Author Herman Wouk entertains California State Librarian Kevin Starr during Wouk's Lecture last Tuesday in Beckman Auditorium.

Wouk Challenges Readers' Sense Of Right; Entertains with Stories

By ROYAL REINECKE

Against a backdrop of bushy plants and cushion armchairs, an aging yet still spry Herman Wouk captivated his audience in Beckman Auditorium on the evening of February 3. In a warm, engaging atmosphere, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author led attendees through the stories behind many of his works, including a soon to be published new novel focused on particle physicists, JPL, and the Higgs boson, no less! As part of the Michelin Distinguished Visitors series, Wouk presented his chat "A Random Walk Through My Literary Life" along with State Librarian of California Dr. Kevin Starr as a companion. Author Herman Wouk is probably best known for his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel The Caine Mutiny. This wartime drama became a major motion picture in 1952 and is still popular to this day. However, Wouk has written a number of other works, primarily detailing the Jewish experience and moral quandaries.

Born in 1915 to a family of Russian immigrants, Wouk explained that he soon discovered the direction he wished his life to take. As a young boy he adored the tale of Huckleberry Finn, the works of Mark Twain and Alexander Dumas. This ended up being exactly what he would use to fill his niche. Wouk became a rabbi, grandfather, his philosophy professor at Columbia University, and the University of the United States Navy. Wouk's grandson, described as "very much a rabbi," led to the heavy emphasis on Jewish life throughout the writer's books. When Wouk left home for Columbia University, he found a professor who would impact him just as deeply. At the time, the writer recalls that "mainly I was majoring in extracurricular activities." But soon he became greatly interested in ethical issues and philosophical problems. He would eventually make his novels to address these moral matters we face in our daily lives.

After graduating from college, Wouk went on to join the navy. Originally, he had wanted to join the OSS. But, after his return to the States, Lewis was given a faculty position in the Caltech biology department. His research focused on fruit fly genetics, an interest of Lewis since his days in high school biology.

Lecture Honors Lewis; Laureate Studied 'Fruit Flies and Fallout'

By WILLIAM FONG

On Wednesday afternoon, a standing-room crowd gathered at the Norman Davidson Lecture Hall in Kerckhoff to honor Ed Lewis, one of the most distinguished scientists at Caltech. Currently the Morgan Professor of Biology, Emeritus, Lewis has been a member of the Caltech faculty since the end of World War II. From that time, the story of Lewis and his work has made breakthrough discoveries in the fields of genetics and ionizing radiation.

The man honoring Lewis was guest speaker Howard Lipshitz, a professor of molecular and medical genetics and senior scientist at the University of Toronto. Lipshitz is a close friend and has been a colleague of Ed Lewis for the past twenty years. He is also the editor of a recently published biography, Genes, Development and Cancer: The Life and Work of Edward B. Lewis, that recounts the scientific endeavors of Lewis' illustrious career.

In his presentation entitled "From Fruit Flies to Fallout: Ed Lewis and His Science," Lipshitz outlined the major scientific achievements that defined Ed Lewis as a scientist. A native of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Lewis received his bachelor's degree in biostatistics from the University of Minnesota in 1939 and earned his doctorate degree in genetics from Caltech in 1942.

In 1943, Lewis received a master's degree in meteorology. With this degree, Lewis served in World War II from 1943-46 as an U.S. Army meteorologist and was stationed in Okinawa. After his return to the States, Lewis was given a faculty position in the Caltech biology department. His research focused on fruit fly genetics, an interest of Lewis since his days in high school biology.

One of the fundamental discoveries made by Lewis in the 1940s was the cis-trans position effect in mutant fruit flies, a condition where two different phenotypes result from the same genotype but with the genes present in different arrangements (cis and trans). In the 1950s, Lewis discovered...
Silas Hilliard
IHC Chair Candidate

I admit, it was a sense of duty that got me first thinking about signing up for an ASCIT office. However, I soon realized that to do the job well at all, I’d have to be genuinely enthusiastic about the position. And of all the ASCIT offices, IHC Chair was the only one that fit that role.

I firmly believe that Caltech would not be nearly as successful as it is without the unique system of houses that we have. The process of Rotation, as aggravating and repetitive as it may get sometimes, is nonetheless a good one for maintaining an undergraduate environment that both provides the current students with a sense of community and allows alumni to still feel connected vicariously to the life here.

And deep down, we all really want to keep things (at least, most things) the same so that when we return for a visit after the houses have been renovated, we will still be able to see the same sort of character in them.

I am a strong believer in the honor code and served on the committee for it at the student faculty conference my freshman year. If the houses abide by the guidelines established by the honor code in their relations to one another, it can reduce a lot of the stress of Rotation, as well as interactions throughout the year.

Events like Mudeo, which drew a huge amount of media attention, are crucial in bringing together the undergraduate student body to present a strong self-image, both to administration and to the outside world. When we do things as successfully as that, we can not help but prove our point to those who have their doubts about us. We must act responsibly with the freedoms that we have been given, so that we might present ourselves as the most valid proof of the arguments we have for maintaining the undergraduate lifestyle we prize throughout the process of renovating the houses.

Andrea Kung
IHC Chair Candidate

In case we’ve never been formally introduced, my name is Andrea Kung.

I’m currently a Junior member of both Ricketts and Blacker, pursing a chemistry major. I had long purple hair up until a week ago in case you don’t recognize the picture. I’ve also never intended to intentionally glare at you if I don’t like your taste in clothes. Parents are reserved for close personal friends, of course.

At first, I wasn’t considering running for IHC Chair. However, as I discussed the responsibilities and issues of the position with our current IHC Chair, I found myself becoming more and more interested in the job.

