Caltech NCAA Sports May Be Cut—Students Revolt!

BY: CRAIG MONTUORI

In breaking news, the Provost’s office is looking into eliminating Caltech’s NCAA program. This surprise came during Thursday’s IHC lunch meeting with Margo Marshak. About half of the meeting was taken up with a Q&A session with Sharon Borbon, Assistant to the Provost for Faculty Affairs. The IHC was trying to find out how the students feel about the school’s NCAA program. She said that there are issues with the local Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) due to an increased emphasis on competitiveness, leading to strains with how Caltech looks at its athletic program. In questioning the IHC, Sharon Borbon stated that she was unprepared with working with students since her job was focused around communicating with faculty. The IHC recommended that she talk with the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC), which represents the Caltech NCAA teams to a national level and is currently chaired by Christine Parry, at the local level, and Helen Tai, at the regional level. One of the main points in Caltech’s athletic program is that anyone can play at any level that they’re willing to put the time and interest into. This is not to say the prefrash, and it is a big perk to those students who have to spend hours nightly not practicing, but on homework sets. The administration has only begun to look into this, but the IHC suggested that they find stiff opposition from anyone involved with athletics at Caltech. The administration believes that this is an area that can be cut in the name of saving money, but student and staff reaction is of surprise and shock. Fencing coach Randy Paffenroth said, “This is news to me. I hadn’t heard anything about this.” Joey Koelbler, formerly of the basketball team and current President of Blakker House, decided to further investigate the issue. He has scheduled a meeting with Sharon Borbon Monday at 4 pm at the Provost’s office at 206 Parsons-Gates. He says, “At the meeting Thursday, I am not sure we came across as strongly as we should have in opposing to dropping the NCAA membership. I have a few more questions about how much the NCAA membership costs, and why other reasons as to why we were considering changing Caltech’s status. I wanted to relate a few student’s personal stories with the sports programs, and try to summarize some of the input I have been getting from some friends.” Any additional thoughts should be sent to tech@caltech.edu, who will forward them to Joey. The Tech will be covering this issue as it continues to develop over the coming weeks.

By: Zeb Rocklin

While the rest of Caltech was enjoying the blissful unconsciousness that students expect from their Saturday mornings, the battle lines had already been drawn in San Pedro. Teams from across the western United States had gathered to compete in the US Amateur Team West Chess Championship. The event drew hundreds of players and several very strong teams, but Caltech walked away with the title. Teams consisted of four chess players with an average rating below master level. Players were not allowed to hold their teammates up, but each game result contributed to the final match score equally. The tournament was played in six rounds of six-hour games over a period of three days. After the winners of the event go on to play against teams from the American East, South, and Midwest Championships. Caltech’s Chess Club, which meets Fridays at 8 pm at Blacker House, is a thriving community where players of all levels are welcome. In addition to the team representing Caltech at Amateurs, the club boasts several other experts and strong players. Caltech players have done well at many strong tournaments, including beating MIT twice in internet chess matches. Caltech’s team has dominated Amateurs in particular for the last four years. Caltech’s team from 2003, “CALTECHically Won,” earned its name by winning the Amateur West and going on win the National Team Championship. Continued on page 3

Cahill’s Architecture Explained

BY: Josephine Sui

Thom Mayne, a professor at the U.C.L.A. School of Arts and Architecture and a founder of the firm Morphosis, gave a presentation on the design of the Cahill Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics in Beckman Auditorium on Feb. 21. The building, described by President Baltimore as a dream come true of “bringing together astronomers and astrophysicists,” provides a home for some of the most creative, audacious scientists in the world,” was conceived about a year and a half ago, and is funded primarily through a $240 million dollar gift from Charles H. Cahill, given as part of the “The Only one Cahill” campaign. Its construction is scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2008. Professor Mayne, a renowned architect and recipient of the prestigious Pretzer Prize, is principal architect of the project. His past work includes the CalTrans headquarters in downtown L.A. and the Federal Office Building in San Francisco. Morphosis, his firm, is currently in charge of building an Olympic Village in New York for the 2012 games. According to Professor Mayne, one of the highest priorities in designing Cahill was to preserve the harmonious relationship between the campus landscape and existing buildings, as well as buildings with, in Professor Mayne’s words, “Continued on page 2

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We were throwing a party that could not possibly have simultaneously constructed construction methods and met all of the Pasadena city fire codes.

