Nunnally leaves Caltech

Jerry Nunnally, Caltech's Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations for the past five and a half years is stepping down from his position on February 15, 2002. Current Vice President for Public Relations, Robert O'Rourke, will substitute him temporarily.

"I have been at Caltech for eight years. Now, I plan to do something different," says Nunnally. He has lately been immensely involved in the institute's Capital Campaign, which is a major fund-raising activity scheduled to start this fall.

Even though he will not be here as VP, Nunnally will still be helping with the campaign, "I will be helping Caltech in the next few months on a consulting basis. I think that this upcoming campaign will be a big success," said Nunnally.

David Baltimore, in an email to the Institute, said, "Having set in place the structure for the Institute's forthcoming capital campaign, Jerry has decided that he would prefer not to take on operational responsibility for this enterprise."

"With the campaign kick-off planned for this fall, we both agreed that it would be best to make a change now, rather than in the midst of the public phase of this major fund-raising activity."

Nunnally has been a contributing part of Caltech and has associated productively with the Trustees, faculty, staff, and students. He will be continuing not only on this campaign but also on other major fund-raising campaigns in the future. Regarding his stay here at Caltech, he commented, "it has really been terrific, I have enjoyed it immensely!"

Lorden to act as temporary student affairs VP

Gary Lorden has returned as Vice-President of Student Affairs after a four-year absence. While a search committee is being formed to find a permanent replacement for Chris Brennen, Lorden is back on the job. Lorden has been a faculty member since 1989-1998. The Tech caught up with him on his first day back on the job.

Lorden said that the job hasn't changed a great deal from when he last held it. The same table still sits in the same office, and only the chairs have had their upholstery redone. The upper administration still has the same expectations from the VP, and people still think the job is easier than it is.

The Vice-President has to combine two jobs according to Lorden. The first is to be a strong and effective advocate for students—both for the things they know they want and also for the long-term future of student life at Caltech. The other job is to be part of the team that runs the school, which involves figuring out how to get the most out of the limited resources available and explain to people why not everyone can have everything they desire can happen. Lorden explained that this is the central difficult of the job. "If you asked the students for everything they wanted you'd get a huge list. On the other hand, if you asked the faculty chairs what they wanted you would another huge list." In his temporary role, Lorden's main job will be to make things easier for his replacement to step in. At the same time he says he needs to, "catch up with Administration and students about what's going on, and there's a lot." When asked to elaborate on the current dissatisfaction between students and administration, Lorden explained that he wasn't clear on the specifics of how the current situation developed but that he was determined to sort out anything to try to right some of the problems during his time. "There's a sign posted in the basement of Sloan," Lorden recalled, "which says, 'The floggings will stop when the moral improves.'" This sign, he feels, gives the best sense of how Caltech students (both undergraduates and graduates) feel right now, "Students feel that some of their best things like self-government aren't appreciated and are misunderstood." At the same time though, Lorden believes the administration and Student Affairs feel equally misguided. "In the nearly 20 years I've been involved in administration here, this is probably one of the toughest times in terms of upset feeling all around."

Health insurance for undergraduates and graduates is one thing Lorden said he would be discussing in the immediate future. "This is an area in which I want to see change do something good." Further afield, the responsibilities will lie with his successor, but Lorden pointed to the Student/Faculty Conference, scheduled for April as an immensely positive sign. The first Student/Faculty Conference was held in the 1960's and was so popular that it became a regular event, although in recent years it has not happened. This event is, "As wonderful an example of student self-representation as I've ever seen" and Lorden encouraged students to get involved. There is a web-page for this event at http://sf.caltech.edu/ that provides more information and a chance to share your opinions. Lorden is hopeful for the future of student-administration relations at Caltech. "It's like they say in the stock market," he explained, "there is a crisis of confidence, but the fundamentals are good, and it's gonna get better."
I'll keep this short and sweet. I've been on BoC for the past year. I know how the procedures work. I can handle the job. I'm not going to brag about myself or anything... most of y'all know that that ain't my style. I'll just say this: I won't let anybody down.

