Presidential Candidates Square Off in Tight Election; Promises Range From ‘Communication to Doughnuts’

By KAYTE FISCHER

Four candidates for president—Tom Fletcher ’04, Jialan Wang ’04, Janet Zhou ’04 and Libin Zhang ’05—and two for vice president—Colin Loram ’05 and Anna Choi ’04—square off next week in what is widely expected to be among the tightest of elections in years.

With the resolution of the health insurance and Vectors issues, the job of the president will focus on enhancing the quality of student life and fostering better relations between students and faculty. Additionally, with the failure of the recent amendment to create a so-called “director at large,” the president will personally oversee the student representatives unless a new position is created.

By the same token, if the candidates’ plans are any indication, the ASCIT Corporation is also on the verge of some major internal reforms, hopefully creating better communication between students and the board of directors.

“The most important quality of an ASCIT president is an open mind,” said ASCIT President Ted Jou ’03. “The job is not about having your own strong opinions, but about taking the common interests of the student body and fighting for them.”

Believe they have this “open mind”; and Choi and Loram, that they are endowed with this “strong sense of personal honor.”

Quality of Life

Presidential candidates are mainly concerned about improving the quality of life for the student body. Most believe that increased communication between the student body and the ASCIT board and the administration would accomplish this task. Wang hopes to focus on academics, making it a higher priority among high-level administration.

Says Fletcher, “[Improving] the quality of life of the student body at Caltech... should be ASCIT’s major responsibility and everything I do will be focused around this goal.”

A major issue to many candidates is that many students dislike and distrust the ASCIT BoD. Although several years ago, the BoD dealt infrequently with many student concerns, more recently the focus has changed.

“Although many of the students’ complaints about ASCIT are simply untrue,” said Wang, “it is the BoD’s responsibility to win back the favor of the student body.”

Choi concurred, pointing to new ground broken. “We began a program last year where the BoD visited each of the houses for a dessert night,” she explained, “And I think such a program is a good starting place for progress.”

Fletcher is more concerned about a perceived lack of respect among administrators for concerns and desires of the student body. He also hopes to increase student participation on committees, hold ASCIT meetings in a more open place such as the Olive Walk and foster a more influential newspaper. “At most schools, the student newspaper is not a joke,” he said. “It’s a serious magazine that competes with city newspapers in terms of quality.”

Zhang bases most of his platform on the so-called “Doughnut Problem.” He would like to offer a variety of alternatives to doughnuts, increase doughnut distribution and subsidize doughnuts in the kitchens. The vice presidential candidates are more interested in increasing support and understanding of the BoD and Honce Code. Both Choi and Loram sit on the BoD currently as Fleming’s representative and representative at large, respectively.

For her part, Choi looks forward to educating new members of the Caltech community and dealing with issues and concerns about the honor code.

Loram would focus on honing the BoD’s image. “I would try to help build people’s faith in the BoD, perhaps by having a bit more transparency in the sorts of cases that we deal and other statistical—and thus anonymous—data on the cases the BoD sees,” he said.

$3 Million Endowment

Candidates have various ideas about how to spend the recently $3 million earmarked for enhancing the quality of student life. Wang hopes to use part of the budget to stage voluntary work shops to help professors and TAs learn better teaching techniques. Fletcher hopes to invest some money into improving the Tech, creating more motivation for better content. He also hopes to subsidize inter-house events. Additionally, he believes that ASCIT should maintain a fund to recognize Caltech staff who put their hearts into making the campus a better place.

“BoD should consider people like Alice at the Tech Express or any of the numerous people serving on the kitchen,” he said. “A small gift certificate goes a long way to make our lives so much better will show them how much we care and help strengthen the bond between the staff and the students.”

ASCIT should recognize people making a difference,” he said.

“We do think we are very fortunate to have received this endowment and also the people who make with this money should not only improve the current quality of life, but also have a positive impact on the lives of future incoming students,” she said.