I want to improve the quality of student life. I can’t change the way professors assign problem sets or write exams, that’s what onbodipersons are for. However, I can continue to push forward the renovation of the student houses for a safer, more comfortable working environment.

I can also strongly fight against the placement of freshmen in Avery after Rotation, an environment currently lacking a structured support system for freshmen. Improving student life is not a magical process that happens overnight.

It’s a long process that requires determined leaders, who dedicate time to deliberating for the best solution. I hope to be that determined leader.

Neil Tiwari
IHC Chair Candidate

The IHC oversees some of the most important aspects of life at Caltech. The House system, Rotation, interhouse sports and appointments of committees arguably have the greatest positive effects on student life. As a result, it is important that the IHC be open, listening and impartial so that the best quality of life is ensured.

One of the most important issues facing now the IHC is what to be done during the renovation project. To whatever students are relocated, the impedance to the House system, Rotation and social interaction must be minimized.

Students have the desire to reach out, interact and form communities with others; however, already stressed enough by courses, students need as few constraints as possible. Learning science is only one part of Caltech; learning about others and the world is the oft forgotten other.

As a result, the IHC should work with the Administration and ensure that the renovation project is sufficiently funded, will be completed as quickly as possible and that interim housing provides minimum disruption to student life. We should work to address these issues before moving forward with the renovation.

A new issue that has arisen is the idea of allowing freshmen and prefrosh into Avery. Long ago, when there were only the Seven Houses, the IHC did not have to consider other residences. Now, times have changed and because the IHC has such an impact on all of student life, not just in the Seven Houses, it must be open and sensitive to the concerns of what typically has been considered "off-campus" housing.

While many consider the Seven Houses as the heart of undergraduate life, Avery has been developing a pulse of its own. If Avery desires to house freshman and prefrosh, then the IHC should not just consider the idea, but help Avery develop the positive support network and infrastructure of the Seven Houses in Avery, such as UCCs, BoC talks and athletics teams. And after Avery has realized an environment supportive and beneficial to freshman, the IHC should allow freshmen and prefrosh in Avery. There are many people who benefit from the environment in Avery, as there many who benefit from the Seven Houses; if Avery wishes to open its doors to willing freshmen, then it deserves the chance.

Elected to office, I that we can make a step forward in keeping the House system alive during the time of renovations as well as in expanding the House system to other places which may better suit the people who wish to live there. While there is much work to be done in both areas, we cannot hesitate moving forward.
Kim Popendorf
IHC Chair Candidate

Two things are really important to me at Tech: the people and the houses. One of the things I think has the largest effect on people is that students have very few opportunities to really build on the strengths of the community and have an immense impact on every student here. I know the house system “doesn’t work” for some people and that’s fine and dandy, those people find their own way of making it work for them and that’s great. For the huge majority of students, the house system affects how we eat, sleep, learn and live. And because of that, I would like to be involved in keeping the house system as beneficial to people as possible, helping it maintain its function in the undergraduate experience here and making sure that it is adjustable to all of the issues that are facing it.

Some of the largest issues facing the IHC right now are prospective house renovations and the question of having frosh and/or prefrosh in Avery. Our houses need renovating and I would like to do all I can to help push plans forward towards that, right now, there are miles and miles to go.

The most concerning thing about renovating our houses and what I would put my energy towards, is making sure that our houses have a way to survive and not to disappear. We need to make sure that the houses will still be able to participate in rotation and most importantly that they’ll still have a way of providing the support, camaraderie and wacko traditions that they do now. As for frosh or prefrosh in Avery, I believe very strongly that all frosh should continue to live in the houses. I’d say there’s probably one student in twenty, or so, who would do just as well on their own somewhere as they would in a house, but I don’t think them to self-select themselves when they’re incoming freshmen.

I think the house system provides support and experience that is extremely important coming as a frosh; if only in that living in a house generally makes us actually live at least a little and you all know we can use that. Following from these views, I also am against having prefrosh in Avery, not because there aren’t awesome people in Avery who would make spectacular prefrosh hosts, but just because staying in Avery they would entirely miss seeing what the house system is like and that, as I’ve said, is a huge part of the Caltech experience.

Being an Inter House Committee, it’s important that the chair be all about communication, respect and cooperation. Extending that beyond the students, I think it’s extremely important to help the administration to get to know the house system, understand and respect it more fully. As I said, what I care about here are the people and I would like to do anything in my power to try to make life just a little bit happier for everyone while they’re here.

Michael Priolo
IHC Chair Candidate

The first thing that made me consider running for IHC Chair was hearing who the new IHC members are. I have always liked the idea of working with Phil Wong, Blacker’s President and my president, Barrett Heyneman, but when I heard about the rest of them, Penny G., Zak Dydek, and Hesper Rego and the possible presidents from Page and Rickets, you can only imagine my excitement when I thought of being the chairman.

After learning more with regards to the responsibilities and aspects of the position, I see holding the office of IHC Chair as an opportunity to learn, to be stretched and to serve the entire student body with a small group of our best leaders who are either my friends or acquaintances, but certainly not my foes.

Simply, I am running for the position because the job will be a challenge and I like the members of the IHC and want to work with them on whatever tasks are sent our way. I bring an enthusiastic drive for student unity and for camaraderie between the members of the IHC and the ASCiT BOD that will make smooth our workings and make manageable our disagreements and disappointments.

Jessie Suen
IHC Chair Candidate

I think one of the most important roles of the IHC is to represent the undergraduate population. As IHC Chair, I would actively try to make the IHC more open by informing students of issues and giving them a chance to be heard before any decision is made. I think one of the reasons the house system is great is because it allows for a great deal of student self-government, but I believe this system can only work if the views of the student body are represented accurately, not if all the decisions are made by a small group of people who don’t discuss the issues with fellow students.