Apache: Who's really to blame?

As all of you faithful readers of the Tech are now aware, Rich­

ets Hovse Social VP, Apache, was shut down last Saturday for the first time in its history. 129 days and 14 hours after it had been conceived of, it had been leveled in all directions for what, under close examination, was found to be more of a collection of wood, styrofoam and terracotta-like material. In addition, two layers of walls upstairs, as mentioned by Arturo in his article last week, were expressly and deliber­ately designed to be easily removable in the event of an emergency, opening up the entire 40-foot-wide car park ramp as an evacuation route.

Each of our "rooms" upstairs had at least one exit, even while the walls were in place, and we had several other emergency exits as well as a large group of Rich­

ets students who were committed to remaining safe throughout the night and assisting Security in maintaining orderly, safe condi­
tions. I can tell you in complete confidence, as I told the Fire Mar­

shalt, that we threw a safe party.

Throwing a legal party, it trans­
spires, would have been a lot dif­
ferent. Because of the size of the guest list, a permit would have had to be sought from the City of Pas­

adena. But in this case, all construction work had to be completed sufficiently far in advance to show the Fire Marshal how to perform a walk­

through and declare everything to be code-compliant. According to the Fire Marshal himself, no matter how safe our construction was, the parking structure would never have been approved as a party location, because it was not constructed as a venue for public gatherings.

So what did we want, here? Should we pillory the entire Safe­

ty office for not forcing us to hold our party in Dubney Hall, with no construction, no room dividers, no lights on for safety, and no tunnel through the walls, that have been awfully shifty if they HAD tried to insist on those conditions? Would we have been accused of "not understanding," or of "try­
ing to kill Apache?" So why are they still catching it in the hand­

parts from all of us for letting the situation go the other way? If we want the administration to listen to us, we had better be consistent in our requests.

What happened is really regret­
table. As a result of an unfortunate chain of events, hundreds of hap­

py party-goers were tossed out in the rain, and thousands of dollars and months of work were wasted. Plenty of that work was mine, and yes, most certainly, I feel cheated and angry. But blaming the Safety office for doing exactly what we wanted them to do is not going to make things right. A better argu­

ment could be made for blaming the two kids from Proc who drank themselves sick and brought the Fire Marshal down on us. They shouldn't have done that. It was really their fault, and it was really and thoroughly clean of Mr. Lamm's friends, once the party started to collapse flat on his face in the mud in front of Dispatch. What can we learn from this fellow's mistakes, and their very visible consequences. But when it comes down to it, we did the best we could to make Apache happen the way it has al­
ways happened, and Safety did the best they could too. Tragi­

cally, this time it buckled, and we never expected that. I am sure that if future interhouse events must be approved in advance, they must be paid to fire codes than to the safety of the students who attend, because that's what most of us had died that Saturday night. This will have marked the end of an era.

-Chandra Barnett, former Rich­

ets Hovse Social VP

Committee Ignored in Past
Your article "Dean Currie En­
courages Involvement Without Vigilantism" (February 21, 2006) noted the Computing Ad­

visory Committee. According to ex-officio member and CIO Rich Fagen, the last time the full com­

mittee met was Dec. 2003. Faculty and ex-officio members were right.

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we polled the on-site rep by postion, we have not received any further complaints.

Normally for a film or television feature, Caltech charges $9,500 for a single day and $5,000 for five hours or less. For that price, the filming company is expected to have set up at either one interior location and one exterior or three exteriors. For our commercial photo shoot, Caltech collects $4,000 for a single day and $2,000 for five hours or less. According to Nash, these revenues are split among the divisions and departments whose buildings are used for filming. However, what price are students and faculty paying for the disruption?

Thus far, other than the aforementioned scheduling of the Drop Day party, inconveniences to the Caltech community is not much of a surprise. “I personally don’t find [the filming] very disruptive,” wrote one student in a profile listing what entertaining to see all the film crews set up and working around campus. So long as the crews understand that this is a school first and their shooting location second, which they do seem to get, I have no problem with it.”

