Sometimes bias is not apparent before the start of the full hearing. It is possible that the defendant doesn’t realize who will be on the case until they arrive at the hearing, and then it would be too late to dismiss anyone.

Insert “current or former” into Section 3, Subsection (k) as follows:
(k) Any person asked to attend a preliminary investigation may be accompanied by any current or former Board member of his choice.

EXPLANATION
When called to a prelim, any undergrad can bring a BoC member as a silent witness. This BoC member explains the procedures beforehand, and after wards can answer any questions about what happened. Allowing former as well as current BoC members to be silent witnesses at prelims increases the pool of people that can be brought to prelims, and makes it easier for defendants to find someone they trust to go with them. It is already the practice of the Board that if a final rep shows up at prelims, it’s okay, but since it’s not written anywhere it’s not guaranteed to continue and also no one is who is called to prelims knows that they can.

Add new Section 3, Subsection (n) and reletter subsequent subsections:
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EXPLANATION
This amendment will give a defendant the right to see the evidence against him and also to defend himself against it. Currently, there is no guarantee that he will be able to see things. This is not happening. Being convicted of an Honor System violation is very serious and anyone faced with the possibility of it should have as much information as possible with which to formulate a defense.

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PRO
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CON
“all aspects” is pretty vague - venir, the Board reiterates being able to call a vote whenever they see fit. This first statement is not necessary for the majority vote and the two should not be connected.

Change Section 3, Subsection (r) to include the CRC as follows: (r) The Board of Control has the right to appoint a candidate to the Graduate Review Board, the Dean of Students, the Director of Residence Life, and the Conduct Review Committee.

EXPLANATION
At the time this bylaw was written, the CRC did not exist, so it was not included. As the CRC begins to cover more and more aspects of Institute disciplinary action, it is important that the Board be able to assist the CRC and the CRC assist the BoC if necessary.

Add new Subsection (s) and reiterate subsequent subsections: (s) If a candidate feels that particular aspects of his conviction are inaccurate or that the charges were not properly brought, the Chair and Secretary must make clear to the defendant the Board’s basis for its decisions, including but not limited to the main line of reasoning that led to conviction.

EXPLANATION
Anything that reduces the mystery of the BoC’s Boardings, especially for the defendant, is a good thing. This amendment gives the defendant a right to a detailed explanation of conviction, nullification, and protection decisions. The chair as spokesman for the board and secretary as summarizer of board proceedings are specified as providing the full board’s opinion. This includes the various opinions of reps. This amendment will give an official explanation of the case, but does not prevent individual reps with the defendants from discussing the case after it is closed.
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practical events that are going to continue through the summer and hopefully through the rest next year."

He also expressed the need to expand the breadth of the club's activities explaining the advantages of leadership, networking and public dealing in today's world. He referred to the future goals of the club which include arranging activities involving interaction with other business/entrepreneur clubs from local campuses, training, and discussions in leadership skills, interpersonal dealing, and networking.

For further information regarding becoming more involved in the club, or if you would like to get in touch with either of the speakers, you are encouraged to contact kenjale@its.caitech.edu.

Venture Capital Analyst

In a small-team environment, this position will be responsible for supporting current and prospective investment decisions by performing research and analysis on early stage technology companies. Primary tasks will include reviewing business plans, conducting market research, technical evaluations and competitive analysis. Ideal candidate will have a technical degree (BS/MS) with 1-2 years work/intern experience in related business field. Interested candidates can email resume to: jack@missionventures.com.
Einig kleine nacht essen

by Jean-Paul Revel

It has become increasingly difficult to keep to a reasonable diet. I do not mean to say it is impossible to control how often one is faced with having to sit down at the table. The role of meals, as a means to appease hunger, is less important, then being a vehicle for social/professional interactions. Look! I just received an invitation to attend dessert night with the Mosh! Thanks, just what I needed.

I was trying to reduce my exposure to only two meals a day. I thought of skipping breakfast, but found that difficult. My mother always insisted that breakfast was the most important meal of the day, and I always do what mother would like. I guess mother would be happy to hear that this meal, she used to remind me. So, assuming that I had not gotten up in the middle of the night to raid the refrigerator, break the fast it did, did breakfast. I guess mother would have been upset if I had not eaten breakfast, but having not eaten breakfast, she used to remind me. So, assuming that I had not gotten up in the middle of the night to raid the refrigerator, break the fast it did, did breakfast. I guess mother would be happy to hear that this meal, which I considered expendable, was coming into its own, if only as another occasion for brainstorming, plotting or planning.

