President, BoC Chair Election Cycle Nears

By KEVIN BARTZ

Pinning up promises ranging from smoother renovations to a larger little 1, six ASCIT hopefuls—three for president and three for vice president—square off in a debate today on noon at the Olive Walk, rolling out last-min-
teude appeals to undecided before Wednesday's election at 5 p.m. “I would say that both the presidential and vice presiden-
tial elections are really important right now,” said outgoing Presi-
dent Galen Loram ’05, “because we’re going to be moving into trailers, and navigating through these crises will be our duty and promise of the president.”

In an unusual twist, two of the three who fall under this charge are sophomores—Billy Zdon ’07 and Warner Leedy ’07. As the only one, able to use ‘06, is a junior. On the vice presi-
dential side, one sophomore and two juniors—Greg Stachel ‘07, Ansunara Effer ’06 and Michelle ahly ’06—have thrown their hat into the ring. By ASCIT bylaws, the vice presidential seat doubles as a Board of Control membership.

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Looming Oil Crisis To Cause End of Suburbia

By ALEX SIEGEL

If you are among the major-
ities of Americans, then chances are you live in a suburb, far from where you work, where you eat, and where you shop. It seems to be a convenient life, not as noisy and polluted as the city, but not as far from society as the country. Ac-
cording to the aptly title documen-
tary, The End of Suburbia, within the last few decades, all the subur-
Bums will be gone. Last Tuesday, Caltech’s chapter of Engineers for a Sustainable World had a screen-
ing of the film followed by a dis-
cussion to raise awareness about the future of oil.

During the Industrial Revolu-
tion, the city became a less than perfect place to live. Industry brought pollution, noise, and a loss of the feeling of community. After World War II, when the soldiers were coming home, vast amounts of new housing needed to be built. As a reward to veterans, soldiers returned to their own homes in the suburbs. According to the film, “Suburbia [had] become the American dream.”

After World War II, America was the only country in which the working middle class could own a house. During the 50s and through the 70s there was a mass move-
ment from the cities to suburbs. Americans sought their new dream of a place of home ownership, but according to the film, suburbia has the disad-
vantages of both the country and the city.

It failed to deliver what it prom-
tised, a home built in harmony with nature while still being close enough to work. In fact, most subur-
s were built over the remains of the nature that they professed to be. There was also a loss in the sense of a community, as people were constantly on the move be-
tween their homes and the nearby cities in which they spent much of their time.

Suburbia would not have been possible without a reliable source of transportation to reach the cit-
es. At one point, the light rail sys-
tem seemed to work, but General Motors, Firestone, and Standard Oil combined together and bought out the light rail system in favor of their mutual interest, the car. General Motors also held a contest to plan the best highway system, MA), which analyzes the forma-
tion of star and planetary systems. “I think as a result of this, we ex-
pect to be able to go out and look at galaxies that would be evolving a billion years after the big bang, if we could just get the first stars form-
ing. To look for planetary systems in formation and try to understand their birth, to look at the interstellar medium and its chemistry and try to understand how life formed in this environment. This is what has been enabled—the freedom to actually attack this problem by gifts such as those that come from our campaign.”

Another featured speaker was Caltech sophomore Benjamin Golish, who benefited from the campaign because his pure math-
ematics Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) project was funded by donor mon-
ey. “The most abstract work has

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Dimotakis Explores Alternatives For Spaceflight After Columbia

By DAVID CHEN

What happened to the shuttle Columbia and what are the impli-
cations for future space access? These are the questions that John K. Northrop Professor of Aeronau-
tics Paul E. Dimotakis answered Wednesday night.

Professor Dimotakis, also a Professor of Applied Physics, be-
gan the presentation by noting that a unique aspect of the Columbia tragedy was the presence of au-
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Zdon stated that the biggest
people against it," Farmer added.
Farmer and Leedy both plan to
focus on preserving house tra­
appearance, especially art. I
believe that the house sys­
tem needs to remain intact," he
ded. Additionally, he noted that
those alumnae who wish to donate
students dissatisfied with the houses.

Besides renovations, the ques­
tion of whether to institute a
new food service will loom large over
the next president. Specifically,
Loram has committed to present a
case for food complaints to the
BoC's upperclassman director.

He also hinted that a new
food service provider might
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Almost everyone in the country assumes that the New England Patriots are one game away from at least the Super Bowl and being crowned a dynasty by the collective sports world. Everyone likes to talk about how they already won two Super Bowls, and how Tom Brady is undefeated in the playoffs. The Philadelphia Eagles, on the other hand, are Super Bowls is more impressive than four straight NFC Championship games, but neither time did the Patros dominate the entire year like the 49ers or Cowboys, or the Steel Curtain Pittsburgh team.