To ensure that Caltech’s primary purpose is a school and not a film location, the administration has agreed to limit the amount of filming which can occur on campus.

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“In accordance with the City of Pasadena Film Code, Caltech is allowed to accommodate six to eight filming days under this arrangement,” wrote Nash.

As a perk of having filming take place on campus, many students are sometimes asked to participate in the filming. For example, a group of students may take a break away from the laboratory to be a part of a commercial or a brief moment on television or on the big screen. So far this relationship has been mutually beneficial. However, the students are sometimes asked to participate in the filming. For example, a group of students may take a break away from the laboratory to be a part of a commercial or a brief moment on television or on the big screen.

Thus, while Caltech and Hollywood appear to be two different worlds, there is a common thread that runs deep. The students who participate in the filming gain valuable experience and exposure to the entertainment industry. At the same time, the crews are able to use the campus as a location for their productions. It’s a win-win situation for everyone involved.

However, the students participating in the filming should also be aware of the potential risks involved. They should be familiar with the safety procedures and guidelines provided by the film crew. In addition, they should also be aware of the potential financial benefits that may come from their participation in the filming.

Margo Marshak explains.

By: Josephine Suh

From February 8, 2006

With the entire campus recently embroiled in controversy from the proposed seven-day board game, Vice President for Student Affairs Margo Marshak explained the administration’s thinking on the subject and reflected on the relationship between students and the administration.

Asking whether she had been anticipating the strong reaction of the student body to the seven-day board proposal, Marshak replied, “I prepared many meetings with the IHC and talked to the IHC chair. I knew there would be such a reaction.” She remarked that she expected the board proposal to be eliminated and was looking at more ways to raise money, as the proposals from the 7-Day Board Task Force would not give the full $1.2 million boost that the proposal needs from the Caltech Dining Services.

Marshak also described the problems in finding a market for the board game, as well as the administration’s communication—or the lack thereof. Repeating comments such as she expressed at the previous town-hall meeting, Marshak said that Open Houses did not work due to the absence of student participation and were discontinued because they were uneconomical. “The general failure of communication is a limiting condition given the small size of the Caltech community.”

She also pointed out, “There is a great amount of distrust between the student leadership and the administration. This is the first institution where I have witnessed this level of distrust...it has emerged with the cut-down.” When asked for specific instances where such distrust represented a significant obstacle, Marshak talked about the ongoing renovation of the South Houses. “There was no choice...it had to be done, but the students took an unusual approach.”

Emphasizing that the North Houses also need to go through renovation and perhaps reconstruction, she said that she faces resistance from both the administration and the student body in proceeding with the project. “The administration is afraid to make the necessary financial commitments, for the resistance to the South House renovation does not bode well for it either.”

As another example of distrust between the student community, Marshak mentioned the incidents of students and prospective TecTechs from attending the final game of the year. “The students act against their own interests in such a way that they take...”

On the general state of student life at Caltech, Marshak said, “Constructive outlets are important. Artistic work, music, particularly like music, especially at a place like Caltech, where the huge workload makes an enormous impact, is important. I’m not saying that extra-curricular activities are completely unimportant in the academic culture...but we should have more activity space, for example, for the open house rehearsals of his opera, etc. I wish that the administration would pay extra attention to the undergraduate experience at the Institute, particularly with respect to allocating budgets outside the core classes.”

When asked how she envisions the student life in the future, Marshak said, “A new president will bring new changes.” She expects significant changes... there is a lot of uncertainty in the future. I hope [the new president] will put a priority on student life and improves relationships between the students and the administration,” she said.

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The Athenaeum is celebrating its 75th anniversary this month. A three-day dinner celebration, including historical photo displays and presentations, took place on February 24, 25, and 26 giving the near and dear members of the Athenaeum an opportunity to commemorate the Athenaeum.

Recently the Athenaeum made plans for holding a shooting location for movies and TV shows including Beverly Hills Cop, The Wedding Planner, Orange County, West Wing, Will and Grace, and many TV commercials.

Caltech alumni, Associates, graduates, and students of the Athenaeum, JPL, the Huntington Library and Art gallery, and the Palmolive observatory can all be members of the Athenaeum. However, undergraduates may not be in the Athenaeum in the year they are invited by another member, as in the case of embulbishment meetings. However, they can be a member by being a registered member in the lower level of the Athenaeum, which is a casual dining area with the Game Room located adjacent to it. It is open every Thursday through Sunday for informal lunch and dinner.