There is a problem in that I am not currently at Caltech. I am currently studying for a term at Cambridge. As you can see, this could cause a problem. If you elect me, I can work with ASCIT Excomm and the BoC to try to find a solution to this problem. However, for the time being, just think of me as the happier version of "No."

Laura Elliott

Reminder:
Elections for ASCIT President and Vice President will be this Tuesday Feb. 5 in each House.

Sign up for other ASCIT positions are outside of SAC 33. Sign up will come down Thursday Feb. 7 at 5 PM.
**Cows for better living (cont’d)**

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The problem of tensions can be considered a serious one unless one considers the following: un-tippers, opposed to tipping, will realize that if no one tips the cows, they will have no way to relieve their stress short of leaving campus, which is unsafe at such a time, as we are told by security protocols, if there are no cows for them to stand upright. Up-righting the cows, however, can be done on campus, thus eliminating the unnecessary risk for leaving campus at night, is beneficial to the cows, and helps relieve their stress. The tipplers will also realize that if no one tips the cows they tip, then soon they would have no cows to tip, and those Caltech students whose pet tipplers’ activities as beneficial and highly desirable. Thus the cows will give our community a sense of unity that is yet un-precedented in strength. Yet another way in which cows will improve the quality of life of our community is by providing a steady supply of fresh milk that can be made into dairy products. If a cow can give three glasses of milk a day, one student or faculty member will be supplied with the recommended daily amount of calcium, a mineral necessary for healthy bones. Unfortunately, a large part of our community does not consume enough calcium, which results in loss of bone mass, and increases insurance costs. Given a steady supply of fresh, warm milk, uncontaminated by preservatives and other additives, people would consume more dairy products, and thus be happier and healthier. The Caltech Dining Services would not only save on buying dairy products, but given fresh ingredients, they will supply the campus with even better quality food. And good food makes happy people. Right? Caring for the herbs grazing on the Court of Man and other green places will enable the Institute to open numerous jobs, thus helping the economy recover. And isn’t it better to be so close to the city and to be able to help the country prosper, while doing something that is so beneficial to our little community at the same time? Students interested in zoology will be able to work with the freely roaming cows (which they cannot do now), and this will eliminate the need to build a Biology building for the zoologists (or, at least, postpone the time at which such a facility will be constructed). The problem of parking spaces will also be resolved, as the students, who used their cars to go cow-tipping off campus, will no longer need cars, given how much entertainment and good food they will have at arm’s length. Who can forget the weeks when the campus lawns are covered in compost to help grass grow, the aroma that makes some students ban- lin ear algebra and EE majors to seek shelter in the sub-basement of Moore? Ollik in office side effects of the cows will be the elimination of the need of specially bringing in compost, as they will keep the lawns properly fertilized. And when the need to bring in extra compost arises, the community will be so used to the smell that it will no longer be a problem. People will not rush to hide inside buildings, as they will instead take advantage of the warm, Southern California sun and talk to each other outside. Why is this alone justifies the addition of bovines? Thus, importing cows will introduce technology, financial, academic, and psychological improvements, greatly benefitting the Caltech community. The moment when a great banner reads “Welcome-Moo-o0000o” will grace the top of the Millikan library (perhaps, by then, Millikan office building) will mark the beginning of a healthier, wealthier, problem-free Caltech community. Let us all raise a glass of milk, and say, “Hurray for cows!”

**OUTSIDE WORLD**

By William Font

State of the Union Address:
On Tuesday, President George W. Bush gave his first State of the Union address with the key message that “the state of our union has never been stronger”. A controversial statement in the address by Bush was the naming of Iraq, Iran, and North Korea as “an axis of evil”. Aside from this, President Bush justified the $30 billion tax cut as a result of the war in terrorism, called for an increase to $38 billion in funding for homeland security, and pushed for an economic stimulus package that focused on creating jobs. Bush also called for every American to volunteer at least 4000 hours in their lifetime in light of the aftermath of the September 11 attacks.