Internal Reforms

In terms of internal reforms, presidential candidates favor moving towards greater representation of the student body and focusing on more important issues.

Wang noted that this year’s BoD had a new perspective. Several excerpts from a sermon by Martin Luther King, Jr. at Washington, D.C. expressed the nonviolent tradition of the Caltech-specific moral implications of accepting grants for research with potential military applications.

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What do you plan to do about them?

ANITA CHOI

After serving as Fleming’s BoC Rep for a year, I am strengthening my active voice in the control of the Student Senate. I would like to see the community that I represent to have a better sense of the issues that concern them. Currently, a few presidential interns to BoC meetings report on the committee with little explanation. Zhou hopes to use the representation’s ability to help give more feedback to and from the student body. Currently, a newsgroup system is still in use.

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Currently, ASCIT is a corrupt organization, parodied by strife, group needs many reforms, but since it is hard to get people to focus on this, I would like to see ASCIT change to something more meaningful. In practice, it is also hard to please everyone. Whatever reforms we would like to make reforms seem to please all the time. We would like to see ASCIT represent the student body and increase the quality of life of the student body and its structures.

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By JEAN-PAUL REVEL

This is such a peculiar time, sit­ting as we are on a powder keg. To understand what is currently about to explode one of these days, maybe today, after UN inspectors in Iraq report on the whereabouts of supposed WMD, you need to first understand that Saddam Hussein has been working on forbidden weap­ons—perhaps the most dangerous kind of weapon. While everyone else is distracted by the French, Germans and Russians and other assorted sects, made in the background. They have already clearly expressed their opposition to any basis of the skimpily evidence that has been made available until now. We have declared that, with them or without them we’ll go on. Apparently the only ones squarely with us are the British.

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Fe, Fi, Fo, Fum: The Powderk Of Hussein, Gulf War Retrospect

By TED JOU

So this Wednesday, you will be met by a new hero to lead you into a bright future—one with a $3 million en­dowment, a green lawn outside Beckman Institute and a new best friend named Margo Marshak. My time as ASCiT president will soon come to an end, but I believe this might be an appropriate time to re­count the past year, which has been quite eventful for Caltech under­graduates.

This year begins on December 12, 2001—the middle of finals week of first term last year. At a time when it seemed as though Caltech had forgotten about its stu­dents, new students and graduates defied convention, gathering on the Olive Walk for a rally unlike anything in recent memory. More than 200 students particip­ated in an impromptu demonstration at the open micro­phone or by writing on banners that were filled three times over. This unexpected and unusual event gave birth to a year unlike anything Caltech had ever seen.

In the second term, the Faculty Student Housing Organiza­tion an­nounced several town hall meetings, vin­yl-covered tables to discuss student traditions and housing environments. Continuing the spirit of the December protest, students spoke out strongly defend­ing the traditions of the student house system.

On February 16, the ad hoc Li­brary Task Force released its report in favor of a new Rime in the Library for Caltech campus. When many of its recom­mendations were ignored, students were left with few options to object to issue to complain about. As second term progressed, it seemed as though the course had been made.

During final week, Caltech President Caltech President David Baltimore invited student leaders to a meeting pre­viewing a consultant’s report on Student Affairs administration at Caltech. The Institute for Higher Education called for a new full-time profes­sional vice president for Student Affairs, Brother John J. Zich, S.J. However, the opening of the lines of communication in the spirit of the December protest seemed a glimmer of hope for the future.

As third term began, the adminis­tration increased the stress on dis­cipline from many different directions. Pathways Weekend loomed on the horizon and many in the Caltech community expressed a fear that the student unrest would negatively im­pact Caltech’s reputation. With­out the parents of students wait­ing to descend on campus, the ad­ministration finally caved to student demands. In a letter to students on April 5, Dr. Baltimore reassured fresh­men, ensuring them of the policies of giving students free catalogs and making sure that the administration had maintained guarantees on health insurance and the student house system.