The Athenaeum has a lot of traditions and history. The round table discussions were paper placemats. However, it is not professional for undergraduates to hold meetings and taking the mats away as they leave! The Athenaeum has witnessed birthday celebrations of students and faculty. The Athenaeum has been under the threat of having its name removed from the graduate who was trying to extort money. This incident took place during the dinner celebration. The integrant’s plan fooled when the then student president of the Athenaeum, took four tickets to the police and FBI. Yes, the 4th continued to be a good year and hearty and in 5 celebrating her birthday this month. The dinner celebration began again at restaurant with a reception where guests were served wine.

This was followed by a warm welcome by Professor Christopher Fehn. We next turned to the history of the American Revolution. A video presentation of the history of the Athenaeum flowed into a vision of the future of the Athenaeum by Marjorie Jimenez, and Jimenez is the first woman of the Athenaeum. The formal proceedings of the celebration came to a close here. Thereafter, the Art Deco and His Society Orches was performed in dance to joy and celebration.

Music Review

We are all smiles and Love with Squirrel, a band from New York City that have recently been playing at Caltech a few times. Because of their style, one can say that they are a pretty decent fan-base here at school, and they are a bunch of people that like them. When I saw them play, they were doing a gig in the Coffeeshop. And a year before that, I watched them play in the Rickets-Fleming Amphitheater. They consistently put on a great live performance. I liked supporting them because they were actually doing something that I can enjoy and earn. To show my love, I bought their CD and a T-shirt, and of course the Dark. The wear incorrect drums.

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Todd’s Paperside Chat

Is Excomm Out Of Line?

When Jeremy and Dan looked at the write-in votes, they discovered that some were not for a candidate. Despite being a registered Caltech undergraduate, they did not have enough votes in the bylaws to say that a ballot cast that was not for a registered Caltech undergraduate is invalid. It was discovered that the language of the bylaws was too unclear. If two ballots were thrown away, then there may be only one single vote. The interpretation of the votes is slightly complicated by the fact that traditionally ballots which show the least number of votes is essentially choose the winner. In addition to the controversy of whether or not the votes should be counted, many people have said that the election process was more reasonable for a runoff election to make that decision than for one that has already happened. Of course, the Excomm decided that it was reasonable to hear the protest.

Finally, since RJ is officially the CRC chair right now, some people have been concerned that he could not accept the result of his own election. However, as the CRC chair, he did not have the power to consider the protest since the protest was filed outside of the protest period. Excomm decided that the clause, “The Executive Committee shall have the sole power to consider the validity of protests and to re-schedule invalidated elections,” superseded the fact that a specific law which voids the protest was invalid in the bylaws. Excomm reasoned that, while the protest was not made one week after the election, the statement that the protest period had expired.

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I’m on a mission to leave work early and pick up a chocolate chip cookie for my roommate. I’m so excited because I heard about this new movie that’s coming out next month. It’s called “The Fault in Our Stars.” The reviews have been amazing, and everyone says it’s going to be a huge hit. I can’t wait to see it!
Fu's Guide to Food: Sushi and Tacos

Another Saturday night, another mad scrimmage for food. This time, my group of friends decides on sushi. Through the grapevine, I heard of a cheap but good sushi place called Sushi Ya. Located on the corner of Foothill and Alta Dena in a tiny strip mall, it is only about a 5-minute drive from Caltech.

Personally, my favorite restaurants are the hole-in-the-wall, mom-and-pop joints. And sure enough, Sushi-Ya is just that. From the moment you enter, two Asian grandmothers dressed in cute kimono tops greet you. You are offered hot wheat tea, which by the way is not free as I initially thought but is instead $1/person. The sushi menu is colorful and the number of choices overwhelming. Sushi Ya offers two types of “50% Off Sushi”, which are offered hot wheat tea, which by the way is not free as I initially thought but is instead $1/person. The sushi menu is colorful and the number of choices overwhelming. Sushi Ya offers two types of “50% Off Sushi”, which cheaper at $2-3, but only come with 2 large pieces per order. For sharing, hand rolls are definitely the way to go. If you’d like to try something new, sashimi has large pieces of fish; I recommend the yellowtail.