The best team in the history of professional football is likely the Eagles, but they did it convincingly, not only with a winning field goal, but in the playoffs. Even if this game comes down to a last minute kick, the Patriots will win it because they’re “Clutch.” Nevertheless, it is possible that the game will come down to a four point margin, and a 26 yard drive by Brady won’t be enough.

Both the Eagles and the Patriots had excellent regular season, but when the Eagles lost only to the Steelers and in games where they rested their starters, the Patriots were beaten soundly by the Packers on Monday Night Football, in a game that pretty much dropped them out of the race for home field advantage for the playoffs. Of course the Eagles can be argued to have a much easier schedule, but the Eagles are a team with other than the Eagles.

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The Pick: 28-20 Eagles

Even though I’m a fan of teams that play football the right way, I have to admit that I’m getting sick of the Patriots’ offense. They have done it so often. When New England came into the Louisiana Superdome after the 2001 season and started the second half of the game with a 14-0 lead, Brady had already thrown for 240 yards, completed 13-of-18 passes, and only one of three fourth downs. To make matters worse, the Patriots’ defense was just as good. New England’s Super Bowl XXXVI was one of the five greatest championships in NFL history, made even sweeter by the fact that they beat the Rams with very little talent exposed a far better strategy. The Eagles were able to play together as one giant unit. However, that last game was over a decade ago. New England has accumulated an incredible amount of talent since then, and New England has taken the National Football League by storm. Even since the advent of a tight salary cap ushered in an era of massive roster turnover and intense parity, no NFL team has been able to consistently dominate the league like New England has maintained its stranglehold on the league because the players have been able to overcome personal issues without scarring from the underlying game plan. The coaching staff, led by defense-oriented coordinator Jim Haslett, has been able to dominate the league and always be the most talented team on the field, but they are able to rest, adjust, and always the most cohesive unit.

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Future

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Drafting the Little Children

By SIMON QUE

With ongoing U.S. involvement in Iraq, many Americans are understandably concerned about the possibility of Congress revisiting the War Powers Act. As a draft is given the war effort a steady supply of young men and women, the specter of another draft already lies under their very noses. This draft is an educational rather than military draft, and it targets kids at a much younger age. Many home schooling parents in California have already been harassed by officials on grounds of "truancy," despite applying new scientific findings to the development of current governmental policy. As the recipient of the 2004 Beckman Policy Fellowship, I was given the opportunity to work as an intern in the office of the Science and Technology Advisor to the Secretary of State (STAS), at the Department of State under the direction of the Science and Technology Advisor to Colin Powell, George H. Atkinson, and the Deputy Director of the STAS office, Andrew Redfield. Created in September of 2000, STAS is the newest division of the U.S. State Department. This office serves both an advisory and educational role to legislators and diplomats, as well as a role in the formulation of sound science-related policies to guide our country. The objectives of this office include developing scientific and technical cooperation on an international basis, in government and among all levels of society, to help guide our nation. The agency is comprised of a small team of professionals, many of whom come from the academic community, the religious institutions or other educational systems.

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"Where would we be without actually having done things?" asked a woman. 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Spending a Summer with the Science and Technology Adviser to the Sect. of State

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government bureaus and agencies take part in terrorism prevention. STAS is involved in an ongoing effort to use science and technology on the forefront of foreign policy and therefore hosted a U.S.-Japan preparatory meeting for a second workshop on “Science and Technology for a Secure and Safe Society” to discuss priority areas to improve safety and security for the mid-and long terms, and to develop plans for future bilateral cooperation. This meeting was widely regarded as a success. In the past, other domestic priorities and cultural differences have held back Japanese engagement. This meeting, by using science and technology as the ice breaker and starting with science, rather than diplomacy, created a productive environment for further cooperation and facilitated movement from general ideas to specific plans. As a result, U.S. governmental agencies are now establishing a wide range of specific cooperative programs with Japan. This meeting serves as an example of how issues in S&T can be used to leverage effective foreign policy.

My experience as a Beckman Political Scholar demonstrated to me the progress that can be made using science as a starting point for discussion of complex foreign policy issues, and that scientists can, in some cases, make positive contributions to policy. Unlike politicians, scientists share a common approach to problem solving and the desire for broad based collaboration. In the words of George H. Atkinson, “We must start with the science and move toward the policy—if we start with policy we will never get to the science.” Scientists as diplomats can play an important role in foreign policy given sufficient independence from political pressures. As more issues involving science and technology become prominent on the international stage, science will become an increasingly important part of diplomatic discourse.

The Beckman Political Internship will be available again this summer. The internship, supported by friends of Arnold O. Beckman, will pay a stipend of $5,000. It allows a selected intern to spend the summer working in the office of a policy or government agency and to see from the inside the process of government. The applicant is expected to make arrangements with the appropriate political person or organizations. The internship is open to any Caltech undergraduate who intends to be a student next year. If interested, submit a proposal describing where and how you would use the stipend along with one faculty recommendation to the Beckman Internship Coordinators, by MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2005.