A week later, on April 12, at the 2002 Student-Faculty Con­ference, ASCT president announced that $3 million from the Moore Gift would be placed in an endowment, ensuring improving the qual­ity of student life. The decisions this year were very satisfying, new issues quickly rose up to take their places. At that Su­perbowl of the Week

What, to you, was most memorable in this past year at Caltech?
By JOSEPH JEWELL


Guests: Jon comes to pick up a copy of the President's report. He says he will be here for another vote as soon as possible, this time with the Freshman Director position preserved (without the committee).

Questions:

Ted asks for more substance on the Caltech Opera Club or this particular event, please e-mail Angela Wood at auwood@caltech.edu.

The Literature Faculty is pleased to announce the Annual Hallstein Smith Competition honoring the finest essay devoted to Shakespeare. Only full-time, officially registered undergraduates are eligible to enter the competition. All submissions must be typed and double-spaced and should not exceed 4,000 words. The essay may be one for a humanities class or may be specifically written for this competition. No student can submit more than one essay. All contestants must submit two hard copies of their essay by 4 p.m. Friday, February 3, to La Belle, Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences, 101-40, no later than April 17, 2003. This year's prize will be approximately $300, though the judging committee may divide the award in case of more than one outstanding submission. For more information, contact Prof. La Belle, x3605 or Barbara Estrada, x3609.

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Yao Ming to Shaq: “Nigga Please’’

Basketball Aficionado Zhang Reports on NBA Race Relations

By LIBIN ZHANG

Author’s warning: This article might not be suitable for readers under 21 years of age.

Yao Ming said he was joking, not being racist, when he used a mock Ethnic accent to more than a few people.

Several black civil rights leaders complained that Yao Ming made several derogatory comments about Shaq during the Chinese basketball team’s tour of the United States.

“Tell Shaq, ‘nigga got some fried chicken bleeping,’” the January 12 remarks were made before the two basketball stars squared off against each other in the season’s first Western Conference season game on cable.

“No bus diff. It said so,” is the news wire’s play on a TV sketch that made fun of the tall, skinny Shaq.

The inconsistency between the basketball star’s public image and the way he acted towards his opponent was even more pronounced after the basketball season ended.

“Without the exit poll system, the discrepancy with the ballot may not have been discovered,” Yao Ming, who claimed his comments were not racist, said.

Critics of the system overlook one detail: without the exit poll system in place, the discrepancy with the Florida ballot may not have been discovered as quickly and the results could have been disastrous.

The inconsistency between the number of people who thought they voted for Gore and who actually did vote for Bush would have revealed that two thirds of voters had voted for Gore and who actually did vote for Bush likely would have been in office before the problems with the ballots were discovered. A lawsuit involving the President and his defeated rival would cause severe partisanship throughout Congress and the country for a long time, crippling the president’s ability to act, not to mention a loss of credibility abroad.

Imagine another scenario. A vote for president is administered by the president and his staff. The presidential staff is responsible for ensuring that the exit poll is accurate. If it was inaccurate, then Bush would have won the election.

The credibility of exit polls, however, is not a sure thing. The use of exit poll organization, the Voter News Service, under the new threat of black technology prevented their implementation and the delayed delivery of results had never been an issue. The contemporary reliance on exit polls only caused confusion and mistrust.

Suggestions were made to scrap the whole exit poll system as inaccurate and troublesome.

Ultimately, without an exit poll, Bush would have won the votes in Florida without confusion, though the close numbers would inevitably induce a Gore campaign member to look into the ballots. But since the exit poll forecast, a greater level of the issue, Bush would likely have been in office before the problems with the ballots were discovered. A lawsuit involving the President and his defeated rival would cause severe partisanship throughout Congress and the country for a long time, crippling the president’s ability to act, not to mention a loss of credibility abroad.