Claire Walton
Social Director Candidate

Social Director is a job for the social and responsible members of the Tech community. Unfortunately, the two qualifications are almost entirely mutually exclusive. However, as I have the social part covered, and my sense of responsibility is at least developed enough to attend ASCiT meetings with free food, organize a happy dance, and talk hot band leaders into visiting Caltech, I’m probably as close as Tech can possibly get.

Vote me: everything would work out somehow.

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Bush's Fiscal Policy Troublesome

By PARAG BHAYANI

I guess we should have expected it. Republican leaders in the House of Representatives held open the vote for an unprecedented three hours (two hours longer than normal) last December in order to strong-armed fiscally conservative GOP congressmen into approving President Bush's prescription drug reform bill. Then, the White House released a budget saying that the bill will cost 33% more than the initial proposal, $534 billion instead of $400 billion. It is not surprising, though, as the administration continues its fiscal blunders, having one of the worst records of economic management since the Hoover administration. It is telling when, at the Republican retreat in Philadelphia last weekend, lawmakers lambasted the administration officials, including chief political advisor Karl Rove and budget manager Joshua Bolten, for the irresponsibility of the president.

Last Monday, Bush revealed his budget for fiscal year 2004, in which the nation will run a fourth consecutive deficit. As usual, his current budget does not even account for payments for the rebuilding of Iraq and Afghanistan. This means that $521 billion is just a tentative number; it is certain to increase considerably as Bush asks Congress for more and more money to help rebuild Iraq because he cannot build a legitimate international coalition to aid in the efforts. The administration hopes for climbing out of debt relaying on higher production and faster growth of the economy, which will hopefully increase tax revenues to the point where inflows will outweigh outflows. But as we have seen so far, this almost definitely will not be enough; the Bush administration created an optimal situation for growth: high-government spending, rock-bottom interest rates, massive tax cuts, and a war, which stimulates productivity. Indeed, the administration hopes the budget of today will be the budget of tomorrow.

The President's plan for fiscal year 2004 is not even accounting for the fourth consecutive year of running a deficit. The plan is clear that right now, the president is not solving any problems, but simply borrowing against future generations. As young people, we should be most outraged, as we will be bearing the burden of paying off this crushing debt when we enter the workforce.

How do we resolve this looming fiscal crisis? The only way is to raise taxes. This phrase is an anathema to most people, but it is the only way to address the problem we face. Many polls, including one by Money magazine, which caters to a mostly affluent, Republican readership, show that a majority of Americans are willing to pay higher taxes now to avoid major crises in the future. After twelve years of spending run amok during the Reagan years, President Bill Clinton raised taxes in 1993. In return, we were rewarded with eight years of prosperity, and in the final two years of his tenure, we even had a budget surplus. Bush could have used this to endow Social Security and reduce the national debt; instead, he has now added $1.4 trillion and counting to the national debt and has raised the Social Security coffers to help fund his tax breaks that are heavily tilted toward the wealthy. It is about time for a plan similar to Clinton's to be enacted. Income taxes must be raised to at least the level they were under the Clinton administration, corporate tax loopholes must be closed, and companies should not be allowed to incorporate offshore to avoid paying taxes.

All of the presidential candidates have outlined plans to enact this sort of tax return. General Wesley Clark said he would dramatically, eliminating virtually all income taxes for all making under $50,000, and taxing the wealthiest at a higher rate. In any case, both candidates will be elected in November in order to ensure that their nation recovers its footing.

Bush will be campaigning to make his tax cuts permanent this election year. I think of no better way to drive this country into the ground. Let us hope that our politicians have enough sense to prevent this negligent course of action to continue.

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ASCIT Minutes: Jan. 28, Feb. 4

January 28th, 2004, 12:05 PM, Olive Walk

Present: Joanna Cohen, Abe Ferritman, Tom Fletcher, Kathryn Huss, Corinna Ruddock, Anna Sczaniecka, & Corinna Zygourakis.

A. New Vera Vasoncollos Guests: Jessie Suen

1. Call to Order

2. Congratulations Galen for being elected as ASCIT President - hail leader!

3. Sign ups for BoC Chair came down from 2nd. The sign ups for remaining offices came down on Friday 2nd.


5. $500 was also requested for Apache. Vote: 5-0-0, approved.

6. ASCIT wants to show appreciation for Caltech staff members who have been particularly kind and helpful to undergraduates. Students are encouraged to submit names of staff members that they feel should be recognized on http://donat.caltech.edu.

7. Upvotes will be made to out-of-date ASCIT resolutions shortly; some of them are simply no longer available.

8. ASCIT is also working on getting a DVD drop box for the Coffeehouse.

9. In the future, the Shooting Coffeehouse needs to keep ASCIT informed of the number of Shooting Coffeehouse tickets they actually use.

10. The GSC hopes to publish course reviews and make teaching evaluations public in order to better inform graduate students about classes. On Friday, January 30th, Kathryn Hsu met with Scott Fraser and Jeff Berghorston and discussed the possibility of a web-based feedback system.

11. Barrett Heyneman is the new Ruddock President.

12. There is some concern regarding the advisability of meeting again in the future. Students are encouraged to submit names of staff members that they actually use.

13. Club checks are now available and ready for people to pick up.

14. There has also been discussion about the possibility of freshmen living in Avery. An informal survey was set up to solicit student input about the issue, but only four students showed up.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM.

February 4th, 2004, 12:12 PM, Olive Walk

Present: Joanna Cohen, Abe Ferritman, Tom Fletcher, Kathryn Huss, Corinna Ruddock, Anna Sczaniecka, Andrea Vasoncollos, & Corinna Zygourakis.

