Man Breaks into Cockpit:

On Thursday, a Uruguayan man broke into the cockpit of a Boeing 767 which took off from Miami and was headed for Buenos Aires. Pablo Moreira made his way to the front of the plane and entered the flight deck right after the September 11 incident. Airport authorities and flight attendants attempted to subdue Moreira, but once he crawled under the bar, one of the co-pilots hit Moreira in the head with the blunt end of a hatchet. Moreira was arrested in Miami after the flight landed in Buenos Aires, and on Friday he made his appearance in a Miami court. Being formally charged was a low priority for the flight crew, Moreira could face up to 20 years in prison.

Winter Olympics Start:

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Basit Khan
Larry Stewart
Lisa Wang

Interhouse Committee:
Marcus Williams
Neda Afsarmanesh

Prof. Jurca thinks that the town hall meetings have been very effective in generating ideas; for instance, she mentioned that a student suggested that the proposals from the committee should not only be reviewed by the students but also voted upon, so that the administration has a clear sense of exactly what the students want. "That's an excellent idea. I should also add that I would like to hear a bit more from students in terms of concrete suggestions for how the aspects of Rotation that are deemed to be the most unpleasant might be productively modified," she added. Contact the Task Force if you have any suggestions that you can come up with the best result for both the students and the administration.

Jou, Mittal win election

Last Tuesday there was a campus-wide election for ASCIT President and for the BoC Chair, who serves as the Vice-President for ASCIT. The candidates for president were Ted Jou and Laura Elliott. Vikram Mittal ran unopposed for BoC Chair. Ted won the election for president, and Vikram defeated "NO" for the position as BoC Chair. Because Vikram is currently in the Cambridge study program, Katharina Kohler will remain BoC chair until the beginning of third term, when Vikram returns. Ted will assume his position as president at the customary time. Because of an Excomm decision, the Student Housing Committee is dealing, seems to be vigorously defended by most students. Even though they feel that it has its pitfalls in that it is "not pleasant" or "fun," many feel that it is probably the best way to place freshmen in the Houses. Jurca remarked about the renovation plan, "Students seem uniformly enthusiastic about it!" Rotation, the first of several controversies with which the Student Housing Committee is dealing, will almost certainly not be coming up with a single recommendation regarding Rotation; we hope to generate 3-4 scenarios, which will be circulated among students for their further input and passed on to Student Affairs.

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Election Statements

CRC Student Co-chair

It has become clear over the past few months that one of the most important issues on campus now is the relationship between undergraduates and other groups on campus, particularly the administration and faculty. The Conduct Review Committee, as a group composed of students, faculty, and staff, has the opportunity to foster cooperation and communication between individuals with various roles on campus. Additionally, the CRC makes decisions regarding Institute policy that can affect the whole community. It is therefore important that the CRC Student Co-chair be a responsible member of the undergraduate community who can effectively represent the student body.

From discussions with various students, it seems to me that there is a good deal of misinformation about what the CRC actually does, and what its role is relative to other possibilities for conflict resolution on campus. As CRC Student Co-chair, I would make publicly available the list of students, faculty, and staff members who are CRC representatives, so that students with questions could ask those directly involved. Additionally, I would try to make more public any CRC decisions that directly impact the interpretation of Institute policies, or potential change to Institute policies, to the extent that this can be done without endangering the confidentiality of any students involved.

I've been a student representative on the CRC for the past year, so I'm familiar with the procedures and rules governing the committee. I'm active in several activities and committees on campus, which gives me the regular opportunity to interact with a wide variety of undergraduates. Most importantly, I have a strong desire to encourage positive interaction between students, faculty, and administration, which I feel I would be able to do as the Conduct Review Committee Student Co-chair.

Jessie Kneeland

Elise Kleeman

Hi, my name is Elise Kleeman, and I am running for CRC co-chair. I have both the character and the experience necessary to serve as a fair arbiter of any issues brought before the CRC. The CRC Co-chair needs to have good leadership skills and the ability to work with both other students and faculty members. Being on the CRC for the past year and being a member of numerous committees dealing with student and student-faculty issues has given me the experience I need to do a good job. In doing these things I have shown myself to listen well to all sides of any issues, and also to represent the views of students to the faculty and administration involved. The CRC was created to give students a voice about non-Honor Code related issues, but to do that, there needs to be a strong CRC Co-chair on the Rooting Committee to ensure that important issues are not decided by the administration alone. I guarantee to be that voice and to represent the students, as well as to be a fair and understanding presence in any case brought before the CRC.

Alice Lin

Andrea Vasconcellos

I might not be the tallest person around but that doesn’t mean I don’t see everything that happens on campus. I visit all the houses periodically, you might have seen me at lunch sometime. Hopefully, I’ve met you already but if not, stop by my room sometime. I’ll be happy to talk to you and believe me, I talk a lot. In fact, my vocal skills will be the key to being the “voice” of the freshman class. I don’t care if you’re a basketball player, a basket weaver, a basket case, or just plain looney. If you have an idea to improve campus life, I want to hear from you. Everybody’s opinions matter. Remember, size matters not.