Imagine another scenario. A vote for president is administered by the president and his staff. The president is running for reelection against a strong candidate and both campaigns have their eyes on the Florida exit poll. The election seems to be close, but the president ends up winning. Unfortunately, the staff rigging the counting system by “losing” ballots for the opposition. The outcome seems plausible, but if an exit poll would have revealed that there were three times as many votes for Gore than the results of the exit poll.

In places where voting is not con- cerned by federal or bipartisan groups, the possibility for tampering is much higher. An exit poll could provide a necessary balance against such cheating. In places where the source of fairness of the voting committee is questionable, this system could help provide a balance to the increasement of the vote.

Letter: Zionism Flyer Unfair to Leader King

Dear editors,

I am deeply disturbed by a flyer entitled “Martin Luther King on Zionism” that is distributed as a fundraiser for Chandler Dining Hall. Seemingly appropriating the flyer is a University spokesperson for King by the early 1960’s comparing the plight of the persecuted Jewish people to that of African Americans.

In the speech, King expresses his support for Zionism, which he describes as the right of the Jewish people to have their own state.

The flyer’s only editorial commentary is a selective quote that misrepresents King’s words. By using the phrase “the right to occupy their homeland,” the flyer is implying that King would have supported the occupation of the entire Palestinian territories.

To imply that he would have supported Israeli violence against Palestinians is severely disrespectful to Dr. King’s legacy. Furthermore, whatever position he ever took did not even have the courage to say it explicitly or to attribute the flyer to any group or individual. Who would discern what is good of his claim that he decided to anonymously instigate it instead of saying it outright? I can see the author of this piece of stand up and explain his actions.

Doris Amodei ’05

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ing murdered his own people... it is sad to witness our president, threatening like a bully or stamping his foot like a kid throwing a tantrum: “I am sick and tired...”

Still here we are, waiting for a war which hopefully will not materialize, partaking of a banquet with a sword hanging over us by a thread. If no one among all the President’s men and women can find the best way to prevent the sword from falling, to prevent a war from taking place, may I suggest that they hire another speech writer and ask him “to provide a justification for peace?”

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STRAIGHT FROM THE SOURCE: PRESIDENT

TOM FLETCHER

ASCIT needs leaders who are devoted to communication. Many of the students’ problems over the past years have been due to shambolic, unorganized communication between the students, ASCIT and the administration. I’ve prided myself on my ability to communicate effectively and I think that comes across when you see me kicking off the Olive Walk Sit-in last year, working as a UCS or “acting” in Challenges and Choices at Frosh Camp. Hopefully, the accompanying article here, which candidates will go into some detail on what we all stand for, but I’ll give the summarized version here.

I believe ASCIT should be transparent and effective. I want to make the Technos and a newspaper as can be found at other colleges of our prestige. Every one in ASCIT to be able to “pull” on the issues we discuss, to test and make ASCIT more of a true democracy than a closed-doors power clique. I want the administration to hear our voice, by means of meetings and dialogue when they’re willing, by sitting in front of their door when they’re not. ASCIT should be a force for improving the quality of life of Caltech’s students and that’s what I would have it do. Thanks and don’t forget to vote!

LJIBIN ZHANG

Brothers and sisters, the current ASCIT is a corrupt and decadent organization, paralyzed by strife, self-service, group think and nepotism. ASCIT BoD meetings have degenerated into IHC bashing and BoC bashing. Our officials, some of whom are desperately trying to remain in power, are no longer receptive to the needs of the constituency. When was the last time you talked to the ASCIT President and voiced your opinions? I will be the new People’s President (with less gesticulating during speeches) who can hear your voice (in French, English or Mandarin).

I am not oblivious to the crises facing Caltech. Once I am elected President, I would like the people to grant me Emergency War Powers so I can declare war on Saddam. We need to refocus our efforts, increase the ASCIT budget and fight the Axis of Evil. Perhaps I will not be elected, then the terrorists have won.