A. New Galen Loram Guest: Mike Priolo

1. Call to Order

2. Elections are today, Monday, February 9th from 10 am to 10 pm. Vote online at http://donat.caltech.edu/elections.

3. The installation dinner for the new BoD will be on Friday, February 20th.

4. Joanna pointed out some of the ASCIT resolutions that need to be graduated; some of them are simply no longer accurate.

5. The BoD needs to be voted on by 10 pm in the Coffeehouse on Thursday, February 17th.

6. Another idea that the BoD is currently working on is an undergraduate film festival. It would most likely involve a campus-wide competition for movie shorts and provide a monetary prize.

7. All athletes are invited to attend the BoD meeting on Wednesday, February 11th to voice their opinions about subsidizing varsity sports and athletic jackets.

Meeting adjourned at 12:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anna Sczaniecka
ASCIT Secretary
Diary of a Super Bowl: A Sports Fan Evaluates XXXVIII

By HARRISON STEIN

Hello and welcome to the 2004 Super Bowl Extravaganza. Super Bowl XXXVIII is an exciting sporting event of the season, and for a sports fan like me, it is the most exciting day of the year. Even though this year’s matchup is a little less intriguing than some of the great Super Bowls of the past, I’m looking forward to it with a lot of excitement. Since it’s still an hour before kickoff, the Flemming Entertainment Room (ER) is pretty empty, with only eight of us watching the World Poker Tour. However, the room is far too small to hold the party that should begin any minute now. One incredible benefit to living on the West Coast is we can watch a Super Bowl that starts at 3:30, instead of the typical 6:30 beginning in the East. The Philadelphia Eagles will still have time to finish my math set before midnight. In the meantime, let’s make a quick stop in Zeh for letting me type on my laptop during this Mega Bowl game.

I’m making my predications based on the results of a string of recent Super Bowl games. In 2002, the St. Louis Rams won their third consecutive NFC Championship but with a never-say-die attitude. A few years later, the New England Patriots and the Philadelphia Eagles were one of the least talented teams of our era, but with a never-say-die attitude, they claimed their second. Bill Belichick, New England shocked the mighty Rams. The Patriots are in an unbelievable desire to win, and after sixty stunning minutes of football, they were Super Bowl champions. Two years later, the New England Patriots, after sixty minutes of football, they were Super Bowl champions. Two years later, the New England Patriots, after sixty minutes of football, they were Super Bowl champions. Two years later, the New England Patriots, after sixty minutes of football, they were Super Bowl champions. Two years later, the New England Patriots, after sixty minutes of football, they were Super Bowl champions.

The Super Bowl starts so early I had to get to bed at 10:00 PM, and I quickly fell asleep. In the morning, I woke up at 1:00 PM and started reading the morning newspaper. The first thing I saw was a stat that Patriots MVP Richard Seymour had one of his bad days, and it would currently be a three yard Touchdown. Once that play was over, I knew that the Patriots were in control, and I was ready to watch the game.

The game is about to start. My lifetime kicking field goal obsession drive. After a very pretty screen pass from Tom Brady, the Patriots capitalized. Despite a dubious offensive pass interference call, the Patriots drove down the field and Adam Vinatieri set up for his third field goal attempts of the game. Of course, CBS doüns the visuals that Vinatieri is 31 for 35 in his career in domes, and he nailed all three field goals in Belais Stadium. Still, he nailed another last second field goal and the Patriots won their Super Bowl in two years in a hard fought, 22-19 battle.

By 3:23 PM ET

During a half in the Packer Tom Brady is the Super Bowl MVP as well as Brady played, his performance was a highlight of this game. Linebacker teammate Mike Vrabel. While Brady wasn’t even the best quarterback on the field, Vrabel had two sacks, forced two fumbles, and caught the go-ahead touchdown.

By 2:22 PM ET

Now that this fantastic game has ended, it’s time to see how it stacks up in the Super Bowl past.


Amazingly, among the three greatest Super Bowls in NFL history, the Patri­ ots and Rams have each played in two, all two years apart. After the dominant 1990s, the game now has more luster and longer.

And I can’t wait until the next start of the season.

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I believe it is important to get involved with organizations you respect and depend on. I constantly enjoy my freedom to take exams in the manner most comfortable to me. My approach to academics would be different if I didn't know that I would be able to take my final with my music turned up and a big bowl of candy next to me to nibble on during those tough questions.

It is this sort of freedom that makes Caltech such a very special place. I wouldn't be able to survive if I didn't have friends to work with on problems set all night and still have my professors' textbooks hanging in front of me without cheating. We learn best from each other and our unique honor code helps to foster this.

However, just like at every other school there will be those who break the honor code. We have an amazing power to create our own justice between students instead of having administrators who haven't had to suffer through the same professors and problem sets hand out decisions without ever hearing the student point of view.

It is because I so much appreciate our freedom and our ability to have justice handed out by our peers that I decided to run for BoC secretary. I feel a sense of duty to an honor code that I value dearly and to a community that I enjoy so much. I am far from the brightest student here and I sympathize with those so desperate to get ahead that they turn to dishonesty.

However, my compassion for my fellow students does not make me soft. Rather, it makes me believe in a need for firm and fair treatment. The justice that BoC creates shows the strength of our community as much as any new measure to improve student life that the ASCIT board may pass. I have a deep desire to participate in the process instead of continuing to watch it from the sidelines.

If elected, I will work hard to ensure that we can be confident of the extraordinary level of trust that we continue to bestow on one another. If anyone has any questions for me, please send an email at fils@caltech.edu and I will happily respond.

