New beaver mascot unveiled

**BY IRAM PARVEEN BILAL**

Incidentally, www.dictionary.com defines a mascot as "a person, animal, or object believed to bring good luck, especially one kept as the symbol of an organization such as a sports team."

If observed, it seemed that Caltech was not really using the beaver, its good luck sign since the early 1900s, in its usual way for the recent past and hence needed to bring up the issue of the fading beaver. Hence the Alumni Association, the Caltech Bookstore, and the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) came up with a contest a few months ago for designing a new beaver. This was done to give the mascot a consistent look that could be used on sportswear and stationary. They then opened the contest entries and then just a few days ago, came up with the lucky winner, Jason Wong, a Junior, who gets $250 for his commendable job.

Timothy Downs, the Director of Athletics commented on the issue by saying, “We want to go back to the traditional use of the mascot.” He added that the Athletics facilities department will get the mascot into its final form so that it can be used on the website, stationary and on some of the sports uniforms as soon as possible.

He continued to say that once the features of the mascot were finalized, it would be up to the individual sports’ coaches whether they would like its addition onto the existing uniforms or not.

However, he agreed with the significance of the mascot, “I think that it gives any sports team, whether it is Caltech’s or any other college’s, an identity.”

Although, the new mascot might not be used as much as people are expecting it because many college sports uniforms do not necessarily bear it and because it has reached a different usage level for Caltech, it is comforting to know that we finally have a standard mascot to use on any Caltech-related affairs whenever needed.
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There were a few dark and overcast days earlier but if you missed the warmth of the sun, it is really just a measure of how much of a native southern Californian you have become in the last four short years. I have to confess that I found the resulting cool temperatures pretty agreeable. I also have to admit that it was wonderful earlier this week to rediscover, resuspend as if freshly washed, the white coo-lie hat of Beckman Auditorium and in the background, our haze itself. The whole scene overcast days earlier but if you haze. The scene had the airiness, including a lovely blue sky with a few soft incipient clouds, instead of the big ominous gray fog that swallows everything, tentative, delicate wisps, barely thicker than the haze itself. The whole scene was idyllic.

There was something missing, though. Perhaps a few goats grazing the luscious grass in the foreground? That would provide a nice closure, only hope that the lovely scenery will last while lists of graduating students are still being passed around faculty committees and the seniors are busy with their latest set of final exams. The scenery is well ahead of the rest of the production, it will take another week for all of it to come together. Let's hope that by then the view will not be smudged with smog. But will you be looking at the mountains next Friday at 10am?

While waiting around we have been celebrating those of you who have done especially well. We have been handing out prizes, giving awards, celebrating achievements. This gave me to wonder what the Caltech experience had been like for all of you, not just for the superstars. In the first of my first column after you arrived here I wrote "Welcome to Caltech, you select and special few women and men, chosen from among the thousands of applicants who thought they had the stuff you have."

I went on to tell you we were here to give you what you hoped for when you decided to come here. Well did we? Did you take advantage of our student to faculty ratio or was it just arithmetic because you never bothered (dared) to disturb a Prof.? Were you among those who did not go to lecture, who ignored TAs, who could 'never find' their advisor? Where you successful at learning new things, did you expand your understanding of the world, did you discover what you want to do for the rest of your life? Did you begin to learn how to balance the demands of life and the demands of work?

We hope that your Caltech experience will help you all in your futures. You leave prepared to tackle problems, to deduce things from first principles. That will serve you well whatever you do. It won't take a way the drudgery you should decide to go to Med. or to Law School, where those hogoboblin, the facts, will be legions and test your mettle. But even there, having learned to think your way out of problems is going to be real useful. And once you have learned to drink from Caltech firehoses, you should be able to deal with fireshores anywhere.

So best wishes to you all, from A to Z, Orkun Akin to Summer Zhang, Abraham, Jorge, Regina, Eagle, Stona and Megan, Nita, Jason and Melinda, all of you, even those whose names I have not written. Best wishes and Au revoir!

Jean-Paul Revel

Don't Let Summer

Walking back to work from the convenience store, you've tried to remember to bring your soda and have an empty bottle in hand. Being a good citizen, you wish there was a recycling bin but with none in sight, you toss it into the nearest trash bin. A quick peek into any outdoor bin would reveal that this scenario is played out every day.

Members of the Caltech Environmental Task Force (CETF) and Building Bridges conducted a survey two weeks ago to determine how much "trash" that is thrown in the trash bins outside of campus buildings and the student houses is recyclable. The striking result was that 30-40% of the content found in the trash bins consisted of valuable recyclable plastic and glass bottles and aluminum cans. In the patio area outside of Chandler and the Red Door Cafe, the total volume could have been reduced by 50% if all paper cups from the Red Door Cafe were recycled along with all the plastic, glass, and aluminum.

"We don't have to accept this level of waste," said Delmy Emerson, Caltech's recycling coordinator. "Use of disposable cups can be drastically reduced if substantial incentives exist for customers to bring in their own mugs to the Red Door." Also, Claudine Chen of CETF commented that waste could be reduced if "the cafe used ceramic mugs or glasses for drinks by default, which I think most customers would prefer to use anyway."

Fortunately, the recycling office is committed to introducing outdoor recycling to Caltech. The recycling stations have already been ordered, and when they arrive they will be placed outside of Chandler, near the undergraduate student mailboxes, and near Throop garden.

However, Jennie Stephens of CETF believes more action may be needed. "Although these three outdoor recycling bins will be a significant improvement to the current situation, the CETF survey demonstrates that if Caltech made a larger investment in outdoor recycling bins by ensuring that all outdoor trash bins had an adjacent recycling container, there would be a significant reduction in the "trash" produced on campus. This would result in an associated increase in the amount of recyclable items that bring in revenue when they are sold to be recycled."

The volunteers who donated their time to the survey were Jennie Stephens, Doug Smith, Yuki Takahashi, Kathryn Todd, Antia Minos, Lou Madsen, Dana Ionita, Serena Eley, Spencer Mortensen, and Claudine Chen.