Let the people know. Do you feel dissatisfied with your life at Caltech? Do you feel alienated or obscure in this cold cruel world? Are you discontent with the status quo? Do you think Caltech should buy a Krispy Kreme franchise for $1 million? If you do, you are not alone. With the support of you, i.e., the people, less desensitization, the silent masses, we can make our wishes come true and fight against The Man. The Man who [rest of statement censored due to inappropriate content].

STRAIGHT FROM THE SOURCE: VICE PRESIDENT

GALEN LORAM

The ASCIT Vice-President is perhaps the most “shadowy” one of the ASCIT BoD. However, perhaps in the only place in the world where this is true, the ASCIT VPeV does more than just smile and nod at what the president says—their main responsibility is chairing the Board of Control. And while, as a member of the BoD, I would do my best to help lead a student government that many believe has lost its legitimacy, the main reason I’m running for ASCIT VP is the BoC.

Having sat on the BoC for a year as a representative at large, I’ve grown to know, appreciate and respect what it is. We’ve all seen and heard about the administration encroaching on the freedoms that we have as students, but we still have something that would be considered unfathomable at most schools—a student run self-discipline body that is incredibly rarely overruled. While the board has not always been the most popular student committee on campus, from what I’ve seen and heard people’s thoughts and trust in our judgment and actions has grown over the past couple of years. Perhaps the most rewarding moment that I’ve had since sitting on the board was when, a week or two after a case was over, one of the defendants (who had been convicted) came up and told me they were surprised by how reasonable and fair we had been. As chair and ASCIT VP, I would do my best to continue to foster the growth of this trust. But I believe my strongest qualification is somewhat of a mixed blessing. Having recently been CRCed for violating the alcohol policy, I believe I can empathize more with defendants and that my lack of a holier-than-thou attitude could encourage them to feel more comfortable speaking the truth.

ANITA CHOI

I realize it is unusual to have a statement written by someone other than the candidate; but I think it is appropriate to be “nominating” someone for the position of Board of Control Chair because of the integrity that the position demands. I believe that Anita has proven to have this integrity in both her academic and extracurricular activities. She has always been responsible and thorough in the tasks she undertakes (to list a few: contents editor for the CURJ, events coordinator for new international student orientation, tournament manager for the little t and of course, Fleming BoC Representative). I have seen very few people that can top her organizational skills or her ability of utilizing these skills so well as to always stay on track. Furthermore, Anita’s rational thinking and friendly attitude will be crucial assets to the BoC (as well as on the Board of Directors, since she will be Vice President of ASCIT). I haven’t known her long enough to come to a solid judgment of people or situations. I know I can trust her to make rational and dependable decisions. As for her friendliness, I think many people can attest to the fact that she is a true House buddy and has the ability to maintain friendships in many of the Houses. I think this is important as seeing that she will be a successful mediator in the BoC as well.

JIALAN WANG

The first problem I would like to tackle as ASCIT President is the current disconnect between ASCIT officers and the students that they represent. From my experience as ASCIT Social Director this past year, I feel that the BoD is often much too involved in its own internal issues and does not focus enough on the real concerns of students. However, the current BoD has made progress in this department and if elected, as ASCIT President I would continue to increase interaction between the BoD and the student body through house visits, forums and other events. As I have since I was a freshman here, I would continue to write articles in the Tech to let students know what the BoD is talking about each week and to give students as much information as the ASCIT officers have about campus issues. My second goal is to increase intersection between students and the rest of the Caltech community in all forms. I am already working on two alumni-student events scheduled for the next two terms and with future events I hope to engage the whole community in discussing and solving the problems that plague our student body. The most important of these issues that I would like to concentrate on as ASCIT President is academics. If elected I plan to put a lot of pressure on the faculty and administration to make real changes to fix classes that are broken, to fix the advisory system, to rethink the way Caltech students are educated. So these are my goals and I hope that my service to the student body as ASCIT Social Director (planning such events as the ASCIT Formal at the Four Seasons and What I Love About Caltech) and as a member of many campus organizations and committees has proven me honest, responsible and experienced enough to be worthy of your votes.