BoC Chair Statements
Michelle Wyatt

“Why do you want to be BoC chair?”
This is the question I have been asked over and over again since I began to consider the idea. Every time I get asked and every time I ask this of myself, I come up with a different answer. Because I would be good at it. Because the Honor Code is important to me. Because I have ideas about how we could make the Honor System stronger and better for the students. Because I know I would put in the work and devote everything I have to it. Actually, the last one is not exactly true. My motivation for being BoC chair is not the job itself, but the job for all of us. I want to do it for my fellow BoC reps, in whom I have found amazing people. I want to do it for the students who follow the Honor Code, so that we can continue to enjoy the privilege of our freedom. I want to do it for those who break the Honor Code and get BoC ed. They deserve to have a BoC chair willing to put aside everything to make sure their case gets heard fairly and quickly. I know I can be that person.

A good ASCIT VP and BoC chair can be a tool for students wanting to approach the professors themselves. Through cases I have also seen the weak points in the Honor System, so I know that the problems that need to be fixed. Most of all, though, I know that I could do a good job as ASCIT VP and BoC chair because I am willing to devote everything I can to this position.

Anamaria Effler
Before coming to Caltech, when I first read about the Honor Code, I thought people were kidding. Other schools take countless precautions to prevent students from taking unfair advantage of one another or the system. In my high school, they would check girls’ skirts for sewn-in cheat sheets; and students are accompanied by a teacher to the restroom in the middle of an exam. When I got to Caltech, it didn’t seem like that. Everyone was simply expected not to cheat. And amazingly enough, it worked.

We all know the advantages of an Honor Code like Caltech’s. It provides a level of freedom that benefits people of all styles of learning. It is important for every member of the Caltech community to preserve this freedom. People devote large amounts of their time to maintaining and improving the Honor Code (and a Teacher’s time is definitely precious). As the Beckman Intern for the policy issues that we can continue to enjoy the privilege of our freedom. I want to do it for the Honor Code to continue to enjoy the privilege of our freedom. I want to do it for those who break the Honor Code and get BoC ed. They deserve to have a BoC chair willing to put aside everything to make sure their case gets heard fairly and quickly. I know I can be that person.

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So you might ask what qualities I have that would make me a good choice for the job? Well, aside from the dedication I previously mentioned, I have the experience of being on the Board since the beginning of the school year and understand the intricacies of the BoC. Also, I am a Physics major. I am rational and impartial; I think things through, weighing all sides of a problem and ultimately reaching the best solution. Last but not least, I am an international student which can provide the Board with a slightly different perspective (and a funny accent). One more point of view is essential in solving a case. In my opinion, these qualities combined make me a good candidate for the BoC chair. Now it’s your turn to pick the best one.

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ASCIT Election President Statements

Ryan Farmer

Freshmen in Avery. South House renovations. Alumni. Inter-college social events. Student-faculty interaction. All of these are issues that will affect undergraduates next year. ASCIT needs to step up to the plate and ensure that those who come to Caltech for years to come. Presently, many see ASCIT as a piggybank that doesn’t take initiative. I will change that image and work to support the undergraduates. I will focus on several key areas—the success of last year’s soccer game BBQ should be followed with a BBQ every term for a different sports team. Second, there will be continual support for student-sponsored projects that the Moores-Huffsteter Fund will not support—such as One Act plays, Shakespeare Read-a-thons, and various music! DJ events. Also, I plan to promote increased cooperation with previous graduates by working closely with the various alumni associations on campus to encourage alumni involvement in student life by inviting them to House dinners, campus events, and encouraging networking opportunities. This not only benefits students (in terms of connecting with Caltech’s past and job opportunities), but provides alumni a connection to their alma mater. Lastly, should the campus desire it, I’d like to see an inter­school party—the renova­tions make this very possible.

I am a firm believer in the house system. However, I recognize a need for some other platform to have another House. While many, including myself, disagree with the idea of freshmen in Avery, there is nothing that can be done about it. While the decision was made at a tumultuous time of renovations and possibly Monday morning quarterbacks, the fourth North House, I believe that with careful planning and working with the Faculty Board, there can be an eventual future resolution that allows Avery to continue to be a choice for upperclassmen that do not wish to be associated with on-campus houses and allow the existence of an eighth House. During my term, I will work with the IHC and Faculty Board to ensure a smooth transition to having freshmen in Avery but work to in­crease the undergraduate voice on the Faculty Board to ensure that we are heard when it comes to up­coming decisions that concern our future.