I have been interested in the position of Freshman Director-at-Large ever since I first learned about ASCIT at frosh camp. It is an exciting opportunity, because it would allow me to be involved in the student government and serve the Caltech community. I am active on campus, and know people with varied interests, including musicians and athletes, and people from different activities, such as CCF and FSI. I feel I can bring enthusiasm to the job and I am prepared to make the time commitment necessary.

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Treasurer

Iram Parveen Bilal

I will keep this short and straightforward. I know that most of you do not have the time to read long, winding statements! All I want to say is that vote for someone who you believe will do the best job. Having been involved with a lot of student clubs on campus for the last year and a half, and having recently formed my own club, Caltech Public Speaking, I think that I have had a lot of leadership experience specifically at Tech so far, not to mention that I was also involved in a lot of leadership activities in high school.

Also, from my experience as a weekly writer/reporter for the California Tech, I know of the issues involving student life on campus and I want to help resolve them with the administration. In short, I want to serve you all.

Being a treasurer, I think, involves honesty, agility and presence and I believe that, with your support, I will be able to pull all those through.

Those who know me well know that I try my best at whatever I do. You have the power to let me do my best for you, so please vote for me and let me serve you!

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Janet Zhou

You know, writing this statement is a lot harder than it looks. You'd think I would have learned something about writing, having edited this newspaper for a year, but maybe, just maybe, words aren't my thing. I believe I work much better with numbers. I am running for Treasurer because I am qualified and genuinely interested in the position, and because I would like to represent you, the student body, on the Board of Directors.

As a member of my House social team for a year, and now as assistant chairman, I've had a lot of experience budgeting events, making payments, and negotiating deals. Additionally, having been on the editorial staff of both the Tech and The Big T, I am very familiar with ASCIT finances.

As an active member of the Caltech community, I am concerned about the recent controversies on campus and would like to represent you to administration. I am easy to approach and talk to, and am eager to learn and meet the needs of students. I am a responsible, organized, and sensible individual who works well with others and will get along with the rest of the Board.

I would appreciate your vote for ASCIT Treasurer and if elected, would do my best to fulfill my duties.

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Boc Secretary

Liz Stameshkin

Hi. I'm Liz Stameshkin, and I'm running for BoC Secretary. I'm going to keep this short. I think I'll do a good job. I've got a year of experience as Dabney BoC rep, I served on the ASCIT excomm this past year, and I'm currently on the Honor Code Committee for the Student Faculty Conference. I believe in fairness and making sure every defendant has a right to an unbiased and timely trial. I will also attempt to put together a mock trial so that the student body can see what a super secret BoC case might actually look like. I want to help students. I helped organize the sit-in on the Olive Walk last term to demand we be heard. I will do the best I can to help the honor code survive and flourish here.

Thanks!

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Will Findley

Will Findley for BoC Slave

Contrary to popular belief, BoC Secretary is not the wonderful, all-powerful position that it is made out to be. Aside from aiding in deciding whether or not someone possibly committed an honor system violation during the preliminary investigation, the BoC Secretary, for the most part, is the BoC's personal slave. The Secretary's responsibilities include such glamorous things as making photocopies of evidence, arranging meeting times and places, getting food if the meetings run through meals, taking accurate minutes during the prelims and full meetings, and much, much more. And for all of this effort, the BoC Secretary is rewarded with complaints of a lack of some type of food and the fact that not every single word was transcribed into the minutes. Wow! What a wonderful job!

"Now, Will," you might be saying to yourself, "You've just made baby Jesus cry with this utterly horrific description of BoC Secretary. Why would you possibly want to run for such a wretched station in life?" You have served on so many cases in your infinite wisdom. Why would you want to throwaway your insightful opinion, and more importantly VOTE, to become eleven people's personal slave?" The first, and maybe more important, reason is quite simple: I would get full meetings, and much, much more. And for all of this effort, the BoC Secretary is rewarded with complaints of a lack of some type of food and the fact that not every single word was transcribed into the minutes. Wow! What a wonderful job!

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Sincerely,
William M. Findley

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**ARC Chair**

Craig Countryman

In spite of all the recent tension between the students and administration, I think one thing to remember is Caltech is still the best place for us to study science and research. One of the major reasons is undergraduate participation in helping shape academic life. Through onboards meetings and representation on a variety of student committees there is constant feedback to professors about how courses are taught. The faculty at Caltech are very willing to adapt to student concerns and suggestions.