JANET ZHOU

Someone once said, “Love and respect do not automatically accompany a position of leadership. They must be earned.” How true is it! Having served as ASCIT treasurer this past year, I have a lot of experience with how the BoD works and just as importantly, how it does not work. I have proven to be responsible, open minded, encouraging, stimulating and to have a genuine concern for the welfare of undergraduates over the past year. If elected, I will continue to work hard for you and will do whatever I can to keep your support.

STRAIGHT FROM THE SOURCE: DIRECTOR

Galen Loram

Director at Large Amendment
Passed with 75% & Abstain: 8.4%

Director of Publications Amendment
Passed with 73%

Donut Web Site and Telom Amendment
Failed with 57%

ASCIT Document Publication Amendment
Failed with 75%

Bylaws: Two Pass, Two Fail

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Carnival,' Girls, Fun on Parade In Pasadena at Cafe Med's Rio Night

By TAMMY MA

Walking into Cafe Med, you are met with a warm, open restaurant, elegantly decorated, yet classic and comfortable. The contemporary curves and art on the walls make for a trendy yet laid-back attitude.

On this Friday night, the restaurant was quite crowded, with every table filled and a large group gathered around the bar—a well-stocked bar, I might add. There was live music, jazz and upbeat.

The menu featured standard Italian fare—not what we had expected, given the name "Cafe Med." Nevertheless, there were very reasonable prices, although portions tended to be on the smaller side.

"The atmosphere is very good. However, I judge my meal by my bread [which they serve free] and it is not good. Bread sets off the meal. Hopefully the rest of the meal will be better... However, this restaurant has lots of dynamics with lots of artsy people. That alone may camouflage the lack of integrity in the kitchen because it's very artsy... There's lots of potential," commented Cafe Med patron Jan Grolmes of Pasadena.

The Pollo Arosto I ordered to order as a main dish was prepared well, tender and juicy and very flavorful. The contemporary restaurant was quite elegant, yet classic and comfortable. The contemporary make for a trendy yet laid-back atmosphere.

The event also featured four hostesses—Julia Sackis, current Miss Brazil L.A.; Ana Ligua, Miss Brazil U.S.A.; Jacqueline Calderas; and Miss Peru Daniela Ghoulart, current Miss San Diego and current Miss Media Brazil.

"Cafe Med" will continue every Friday night. Admission is free. Call 442-2888 for reservations are recommended.

Cafe Med Bar and Grill is located at 204 E. Colorado Blvd. Every Friday night through Saturday 11:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. To attend the "Carnaval," reservations are recommended.

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The vulnerability exploited by the worm was easily identified as a specific Internet "port," which could be just as easily blocked. By Sunday morning, major servers were blocking this port, stopping the worm and returning the Internet to normal.

This attack raises an important question about responsibility. Although various universities and companies were responsible for the damage, the problem could have been easily reduced in magnitude, if not prevented.

The vulnerability exploited by the worm has been known for some time, with a patch correcting this flaw available since last July. Many of the other worm viruses and viruses, such as Nimda and Code Red, used known vulnerabilities in software that were easy to patch.

The worm attacked MySQL, a database software that is used in many businesses, which would employ corporate databases to maintain and update the data. Attackers to maintain the databases. So why have these administrators paid to maintain and update the databases? These vulnerabilities still exist in the database software, and attackers could steal corporate data.

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BOWEN POINTS TO LORD, BAKER, HAMER
IN WOMEN-THEMED CIVIL RIGHTS TALK

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organized the council. When asked how she felt about this exclusion, she said that she knew from the beginning that she would never be chosen director of the SCLC because she was a woman. But, Baker did not let this thwart her efforts and she continued to work for the council and, especially, for the cause in which she so fervently believed.

Next, Bowen spoke about Andre Lord. Lord was a very progressive woman who impressed people with her openness, especially about her lesbianism. She died of cancer in her 50s.