Kelly Lin

FDAL Candidate

As new members of the Caltech community, the Freshmen bring a variety of innovative and thoughtful ideas and suggestions to our campus. If elected Freshmen Director at Large, I will make sure that our Freshmen suggestions are heard on the ASCIT board. I will make certain that clubs on campus will receive the appropriate attention and funding they deserve from the ASCIT and will dedicate more time on informing the Fresh about upcoming ASCIT activities through flyers and emails. Also, I would like to republish the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Handbook (UROH), which was terminated a few years ago, in order to provide access to research opportunities for new students. I am ready to dedicate time and commitment to the duties of this position and will work diligently to achieve a more interactive relationship between the students and the BoD.

Thanks, Kelly Lin

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before World War II broke out; however, at the time the navy was "only taking engineers which they didn't want a philosopher!" Still, the non-technier got his chance soon enough.

While at sea, he also gained the opportunity to "catch up on all those novels I had written book reports on but never read." No doubt we are probably familiar (or perhaps not...) with the books he means.

In particular the author discovered Don Quixote and the works of Cervantes. Don Quixote's marvelous exploits showed Wouk that reality can prove much more amazing than any fantasy, a fact which he would continuously strive to portray throughout his works. A combination of being in the navy, seeing the Holocaust in WW2 and feeling the need to address the moral issues of his day prompted Wouk to set out on a quest to write his own version of the epic War and Peace. Although most of us are too timid even to read such a monumental tome, let alone tackle the mammoth task of writing such a novel, Wouk did just such

He embarked upon a journey which would continue fourteen years of his life and 5000 pages of notes. The culmination of these efforts eventually led to a 2,000-page work consisting of The Winds of War and War and Remembrance.

Technically Wouk likes to refer to these books as "historical romances." But wait! Before you get any wrong ideas, Wouk warns people that they ought not to expect any lusty scenes packed with passion for the body down to the last detail. Instead, Wouk describes his work, deeper, more meaningful relationships in the midst of a war.

After his WWII novels, Wouk ventured into the realm of contemporary issues ranging from the Nixon Watergate Scandal to the Yom Kippur Wars in Israel. Most recently, Wouk has been working on a novel titled A Hole in the Wall, described by Mr. Starr as "swift, comic, beautifully written." Indeed Wouk gave his audience a special treat as he read the first couple chapters of his soon to be released novel.

As Wouk read, he showed off his flair for putting a humorous spin on even the most ordinary occurrences. At one point in the first chapter, the particle physicists main character of the novel inquist struggles to manually open his garage door when he discovers that the door opener button will not work! Every scene from the novel provides a carefully crafted poignant depiction of life down to the last detail.

With the surface of quick wit, Wouk also makes a strong statement on the state of affairs between science and politics. The conflicting goals of the two parties leads to a controversy regarding the building of an enormous tunnel in Texas known as the "Superconducting Super collider."

Basically Wouk's book holds something for everyone, especially if you enjoy letting the words "Superconducting Supercollider" roll off your tongue.

As Wouk closed his lecture, Dr. David Goodstein thanked him for a "riveting evening." All in attendance were invited to get their copies of Wouk's books personally signed.
**Corina Zygourakis**  
**Secretary Candidate**

I’m running for Secretary because I believe that one must get involved in student life and student government in order to change things. As this past year’s Freshman Director-at-Large, I did my best to serve you in a friendly and responsible manner.

In addition to eagerly fulfilling my duties, I continue to represent student opinion on the ASCIT Board of Directors and throughout the entire campus. I serve as an active and enthusiastic student representative on several committees, from the Director of Admissions Search Committee and the Advisory Committee of the Director of the Council of Undergraduate Education, to the Alumni Fund Committee and the Biology Undergraduate Student Advisory Committee (Quite a mouthful, huh?).

Through my participation in these committees, in other campus-wide activities, I continue to learn a lot about the different academic, social, and financial issues that faculty, administrators, and most importantly—students face on our campus. I’ve enjoyed my time on ASCIT, but I think that there are many things that can and need to be improved. First of all, I would like to see ASCIT play a more visible role in undergraduate student life. In order for ASCIT to be an effective force on campus, however, it must communicate better with the students and the entire Caltech community.

As Secretary, I will work hard to improve communication through more efficient use of the donut web site and the ASCIT bulletin board, as well as concisely (hopefully interesting!) minutes, suggestion boxes, and visits to the houses. In addition, I will press for student input in actions that directly affect students’ lives, such as renovations of the student houses and improvements in undergraduate education, and I will work for the enhancement of campus life through more community activities.

**Ryan Farmer**  
**Treasurer Candidate**

I have great faith in the House system as a whole. I believe that it brings undergraduates closer together and keeps most of us sane during the hectic years at Tech. Within my House, I’ve become active—acting as a member of the Lloyd Athletic team, a CDS food representative, and a Representative at Large. Now, I’m ready to be involved in campus-wide organizations.

As a member of the BoD, I will represent Techers—both on and off campus—at all meetings and make sure that all decisions are in the best interests of the students. A few of my goals as Treasurer/BoD member are:

- Increase awareness of ASCIT’s budget so that all students will have direct input on how their dues are spent.
- Keep a sharp eye on the budget: Work to keep ASCIT’s budget out of the red and assist any campus organization in obtaining a reasonable amount of funding.
- Promote additional communication between faculty, administration, the IHC, ASCIT, and student representatives to ensure that all decisions benefit the school as a whole.

**Abe Fetterman**  
**Treasurer Candidate**

What do you want out of your ASCIT Treasurer? You want him to give you money, and probably to know how much money ASCIT has got. But ASCIT budgets seem to be a curious thing. There is no “Assets” category, so we don’t know how much we really have, just how much we love. Because of the lack of this category, past years’ surpluses have been counted as income, and big purchases are counted as lump sums rather than assets which depreciate.