My experience as a student representative on the Financial Aid Committee has shown me how deeply professors at Caltech care about its students. With all the recent debate on raising tuition, professors on the committee have been the main advocates for keeping tuition where it is. As a whole, they are receptive of student involvement, and I would have a good working relationship with them in the capacity of ARC Chair.

I have also been active in the SURF program as the Vice Chair of the SURF Student Advisory Committee for the past year. In addition to organizing the weekly student-faculty dinners over the summer, that role also gave me an opportunity to see how the SURF program is run, and how many decisions are made, such as the change last year to raise the SURF stipend to $5,000.

I am going to be a representative on the Core Curriculum Committee for the upcoming Student-Faculty Conference. I am looking forward to it because there are several parts of the curriculum that seem to be troublesome for students year after year, like CS 1, Bi 1, or Ch 3a. But these things don’t have to be problematic forever. Caltech has made some positive changes to the curriculum recently, like adding Math 7 to the menu options and reorganizing the coverage of topics in Math 1 and 2 to make it more useful. Using the committees we have in place, students can make their views heard. The Academic and Research Committee is a key place students can go to seek change. Through the variety of committees and activities I have participated in, I think I have a lot to offer ARC, and with your vote on Tuesday I would like to be your representative and influence changes that will improve the academic quality of life better for all students.

Abe Fetterman

Today, I am running for ARC Chair. How this happened, I’m not quite sure, but I think it has something to do with a certain Tech editor. So, what do I offer you as ARC Chair? Well, I’ll tell you.

I’m well-versed from classes and quite possibly also your bodily orifices. In some workflows will decrease and childcare will quite possibly increase. Traffic will fall off drastically, while weather will probably continue to improve. Actually, I have no clue what the ARC chair really does, but my guess is that it involves some sort of strange ancient ritual where small children are transformed into wandering math zombies. I’m hoping that it also involves some sort of harmful and mind-altering medications for dancing women, but I suppose you can’t have it all.

The Vikram character could win off a “prettier version of ‘NO’” platform, I have done some exhaustive research (read as: I went to the coffeehouse and ate some fries) and decided to run on the “Prettier than Vikram’s version of ‘NO’” platform. If you’re like me (and I know I am), you’ve probably wondered, “Now what is ARC?” It is more of a mystery than an actual organization. Some have proposed that it is reminiscent of the biblical Noah’s ark. While I have no significant ark-building experience, my second-hand bathtub probably displays the name “Noah” in navy blue stitching on a navy blue fabric. Perhaps, though, ARC is simply an anagram for CAR. Despite the fact that I do not have a California State Driver’s License, I once saw someone who did. Most people think that, fooling is the key to success. Our campaign slogan is “Seeing is Believing.” With other job alternatives, and in general, that future social events aren’t lame. So say “yes” to social events that aren’t lame, and say “no” to "No."
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Distrust?

by Jean-Paul Revel

Under these circumstances, any rules interfering with the exercise of freedom can be seen by some as "bad" and the authority from which those rules come will be distrusted. And so the campus police, security, others in "authority" end up on the "distrust" list. But in truth all these people are like the inspectors at a manufacturing plant. The inspector's job is to do quality control. They have no personal animus against the workers who put together the gizmos they are inspecting. The security guard only assures that everyone is safe, sees to it that no one is being hurt or helping those in need. It does not help if the officer has already learned that the students distrust security because they see it as interfering with their freedom to act, and let him know so.

The only way to break this cycle is for all to endeavor to trust, for you student to show your id card, or at least say who you are without taking offense at anyone having the audacity to query, for you officer to understand college culture and manage to show that you are not the spotlight you are taken for. I guess one way to achieve that of course is to follow the golden rule to treat others as you'd like to be treated yourself.

A biennon, I trust.

Jean-Paul Revel
Dean of Students
Announcements

It's time to SURF! If you're thinking about applying for a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, you should begin now to look for a mentor and ask for letters of recommendation. The SURF application deadline is Monday, March 1. Check out the SURF web site at www.is.caltech.edu/surf/ for tips on finding a mentor, look at past SURF applications for information on past students, see how many exploring research opportunities is not limited to academic majors and fields, and read the application instructions. For more information, contact the Student-Faculty Programs office at ext. 2855 or eaf@caltech.edu.

Feeling STRESSED??? Sign up for the Stress Management Workshop offered by the Student Counseling Center at 9:30 am on Friday, February 8, in the Student Center. The workshop will focus on techniques for being mindful, taking a break, and practicing effective energy conserving exercises focusing on basic relaxation techniques and stress management skills. The workshop will meet on Monday, February 25, 2002 from 3 to 5:30 pm in the Health Center Lounge. Space is limited, so please RSVP to ext. 8351 to reserve your spot in the group. The workshop will be facilitated by Ana Morita, M.A., and Evelyn Novello, M.A.