Reporter Kidnapped in Pakistan:
The National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty has claimed responsibility in the kidnapping of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl Wednesday. The group released a statement Wednesday demanding the release of all Pakistanis held in the U.S. as a result of the September 11 attacks in 24 hours or Pearl would be executed. However, Thursday, an e-mail extending the deadline by 24 hours was sent to Pearl. It called for an increase to $38 billion in funding for homeland security, and pushed for an economic stimulus package that focused on creating jobs. Bush also called for every American to volunteer at least 4000 hours in their lifetime in light of the aftermath of the September 11 attacks.

U.S. Economy Shows Signs of Recovery:
On Friday, reports showed that the national unemployment rate fell from 5.8% in December to 5.6% in January. Also, earlier in the week, the Federal Reserve decided to hold interest rates steady after eleven consecutive rate cuts that date back to the start of 2001 stating that the economy was beginning to stabilize. Another surprising result during the week was the report showing an increase in the nation’s GDP in the fourth quarter of 2001. This increase was sparked by heavy government spending. Nevertheless, the positive indicators show that the end of the recession might be near.
Los Angeles. The city embraces, and indeed embodies, the triumph of style over substance. It is a place where the clothes we wear and even more, the cars we drive make who we are inside all but irrelevant. Although much urban poverty is not an image-conscious and materialistic as LA, the obsession with automobiles is a shared American experience. The status symbols, sex symbols, and indeed, multi-faceted symbols of America itself. The history of the automobile begins with the archetypal American story of Henry Ford, the grandchild of Irish immigrants who through hard working independency built an entire industry in America. Or so the mythology goes, anyway.

For many decades owning a vehicle has been an essential part of the American dream. Moreover, it is the one part that most people actually attain, in contrast to a nice suburban home with a happy family and 2.5 children. As long as we own cars, we can say we at least have something, so we have made our cars sufficient for the dream we’ve yet to fulfill. To simulate the suburban feel, we get nice suburban cars like a Ford Taurus or an SUV. And hey, an excursion is pretty much as big as a house, so who needs one? For young single women who like cute things, we have the Dodge Neon. These with more modern dreams of becoming movie stars or rich executives salivate at foreign names like Benz and Porsche. For these of us who aspire to be grid students, however, it’s whatever j公寓 we can scrape together enough money to purchase. But no matter how hard the road of success seems, we learn to love them and make them feel like home.

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LULLY, I HAVE TO DOWNSIZE YOU AS SOON AS YOU FINISH YOUR PROJECT.
I TRUST THAT YOUR PROFESSIONALISM WILL PREVENT YOU FROM DELAYING UNNECESSARILY.
I PROMISE THAT MY TIMELINESS WILL BE SURPRISED ONLY BY MY PASSION FOR QUALITY.

I HIRED A MAN-HATER TO BE YOUR SUPERVISOR. WHY?
FRANKLY, I'M KINDA TURNED ON BY ANGRY WOMEN IN PANTSUITS.
SHE'S DECISIVE. I LIKE THAT.

I ATTENDED AN ALL-DAY MEETING BUT LATER FOUND OUT IT WAS IN THE WRONG ONE.
ACTUALLY, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE IN THIS MEETING EITHER.
THE DOOR WAS OPEN.

YOU'RE FIRED FOR BEING A MAN.
NO ONE HAS EVER CALLED ME A MAN BEFORE. THIS IS THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE!
I'M A MAN!

I STOP ENJOYING LITEE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY SENT YOU TO OUR FRIEND'S COLLECTION.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SENT YOUR FRIEND TO OUR SCHOOL.
I Siphoned off their self-respect and keep it in vials in a storage room.
THIS IS NO FUN. I QUIT.

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THE MEN HERE ARE OBVIOUSLY TO MY ABUSE. WHAT DID YOU DO TO THEM?
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Everyday we in the Dean's of­ fice are reminded of how hard our students work and how will­ ingly most of them shoulder heavy and demanding classes. Presumably they are motivated by the memory of rewards past, by parental and professorial ap­ proval, by the promise of a bright future, perhaps even the hope of joining the ranks of these superior beings, the sci­ entists, sage and wise demigods in the image of Louis Pasteur or Marie Curie. The reward incentive is pretty widespread, wit­ ness dogs, dolphins and seals, even baby chimpanzees. I just read how of a baby chimp seems to have learned a complex ma­ nipulation on a computer by just watching his mother do similar things and get her reward (a coin, not a banana!) (http://­www.pr.kyoto-u.ac.jp/koudou­shinketsu/chimp/home/index-E.htm).