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Thank you,
Abe Fetterman

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**Meng-Meng Fu**  
**Social Director Candidate**

ASCIT Social Director is an important position that requires a lot of time effort. I will bring to the job enthusiasm, dedication, and know-how. My relevant experiences include being the president of the Caltech Chinese Students’ Association and a member of the Lloyd Social Team. Prior to Caltech, I gained years of experience organizing dances and banquets, scouting locations for events, and negotiating rental and catering contracts. Plus, I have mad skills making silly centerpieces and arranging food in cool spiral formations on trays!

Since moving to campus, for new events include arranging for a performance by a well-known band that appeals to a broad spectrum of the student body. I also hope to make social events less of a drain on the ASCIT budget by possibly organizing a “guy auction,” with profits either going to ASCIT or a charitable organization.

I also hope to maintain worthwhile projects, such as fundraising for multihouse functions, and events like the carnival at the beginning of this school year. I will also plan ahead to make Prefrosh Weekend more exciting and fun, because the quality of the incoming class does partially depend on the success of Prefrosh Weekend. As for ASCIT Formal, I hope to make it more accessible to everyone. Not having a date will not be a problem, just how much we love. Because of the lack of this category, past years’ surpluses have been counted as income, and big purchases are counted as lump sums rather than assets which depreciate.

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Phil Harris
ARC Chair Candidate

Are you tired of doing problems all night and then realizing you forgot to do part d of number 3? Aren't you tired of going to the Coffeehouse just to find that they closed early? Do you think the ASCIT DVD library has too many duplicates? What can you do? Go To ASCIT? ASCIT for long time has been the leading conspirer in many of the world’s biggest problems. Do you remember when JFK was shot? With a little bit of research you would realize that ASCIT conspired with a series of French assassins, the Illuminati and the Free Masons to pull that off.

And that’s not all, do you remember when Koyahashii ate 50 hotdogs at Coney Island? Well... maybe you don’t, but I certainly wasn’t shocked to find out ASCIT was behind that as well. What about when Alexander Hamilton was shot? Did you really think Aaron Burr was just partaking in a duel or there was a huge ASCIT based conspiracy involving Pitakha and an old oscilloscope.

ASCIT has been the backboard of these conspiracies and numerous other conspiracies. So when you vote for new conspirers, I encourage you to ask the following question. Is ASCIT plotting against me?

I was walking down the alley the other day when Will Coulter, the interim Upperclass Director at Large, stopped me and said “Hey Shaun, you should run for UDALT.” I hadn’t really been thinking about running for office, but as Will described the responsibilities, I realized I’m qualified for the position for a number of reasons.

I have interviewed and evaluated candidates for CURJ editors and have put together some really great teams. This should be useful in the process of appointing editors for the little-t and the Big-T.

My tenure as CURJ editor is over after this next issue, so I’ll soon have a lot more free time. I know both Matt Walker (half of the only team running for Tech Editor) and Will Coulter, putting in close competition with both the Tech and Donut.

I’d like to give something back to the students and I think UDALT is a great match for my skills.

Shaun Lee
Upperclass Director at Large Candidate

I was thinking about running for the position of the ARC chair, but the idea was defeated by the fact that I'm currently running for the Upperclass Director at Large position. I'm a senior, and I think the Upperclass Director position would be a great match for my skills.

I have been a member of the ARC for the past two years, and I have seen firsthand the impact that the ARC has on the campus. I have seen how the ARC has been able to improve the quality of student life, and I believe that I can continue this work in the future.

I plan to work closely with the heads of the other ARC committees to improve the quality of student life. I will work to ensure that the ARC is able to address the concerns of the students, and I will work to make sure that the ARC is able to make a difference on the campus.

I believe that the ARC is an important part of the Caltech community, and I am committed to ensuring that the ARC is able to continue its work in the future. I believe that I am the best person for the position of ARC chair, and I am committed to ensuring that the ARC is able to continue its work in the future.
Habegger and Hilliard
Senior Class President

I’m Silas J. Hilliard, Esquire. And I’m Steve “Stephen” Habegger.
And we’re... WYLD STAL-LYNKS.

We felt it would be against the spirit of our co-presidency to write this statement while totally sober. So... we aren’t. We’re proactive that way. We know what you’re thinking: these guys feel cooler, just because they’re drinking. Hey, that rhymed. Alcohol is our muse. But actually, kicking back and drinking a little is just a by-product of us being cooler than all the other candidates. Anyone that feels like senior class co-president is a position that merits serious responsibility is a nerd. Er, feels like senior class co-president is a position that merits serious responsibility is a nerd. Er, it’s a need, a need to lighten up.

There’s nothing wrong with nerds. Some of my best friends are nerds. You know who you are. Man, I just realized I’m writing in the singular, because Steve sucks. Alright, he has a chance to redeem himself in haiku form. We like sports and beer. You should learn to be like us. Alright, Steve, by use of the word “behoove” you have proven your capability to remain a contributor to this article. High five. Alright... we should address... issues. Especially issues that senior class co-presidents can do something about. Or grammatically speaking, issues about which the senior class co-presidents can do something. Because prepositions are not good words to end sentences with.

Issue #1) Find a date for ditch day. That is, a day on which to have it, not a hot chick. Though, both couldn’t hurt. In all seriousness, this is a task a monkey with a calendar and a loaded intestinal tract is capable of doing. In fact, if elected, we’ll get right on that.

Issue #2) Finding a speaker for commencement. Given that we have any say in the matter, which remains to be determined, there are two primary qualifications. First, they have to have something to do with science, or education, or something relevant these 4/5/6/etc. years here. Second, they have to be cool. Example time!

Mr. Rogers: Beloved childhood figure. Problem: he’s dead. However, the reanimated corpse of Mr. Rogers would have even more to talk on the phone or otherwise correspond with whoever we need to correspond with to get things done.

The most important reason to vote for us, though (clearly) is that we are both very tall. And tall people have dignity. And don’t you want majesty to represent you as a class? Plus andrea’s hair is often quite purple. Vote for us!