Most capturing about the lecture on this woman was a video clip which showed Lord speaking at a conference in Boston in 1990, just as the United States was sliding into the Gulf War. At this conference, Lord pleaded with her audience to speak out against the war. As an African-American woman from the Caribbean, she had often experienced being ignored. She spoke especially to "the rest of us" where she said "you have a piece of their ears — use it.

One of the major points that Lord tried to teach people was that unity does not mean unanimity: "We do not have to become each other in order to work together," she said. In the same breath, she explained, does matter if we are all different, as long as we all believe in the same cause that we are working for.

Two of her mottos for her life were "Find your work and use it" and "If my work is useful, it will be used." Well, in the eyes of most, it certainly was.

The last woman Bowen discussed was Fannie Lou Hamer. In contrast to the other two women, Hamer did not have a college education. In fact, she attended school until only the sixth grade. Her home state of Mississippi was one of the most racist states and she did not have an acceptable educational system in place for black children. Hamer was the last in her family and spent most of her life working in cotton fields. Clearly, her life was not easy.

A major contribution of Hamer to the movement was her voice. Many times, she stood up and chanted those around her by singing in a bus or in other public places. Hamer was also quite a pacifist. Her opinion about the people that humiliated and discriminated against her was that "they were sick, America was sick and they needed a doctor." And they did.

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MLK DAY FORUM:
'NO BLOOD FOR RESEARCH CASH?'

NONVIOLENCE KEY IN DISCUSSION

Students Toy With Ethics of Accepting Military Funding

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either Department of Defense or the Department of Energy. One student said, "understanding research was given funding because it had applications as a rocket propellant propulsion.

There was no consensus on what could be done.

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MLK Remembers King Tradition
With Speeches, Displays, Posters

This past Thursday, the Caltech community heard the inspiring voice of Martin Luther King, Jr., roaring out from speakers in front of the otherwise busy lunch area around the Red Door Cafe.

Caltech’s own Peaceful Justice Coalition presented audio recordings of MLK’s April 4, 1967 speech, “Beyond Vietnam,” in its entirety. Club leaders also passed out free CDs with recordings of the equally famous “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop” and his Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech. In addition, they showcased an exhibit of photographs and quotes at various locales across campus.

Last year, only Caltech Public Speaking and PJC came together to celebrate MLK Day, and what they did celebrate they celebrated only in word, by reading his speeches. This year, however, many other campus groups organized activities throughout the week.

The speeches were among the many campus events commemorating the 50th-era civil rights leader. Others included a discussion on nonviolence and research, a lecture on women in the civil rights movement and an ongoing essay contest challenging students to connect the week’s stated theme — the audacity to believe — to the community in a poem or 500-word essay for a $250 prize.

Inspired by the nonviolent aspects of many cultures, including India’s own nonviolent tradition of Gandhi, King is one of the world’s best-known advocates of nonviolent social change strategies. King’s roots were in the African-American Baptist church. He worked for eradication of discrimination in society, be it racial, religious or socioeconomic, and was an activist for many social ideals, from black voting rights to poor people’s campaigns targeting economic problems.

Remarking on the event, PJC’s Kevin Bundy said, “The idea is to celebrate Martin Luther King Day by presenting his great talent as one of the foremost American orators of the 20th century. Because his work in the Civil Rights Movement is well known, we intend to focus on his later opposition to the Vietnam War and his progressive views on social and political freedom in general.”

These are directly relevant to current issues, including the possible war in Iraq.”

Formed shortly after the September 11 attacks, the Peaceful Justice Coalition aims to usher in more social awareness and political activism at Caltech.

“We believe Caltech has a lot of potential to play an active and important part in social and political activism,” said Ki Won Yoon, graduate student and one of the members of the ten-student-run organization, “both in the greater Pasadena area and on a national level and I think we are already seeing the local impact that PJC has had in recent years with a constant stream of excellent and timely events.”

MLK-themed posters adorn the walk before the Red Door Cafe, where students recited civil rights-era speeches last Thursday.