Students will often skip breakfast, because they have been up most of the night planning and plotting, doing homework, picking a house, working out problem sets while snacking on munchies. So, many of them are not hungry at breakfast time even if they are awake. The other meals of the day are less likely to be considered for elimi­nation. Of course a few of us, (the virtuous ones?) choose to go to the Gym instead of having lunch, but mittagessen has long been a favorite time to get together and talk shop. Oh yes, and incidentally also to eat. As to the evening meal, while it has traditionally been a time when kindred groups get to­gether, it threatens to be trans­formed into a vehicle for social interactions with "outsiders," rather than insiders. You know, instead of plain evening meals, like the traditional Japanese gohan & okazu, banquets and other feasts, lunches, other food decorated get togethers are increasingly be­ing used for professional purposes.

The frequency distribution of socio-professional encounters dis­guised as meals, shows two peaks during the year at Institutions like ours. One in the Christmas and New Year season, and the other, 6 months later, now, as the school year ends. We are celebrating the quarter of our

Crippling Depression

Regarding the subject of last week's Crippling Depression: We realize that factories work extremely hard on their stacks, we apologize if the strips seemed like a personal attack on any of their efforts.
Scholarships

The Caltech Student Investment Fund will continue to distribute funds to Caltech clubs. We are a non-profit group of people learning about the stock market and the art of investment, and having lots of fun along the way. If you would like to apply for a given amount of money for your club, you can download an application form from www.its.caltech.edu/stif-click here. The deadline for applications is July 10.

Work-Study Opportunity at JPL: Compton Gamma-Ray Observatory Archival Data Analysis for Studying Temporal and Spectral Properties of Gamma-Ray Sources. This is an opportunity for 1 or 2 undergraduate students in physics or astronomy to participate in a part-time research program to process and analyze archival data obtained by the Burst and Transient Spectroscopy Experiment (BATSE) onboard the NASA Compton Gamma-Ray Observatory. The major scientific objective is to study the properties of gamma-ray emission from cosmic sources including black holes and active galactic nuclei and neutron-star systems. For this research, it would be useful if the student had some experience with programming as well as working with the Interactive Data Language (IDL) package. Employment would be on a part-time work-study basis during the school year and possibly up to 40 hours per week during the summer. Contact Information: Dr. James C. Ling, JPL 169-327. Phone: (818)354-2819. E-mail: james.c.ling@jpl.nasa.gov

Upcoming Events

Assemblymember Carol Liu (44th District) is hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, June 7th, from 5:30- 7:00 PM. The meeting will include a Community Forum during which attendees will learn what to expect and how to prepare for this summer's rolling blackouts. Information on energy conservation, energy efficiency, and bill payer assistance programs will be available at the Forum. For answers to questions, contact Liu's district office at 626-577-9944. The meeting will be held in the Community Meeting Room at Robinson Park at 1081 North Fair Oaks Avenue in Pasadena.

Summer Camping & Hiking Trip (June 21 - 24): The Caltech Y. International Student Programs & the Alumni Association invite you to join us for a summer camping and hiking trip to the Caltech Centennial Grove, a historic grove of giant sequoia trees located in the Sierra National Forest. No camping or hiking experience is necessary. Sign up today! WHEN: Leaving Thursday, June 21 & Returning Sunday, June 24, WHERE: Caltech Centennial Grove, Sierra National Forest (located just south of Yosemite National Park). Sign UP DEADLINE: Friday, June 8. COST: $60 per person (includes food & transportation). To sign up or get additional information, please contact Caltech Y (158-86) / Email: caltechy@caltech.edu / Phone: 395-6163 OR International Student Programs (250-86) / Email: oip@ccs.caltech.edu / Phone: 395-6330

TACT! (Theater Arts at Caltech) presents an adaptation of Luigi Pirandello's Six Characters in Search of an Author in Ramo Auditorium starting this weekend. This week's shows are Friday at 5PM and Sunday at 2PM. The complete list of performances as follows:

Friday, June 1, June 8 - 8 PM
Saturday, June 2, June 9 - 8 PM
Sunday, June 3, June 10 - 2 PM

Tickets are available call by calling (626) 395-4652 or emailing events@caltech.edu.The prices are $15 for general admission, $10 for students with current ID, and $5 for Caltech students. More information can be found at: http://www.ccs.caltech.edu/tact/ Seminar On Science, Ethics, And Public Policy Lecture: Dr. Naomi Oreskes Associate Professor of History of University of California, San Diego presents: "Science and Security before the Atomic Bomb: The Loyalty Case of Oceanographer Harold U. Sverdrup." Room 25, Baxter Building Friday, June 1, 2001 4:00 PM. Refreshments will be served. Seminars are on the Caltech campus and open to the community at no charge. For information, contact Michelle Reinschmidt at (626) 395-4087 or michelle@hss.caltech.edu. For a complete list of SEPP Seminars and Harris Lectures scheduled for this academic year, visit our web site: http://www.hss.caltech.edu/sepp/