Of course the motives for us people are complex, often multifold. There are many simi­ larities between the impulses that drive a scholar or researcher and those that drive students. First there is curiosity, the need to find out how things tick, to take the watch apart, and better yet to get back together again; the pleasure and excitement of watching his do similar things and get her (a bridge kind of notation (Pitfalls down man) and of short lived money (cold fusion)). If nothing else it must be uncomfortable to live all down, if that is ever pos­ sible. Better to have more mod­ est expectations and enjoy one's successes even if less astounding. Long live elegance!

A bientot!

Jean-Paul Revel
Dean of Students
February 4, 2002
8 Mints

The California Tech

Announcements

Prefrosh Weekend is coming Thursday, February 14th - Sunday, February 24th, 2002. If you have any questions or suggestions, please e-mail Ashley Sim at ashley.sim@caltech.edu.

As a result of Irvin Foundation funding, Caltech has a limited amount of money available for diversity programs related to minorities. Proposals must be submitted by students, faculty, and staff and are welcome and should clearly address how the program relates to issues of diversity. Proposals should also include a description of the event, including purpose, audience, date, location, and budget. Application forms can be picked up at the Counseling Center. A Committee will review the applications and make the awards. For more information, contact Athena Castro (acastro@caltech.edu) or Greg Fletcher (gjf@caltech.edu) at ext. 616.

Are you interested in discussing life at Caltech and in the United States? If so, the Intercultural Discussion and Support Group provides a forum for Caltech students to explore the process of cultural adjustment and relating across cultures. The group meets every Monday from 12-1 pm in the Women's Center Lounge. (265-58, 2nd floor of the Center for Student Services). This group is facilitated by the Counseling Center and International Student Programs, and is open to all Caltech students, graduates and undergraduate, American and international. Drop-ins welcome. Since lunch is provided, please contact Dan at dmaher@caltech.edu if you plan on attending one of the meetings this winter so we have enough food for everyone.

Scholarships

For more information on available scholarships, please visit the Financial Aid web site at http://www.finaid.caltech.edu/news.html. All qualified students are encouraged to apply!

Upcoming Events

Caltech Library System Presents: The following sessions are approximately one hour of formal instruction followed by an optional hands-on practice. All classes begin at noon and meet in the Sherman Fairchild Library Multimedia Conference Room (Room 328). Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is preferred.

Tuesday, February 5, Noon "Introduction to Endnote 4.0 Citation Manager Software" Tuesday, February 12, Noon "Web of Science for Science and Engineering" View details and register for these and other upcoming classes at: http://library.caltech.edu/learning/default.htm. For further information, please contact Kathleen McGregor at ext. 6731 or kathleen@library.caltech.edu.

WEST (Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology) will be holding several events this term. While the Lunch with Faculty Events are designed for female students and require an RSVP to www/caltech.edu, the Open Forum Events are open to the entire Caltech community (males, females, students, faculty, and staff) and do not require an RSVP. Feb. 11 Open Forum; 7-9pm, Beckman Institute Auditorium

Students: Prof. Denis Dougherty, Joan Eustis, Jared Leadbetter, and Erin Schuman Title: A Day in the Life of a Caltech Professor For more information on WVEST, please email west@caltech.edu.

Caltech Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences presents its Seminar on Science, Ethics, and Public Policy. Dr. Kim Sterelny, Professor of Philosophy at the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, will discuss the philosophical and moral implications of current research in cognitive science. The seminar will be held in the La Belle, Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences, 101-40, by no later than March 14, 2002. No entries will be returned. Each entry will be judged by a committee from the Literature Faculty. Essays will be judged on the quality of thought and the effectiveness of the writing. Winners will be announced in May, and the names of the winners will appear in the commencement program. The Committee will divide the award in each category in case of no outstanding submission. Previous winners in any one category are not eligible for the competition in that category. If you have any questions, contact Prof. LaBelle, extension 5059, or Barbara Estrada, extension 3609.