My experience as ASCIT Treasurer last year gave me insights into how to effectively use AS­CIT to represent the undergrads and work with the administra­tion while my involvement in my House has helped me understand that there is a great diversity of views and needs on this cam­pus. As President, it would be my job to represent the undergraduate body as a whole. Everything I do as President would be with a man­date from the undergraduates as a whole, but I would keep in mind that I would represent all of us. I will fairly represent and inform undergraduates when it comes to in­teractions with the administration and faculty and work to unify us through additional ASCIT spon­sored events. As President, my door will always be open to new ideas and I will do my best to make all of you part of your voice as we enter into a year of dramatic change.

Billy Zdon

In short, I want to make your views have more of an influence on the decisions of the Caltech administration. The job of the ASCIT president is to be on the students’ side, and that’s exactly what I plan to do.

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Protesters Slighted by 20% Rise In Tuition Prices Over Two Years

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always depended on the generosity of benefactors." Golub stated that as a Caltech student, he felt free to pursue his academic interests without worrying about limitations on what he could study or whether he could garner funding for his efforts. "Thanks to SURF, I feel that freedom now. After all, students get to research in any department. We have great liberty in experimenting with our ideas, and thanks to you we can do all of this even while undergraduates are with ambitious and abstract projects."

The ceremony was later highlighted by speeches from Carl Larson, Caltech graduate and member of the Campaign Leadership Committee, as well as closing remarks by university president David Baltimore.

Appropriations for the money raised throughout the campaign of One Caltech! effort have been published. $71.1 million has been allocated towards funding under-graduate financial aid, graduate, postdoctoral, and SURF fellowships. Faculty projects and research will be granted an additional $141 million. Many of these plans are underway for the new Caltech Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics, campus computer cluster, the new chemical engineering building, a new Information Sciences building, Instrumentation, and the South House fellowship project, and the fundraising for these specific projects is still in the works.

Verily all of the Caltech community was in celebration as a notable number of people involved with the fundraising campaign. Prior to the start of the festivities, a sizeable group of Caltech undergraduates and representatives from all houses gathered in front of Beckman Auditorium bearing signs, red ribbons, pamphlets, and an oversized banner of the Crippling Depression rendition of President Baltimore holding bags of money to protest the recently announced hike in undergraduate tuition, room, and board fees slated for the 2005-2006 school year.

Protestors cited statistics documenting the raise in fees from $31,460 in 2003 to $38,050 in 2005, which marked a 20.9% increase over two years compared to a 3% consumer price index inflation rate within the United States economy. Other students were disgusted by the prospect of South House residents being forced to live in trailers next school year during the renovation, while even more students simply expressed discontent with day-to-day issues regarding Caltech undergraduate life.

"Basically, what I'm unhappy about is that recently they've been increasing tuition costs at a rate far greater than inflation. People made their decisions on where to go to school based on how much cost it came here. It would be great if for four years, they could make a guarantee of how much you'd have to pay. They could adjust it for inflation, but at least we'd know how much we'd be paying instead of worrying about them what to do with it all, and at the same time, they're raising tuition for the people that can afford that. I think it's unconvincable for a student and it's unfair. This reflects a general trend that tuition is increasing at a rate much greater than that of inflation...I see schools becoming more bloated and inefficient, and as a result, we have to pay more for less."

ASCIT president, senior Galen Loren was present at the protest to observe and answer student questions regarding the fund-raising campaign and the tuition fee raising.

"I certainly understand people's concerns over the tuition raise, and especially the terrible juxtaposition of the billion dollar mark and the increase. Yet it's always hard to respond when things are organized so quickly," Loram continued, "From the students that I've gotten a chance to talk to, once I sort of explained where this all comes from and why there is this raise, they understand it -- whether or not they agree with it. The letter that was sent out was very vague about the reasons, so it's not surprising where students are wondering where it's going and why we need it."

Loram added, "I'm glad that the folks in the administration are working to organize a meeting, which will be Tuesday at lunch in Winnett in which any student who has any questions or concerns can be able to come and talk to the people who are the drive behind these decisions. That said, I do appreciate that everybody is being respectful and they're not trying to block anybody. Everybody is acting in a way that it is an intellectual discourse."

"I came away from those students who are having the effect of getting both people in the administration and those of us in student government to do our best to improve the situation."

"The petition will certainly be seriously recommended to contact either Tom Mannon or Margo Marush at the Caltech Student Affairs department if you have any further questions or concerns."

Protestors raise a likeness of President Baltimore originally published in *Crippling Depression*, published by the Caltech Student Affairs department. On Sunday, January 23, 2005, Caltech's Beckman Auditorium hosted Lahari, a benefit concert organized by the Caltech Tsunami Relief Effort. An enthusiastic crowd of several hundred delighted in a marvelous afternoon of classical Indian dance. On display was more than just the elegant choreography of world-class performers, but also the spirit of human compassion as dancers, organizers, and spectators united in support of tsunami victims. Lahari, a Sanskrit word meaning "great wave," captured on many levels the essence of the dance spectacle. Moderator Ra-"