Seniors since our frosh year have gloated in our faces about the joys of being a senior and have held “Ditch Day” as a tantalizing forbidden fruit above our heads.

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Let’s end our Tech experience with something sweet. The best is always saved for last. Senior year is dessert. Vote for us, because we are people who listen and will do everything to make it a year you remember.

MandTran
Senior Class President

Why should you vote for us to be your co-Presidents? That’s a very simple question to answer: we are the best. Sure, the other candidates (mostly) are more well known and have done more stuff than we have (or at least I have - David) but is that really what represents our class? How many of you out there are actively involved in student government? I think it’s safe to say that most of you, just like us, aren’t. Therefore, we are clearly more representative of the class than many of the other candidates.

We could be good at this job - we both are interested in having a graduation commencement speaker that doesn’t bore us all to tears. Therefore, we’re looking for something in a funny writer, maybe with a geeky side to match all of our geeky sides. Off the top of my head, less than 10 minutes before this statement is due, I’m thinking Terry Pratchett, Neil Gaiman, or Joss Whedon. Or somebody else along those lines, though we’re certainly open to suggestions.

We’re also very capable of planning when Ditch Day occurs, letting the press know, etc. You may or may not know us, but that doesn’t mean we’re not personable. We can call you on the phone or otherwise correspond with whoever we need to correspond with to get things done.

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Finally! We’re almost there! We’ve been looking forward to senior year since we arrived on campus and we’re sure that you have too. And that’s why we want to help make senior year as memorable as possible, from putting together a totally awesome Ditch Day, to picking a commencement speaker that we really care about, to giving a senior gift that the school will recognize for years to come.

The loss of traditions has become a concern of students of late. As Senior Class Co-Presidents, we’ll do our best to not only make the senior year traditions something we all enjoy, but to also set a good example for future classes to follow. We’ll work hard with administrators and the undergrads to coordinate a Ditch Day that proceeds smoothly and which allows everyone to have fun with as few restrictions as possible. We’ll listen and consider everyone’s opinion in selecting a commencement speaker and further, we’ll make the senior gift something we’re proud to give.

We’ve both been intimately involved in the school since our freshmen year, serving as Tech editor, Tech and Big T business manager, participating on the Volleyball, Track and Swim teams, serving on SURFSAC, in multiple house positions, as a Health Ad and a Challenges and Choices counselor. We’d love to serve you as your Senior Class Co-Presidents and hope you give us a chance!
Lewis’ Research Paved Way For Ban on Nuclear Testing

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Dr. Lewis and Dr. Lipshitz sign copies of Dr. Lewis’ biography. Genes, Development and Cancer: The Life and Work of Edward B. Lewis, which Lipshitz wrote.

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Candidates Prepare for Elections

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The students and the entire Caltech community by actively soliciting input from a wider range of the student body and working for more effective student representation or consultation.

She hopes to do this through more efficient use of the donut web site, the ASCIT bulletin board, suggestion boxes and the meeting minutes.

Additionally, Tech editor candidates, Tanny Ma, '05 and Matt Walker, '06, pledge, "The Tech will do its best to present as much information and as many different perspectives as possible on all the relevant issues to the student body.

JHC Chair candidate Andrea Kung, '05, aspires to bring a new freshman class into a community where students and administration are working together for the best interests of both parties.

Increasing Visibility:

A major part of communicat­ ing with students involves re­ ming the student that the ASCIT really does. Meng-Meng Fu, '06, would use her time as social director to change the make-up of the ASCIT social calendar. She hopes to encour­ age more multi-house events, estab­ lish more prominent ASCIT events and to make the ASCIT formal more accessible to every­ one.

Fu would like to see more per­ formances by bands that appeal to a broad spectrum of the student body and support events for like the Carnival of the Court of Man and a new format for the ASCIT Formal (for example, a masquerade ball).

Says Fu, "I feel this is an often-overlooked position... and that I can develop it to its full potential by improving the qual­ ity and quantity of ASCIT social events.

Social director hopeful, Claire Wallace, '05, also advocates a successful formal and more band performances in the coffeehouse. She promises that students would be busy that they would not have the time to give ASCIT any thought.

Freshman Director at Large (FDAL) candidate, Kelly Lin, '07, hopes to encourage club partici­ nation in activities. She plans to give clubs an equal opportunity to compete for funds by keeping them informed about deadlines and presentation dates. She also hopes to get more freshmen in­ volved in ASCIT activities and decisions.

Jimmy Jia, '07, another FDAL, contender, would use his experi­ ence with the Donut Deviate (developing the Donut web site) to contact clubs.

Fetterman suggests more pub­ licity to raise awareness of the things that ASCIT does for the students, for example, putting signs or banners up during ASCIT sponsored events.

Curing the Budget Ills:

Over the past year, the budget was significantly botched; a couple of events cost students thou­ sands of dollars more than was al­ lotted. According to Fu, over $35k of last year's ASCIT budget went to social events, $5000 of which went to a "TBA fund." She prom­ ises to prevent the ASCIT formal from becoming a fisical sink and even to make some social events profit­ able.

Among other ideas, Fu thinks that a "Coy Auction," profiting ASCIT or a charity organization could be an interesting addition to the ASCIT calendar.

Fetterman hopes to establish a more strict adherence to the bud­ get. Additionally, he would have financial information on-hand at BoD meetings, so fiscal deci­sions could be made immediately.

Erin Hartman, '07, pledges that as FDHL, she would keep the club information in order so that the budget meetings could stay on track and be as efficient as pos­ sible.

Farmer would like to keep the budget in control so that he could ensure that any campus organiz­ ations, including ASCIT, have enough funds.