Monticello Foundation Internship and Robert and Delphine Noland Summer Internships 2002. The Dean of Students Office is accepting proposals for the Monticello Foundation Internship and the Robert and Delphine Noland Summer Internships. Three to five Caltech undergraduate women will be given an opportunity to participate in research projects outside of the Caltech campus. Women for ten weeks during the summer. Each student will receive $5,000 and stipend (same as the SUMMER stipends). Applicants must be in their last year of college and will wish to participate fully. All arrangements with the principal investigator will be the responsibility of the student. There are no restrictions as to where the research can be done, except that it must be outside the Caltech-JPL community. Other universities, colleges, national laboratories and institutes which the student can attend will be at the student's discretion. A research project can be the site for the experience. Each student will be asked to submit a short synopsis of the research project. Interested? Identify yourself on your experience at a research facility for a ten-week period. In a short essay, describe your project and submit it to the Dean's Office in Room 102, Parsons-Gates along with two faculty recommendations. We would like to know for whom you would be working, who, and if possible some specifics concerning your proposed research topic. The Office has sample proposals from past years for your review. Please stop by to review them or to discuss your proposal with one of us before the deadline date. Proposals must be in by Monday, March 4, 2002.

The Caltech Flying Team is looking for new members! Caltech is a member of the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Flying Association and competes in the annual SAFECON flying competition in February. Competition events include navigation, bomb drop, flight simulation, and many others. You do not need to be a pilot nor a member of the Caltech Aero Association in order to participate! For more information about joining the flying team or attending practices, contact Elaine Ou ou@caltech.edu or Gihlad Wu wu@caltech.edu, or visit the Aero Association web page: http://www.its.caltech.edu/~aacit.

The Caltech Fullwood Dance Class is offering professionally taught Viennese Waltz and amateur Rumba. This is the fourth in a 5-week series running on Mondays (Vienna Waltz) and Wednesdays (Rumba). If you have the know how, come learn new figures. Viennese Waltz: $60/10 lessons for all Caltech students; $8 per lesson for others. Rumba: $1/lesson. No partner required. Beginner classes will be limited to 15 participants. A half-hour practice period will follow each class. Waltz Lessons, 7:30-9:30. On Mondays from 9-11:30am. Rumba Lessons, Mexican folk music and dance. Since these percussionists joined together in 1978, SamulNori has sparked a renaissance in Korea's music scene and garnered worldwide acclaim. For more information about the music and dance, visit the Caltech Fullwood Dance Class web page: http://www.fullwooddance.com. For tickets, contact the Caltech Ticket Office (Pasadena Civic Auditorium, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Mail Code 3329, Pasadena, CA 91125-9205. http://www.postsTicketing.com, email: events@caltech.edu, phone: 1-888-2CALTECH (222-5832).

Soprano Hila Plitmann to be featured guest soloist with the Pasadena Symphony in All-Mozart Program on Saturday, February 16, 8 pm, at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Single tickets are $10, $22, $24, $40, $42, $53 and $64 for adults; $5 for children ages 5 to 17. Student and senior rush seats are $10 and are available with ID the week prior to the concert. Season subscriptions are also available. The Pasadena Civic Auditorium is located at 306 E. Green Street in Pasadena. For tickets and information, please call (626) 584-8833 or visit www.pasadenasymphony.org.

"Classical Conversations" is a free "behind the scenes" series of events presented by the Pasadena Symphony and Vromen. Check http://www.pasadenasymphony.org/for dates. These afternoon programs prior to six concerts throughout the season feature Pasadena Symphony Music Director/Conductor Jorge Menza guest artists offering unique perspectives on classical music. "Classical Conversations" programs are open to the public, and reservations are not required. For additional information about the events, please call (626) 449-5320. Vromen is located at 695 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena.

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