Attention Writers! The Literature Faculty is pleased to announce the 56th Annual McKinney Competition. The Mary Earl McKinney Prize is awarded each year for excellence in writing. Only full-time undergraduate students are eligible to enter the competition. This year, prizes will be given in three categories: poetry, prose fiction, and non-fiction essays. All submissions must be typed and double-spaced. Include your address and phone number in the poetry category. In the prose fiction and non-fiction essay categories, you must include up to 12,000 words. Essays may be ones prepared for a humanities class or any good piece of original writing about a topic relevant to the humanities. The prize in each category will be $100. Each student is entitled to only one entry in each category. Contestants should submit their work to Professor Jenijoy La Belle, Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences, 101-40, by no later than March 14, 2002. Novello will be a judge from the Literature Faculty. Essays will be judged on the quality of thought and the effectiveness of the writing. Winners will be announced by Friday, April 12, and the names of the winners will appear in the commencement program. The Committee may divide the award in any category in case of more than one outstanding submission. For more information, contact Professor La Belle, ext. 3685, or Barbara Estrada, ext. 3689.

Monticello Foundation Internship and Robert and Delpha Noland Summer Internships 2002. The Monticello Foundation is accepting applications for summer internships with the Robert and Delpha Noland Summer Internships. Three to five Caltech undergraduate women will be given an opportunity to participate in research projects outside of the Caltech community for six weeks during the summer. Each student will receive a $5,000 stipend (same as the SURF stipends). Applicants are required to identify the projects in which they wish to participate. All arrangements with the principal investigator should be made directly between the student and the principal investigator. There are no restrictions as to where the research can be done, except that it must be outside the Caltech/JPL community. Other universities, commercial labs, or any industrial facility in which the student can arrange to conduct or participate in a research project, can be the site for the experience. Each student will be asked to submit a short synopsis of her report to the Deans Office at the end of the summer. Interested? Identify a sponsor for your experience at a research facility for a six-week period. In a short essay, describe your project, and submit it to the Deans Office in Room 102. Parsons-Gates along with two faculty recommendations. We would like to know for whom you would be working, where, and if possible some specifics concerning the content of the project. The Monticello Foundation has sample applications and details from past years. Your review. Please stop by to review them or to discuss your proposal with one of us before the deadline date. Proposals must be received by Monday, March 4, 2002.

Join the Ballroom Dance Class this weekend for a festive Viennese Waltz Night, featuring the Occidental College Q. Orchestra! Open dancing to waltzes and polkas of the 1840s-1870s; a choreographed CEROC, a fast-paced swing/hustle variant. will be offered on Wednesdays (13,20,27 Feb; 6, 13 March); step and CEROC. Nightclub Two-step, danced to slower, romantic music, will be offered on Thursday, February 14. Please call ext. 8331 to reserve your place in the group. The workshop will be facilitated by Anna Morita, M.A., and Evelyn Novello, M.A.

The Literature Faculty is also pleased to announce the Annual Balliett Smith Competition honoring the career of Caltech's first female doctor, Dr. Balliett Smith, who was the first female intern at a large full-time hospital. Any undergraduate students are eligible to enter the competition. First prize winners will be given an opportunity to meet with the Dornsife College of Letters and Science staff and to receive an honorarium of $100. Second prize winners will give an opportunity to meet with the Dornsife College of Letters and Science staff and to receive an honorarium of $50. Third prize winners will give an opportunity to meet with the Dornsife College of Letters and Science staff and to receive an honorarium of $25. All entries must be submitted to the Deans Office in Room 102, Parsons-Gates along with two faculty recommendations. The best entries will be selected from the entries. Previous winners in any one category are not eligible for the competition in that category. If you have any questions, contact Prof. La Belle, ext. 3685, or Barbara Estrada, ext. 3689.

Lectures

Les-Bi-Gay-Trans Discussion Group

Whether you are out and proud, exploring your sexual identity, coming out, or anywhere in between, we are welcoming to our Dual Identity Discussion Group, which meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 8:35 to 10:15 pm in the Health Center Lounge. The goal is a place to meet new friends and the atmosphere is generally very relaxed; at the same time, more personal and "serious" discussion topics can be addressed. This is a confidential meeting and attendance does not imply anything about a person's sexual orientation; supportive students and staff are welcome as well. And refreshments are served! For more information please call ext. 8331. To find out about LBGT events on campus, please visit the Caltech Student Pride Association (CSA) web site at http://rainbow.caltech.edu.

Are you interested in discussing life at Caltech and in the United States? If so, the Interultural Discussion and Support Group provides a forum for Caltech students to explore the process of immigration, being an immigrant and Americanizing. The group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month from 12:15 pm in the Women's Center Lounge. (205-862, 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, graduate and undergraduate, American and international. Drop-ins welcome. For more information, please contact Jim at endrir@caltech.edu if you plan on attending one of the meetings, this will guarantee that we have enough food!

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!