ARC Chair contender, Phil Har­ ris, '05, suspects deep-rooted con­ cerns may be behind ASCIT's budget troubles and would work to eradicate them.

Boosting Morale:

At a much more personal level, several candidates expressed a concern for student body morale.

Jenny Fisher, '06, candidate for the ARC Chair, worries, "If you look around, it becomes clear that a lot of students are unhappy, stressed and bitter. I feel this is a much larger problem and one that's a lot harder to solve."

She hopes to attack the issue from an academic angle, identify­ ing changes in the curriculum and requirements and making profes­ sor and administrators aware of those changes. Fisher hopes to hold another Student Faculty Con­ ference, noting that the 2003 con­ ference was extremely effective in creating a forum for students, administrators and professors to discuss issues and solutions.

In a similar vein, Zygourakis hopes to solicit student opinions and represent them on the Coun­ cil of Undergraduate Education, a committee that she currently advises. Fu hopes to bolster mo­ rale by bringing students out for a couple of hours of fun with new ASCIT events.

Another major component of the undergraduate morale is the honor code. With the results of the current ASCIT Honor Code Survey, the honor system may be undergoing some changes in the next year. J.D. Salazar, '04, a Board of Control (BoC) Secretary candidate, is concerned about the results of the recent GSC/WEST Quality of Life Survey; he would like to work with the Graduating Review Board to emphasise the importance of the honor system.

Additionally, he appreciates the privileges that the honor system allows students and promises to try to solve problems that the cur­ rent survey reveals.

Francesca Colomence, '06, also running for BoC Secretary, values the honor system greatly; if she is elected, she plans to promote trust in the honor code.

Rotation:

As always, rotation and pre­ fresh weekend play a big part in student life. Recently, students in Avery have been trying to adju­ stuate the IHC to allow freshmen to move straight into Avery. This topic is currently under debate by the IHC.

Neil Tiwari, '05, a candidate for IHC Chair, strongly advocates allowing freshmen into Avery and spending some time in the seven houses. Tiwari argues, "The seven houses are not for everyone and Avery deserves its chance to show what it has to offer. Simul­ taneously, the students deserve the chance to take it if it suits them best."

Most of the other IHC oppo­ nents disagree with this viewpoint. Popendorp, '06, ex­ plains, "If I say there's probably less than 20 students who would do just as well on their own somewhere as they would in a house—but I don't trust them to self-select when they'reIncoming freshmen."

Silas Hillard, '06, Jessie Sun, '06 and Michael Prilo, '06 agree with this standpoint. Prilo adds that the advocates for freshmen in Avery have not proven it to be a good place for freshmen (with quality support networks), or even that freshmen are desired by most of those living in Avery. Ad­ ditionally, he feels that the IHC has not considered the long-term repercussions of these actions. Sun believes that the houses themselves would lose part of their character if freshmen are al­ lowed to move to Avery.

However, Chris George, '05, approaches the problem from a more objective standpoint. Says George, "If I came in with precon­ ceived notions of how everything should work out, the IHC would cease to be an effective means for freshmen to come together make decisions in the best interests of all."

House Renovations:

Another issue that may signifi­ cantly change the lifestyle of the common tocher is the impending house renovation project. Current IHC Chair, Jeremy Pitts, '04, ad­ vises, "The biggest issue that will be facing the next IHC Chair is doing everything possible to keep the house renovation project mov­ ing forward and starting to think about what will mean to the houses and to rotation."

Most of the candidates believe that preserving "long-established house traditions will be one of the principal payoffs of the move. For example, Hillard notes that most of the tradition of type Caltach should not cease.

Additionally, George adds that the topic of facility in residence in the dorms has been hotly debated. He stresses that it really is necessary to find some sort of middle ground on this issue and that he is willing to put in whatever time it takes.

A big issue in the renovations is finding a way to handle the hous­ ing crunch that will result from the temporary loss of an entire house complex. Popendorp stresses the need to make sure that the houses survive while they are displaced.

She emphasizes, "We need to make sure that the houses will still be able to participate in rotation and most importantly that they'll still have a way of providing the support, camaraderie and wacko traditions that they do now."

Tiwari is less concerned. He believes that if the traditions are so shallow that they fall apart because people are relocated, maybe they shouldn't exist. "Either the students go in and make them or it will just change and grow with Caltech. Or it will look down as the past and be a throw in the side of Caltech."

Beyond traditions and popula­ tion issues, finding funding for the project presents a problem. Concern about how to increase fund-raising, for example naming rights to big donors.

All the offices promise chal­ lenges and rewards. This year's candidates are committed to help­ ing and advancing the undergrad­ uate cause. As Farmer expresses it, "I can't think of a better way of giving back to the Caltech com­ munity than by serving as an ASCIT-III."

Senior Class Co-Presidents:

The Senior Class co-presidents are responsible for a handling a handful of jobs: the day the se­ nior prank and a variety of graduate details including the speaker. According to current senior class co-president, Greta Jo, '04, the most important job of the class presidents is to pick the gradua­ tion speaker. However, working out details of "Tomorrow" is also a challenge.

Class president hopefuls An­ derea Vasconcellos, '05 and Jenny Lin, '05, also hope to introduce some more organized senior ac­ tivities and events. Says Lin, "This will be a time for house di­ visions to be softened and a time to indicate a new class again. The last time we did something together was freshman camp."

David Griswold, '05 and An­ derea Kung, '05, look forward to finding an interesting speaker. Griswold elaborates, "We're looking for something in a funny writer, maybe with a geeky side to match all of our geeky sides..."

Terry Freecht, Neil Guiman, or Jess Whedon. Other pairs, such as Silas Hill­ ard and Jeremy Pitts, '04, have expressed less specific plans, having to do with badgers and nauplii.

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