The highlight of Sushi Ya, however, is their vast variety of “special rolls”. Being college students, my group of 9 decided on only three special rolls: the spider roll (soft shell crab), the baked salmon roll, and the unagi (eel) roll. Both presentation and taste of these “special rolls” are much better than the “50% off rolls”, but this is probably due to the price range of $6-10 per order. The nice thing about Sushi Ya’s rolls: there is plenty of seafood. Other places will try to skim you on eel or soft-shell crab to the extent that you can’t even taste it, but not here. Other fun rolls to try include: the caterpillar (they even put little antennae on it!), the crunch dragon, and the fire cracker.

Unfortunately, my order of uni (sea urchin) did not come through as the restaurant did not have any. Sea urchin is like a dose of pungent, fishy taste is not for everyone. I developed a taste for it after my SURF project, injecting sea urchin embryos. And yes, this is what Jim tries to feed Hurley in the first season of LOST. However, despite the dearth of urchin, variety is abundant at Sushi Ya; they offer other dishes such as salads, teriyaki, tempura, udon (thick noodle in broth), and tempura or mochi rice on the side. Another added benefit of the strip mall is ready access to other food vendors. Case in point: Tacos La Estrella. Though I was full on sushi, I decided to try out this “star”. The prices are very affordable: burritos for around $4, tacos at $1/each, and various authentic sides, including horchata. I was daring and tried the lengua taco (for those of you not fluent in Spanish, I ate a beef tongue taco). For $1.19, it was a savory treat, chock full of flavor.

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The verdict? On a scale of 1-5 day board, I’d give Sushi Ya a 5.

Pros: cheap standard sushi, creative ‘special rolls’, crazy atmosphere.

Cons: Limited seating capacity (the entire restaurant seats about 25-30 at most), lack of certain delicacies.

If you’re looking to get full on sushi (my group are about $11/person) and enjoy the hole-in-the-wall dining experience, head over to Sushi Ya. If you’re looking for a culinary adventure (and either already had some food or are looking to empty your wallet), I’d head on over to Lake or Old Pas. Allot Sushi on Colorado as personal favorite of mine ... though I might just be biased because their sushi floats down a conveyor belt on tiny little boats.

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In reviewing TACIT's production of As You Like It, it's impossible not to be reminded of the way the Bard wrote the world's greatest all-time playwright. To be completely honest, As You Like It is hardly my favorite Shakespeare play. While there are some scenes with transcendent dialogue typical of something written by the Bard, the play has a shelf life that measures up to his tragic masterpiece. The play has some funny moments, but the overall quality of humor doesn't quite cut it despite a high volume of quirky characters. Nonetheless, I'm no literary critic and I don't want to recopy any last line of the numerous Shakespeare aficionados who are more knowledgeable on the subject. From this point on, I will take no more shots at the author, as he's not here to defend himself and he's a slightly more accomplished writer than this film critic.

Despite my relative dislike for the source material, the actual production, performed by a combination of undergraduates, graduates, JPL employees and other members of the community, is extremely satisfying. Shakespearian style costumes look wonderful on the brave actors who show no reservations in wearing tight. The seamless scene transitions are made by actors with smaller roles, so as not to detract from the overall mood of the place. Some of the forest scenes take place during the brutal cold, so Maria needs a way to trickle paper snowflake furries from the ceiling to give the illusion of snow.

The cast of TACIT's As You Like It gather at the end of the play.

The play stars undergraduate Jon Napolitano as Orlando, the youngest son of the late Sir Rowland, driven from his home by his misguided brother Oliver. After winning a wrestling match against Duke Frederick's chief wrestler (played by former AS-CIT presidential candidate Dan McClary), Orlando falls in love with Rosalind (Karen Kahler), the daughter of Frederick's banished brother. However, because Rosalind is also banished, she dresses like a man to avoid detection and flees to the forests of dejection and grief. She is very confident in the lead role, and he reads every line with a self-confidence and uncanny compo.

And even though the Shakespearian actors are very accomplished and the Caltech undergraduates are especially impressive. Jon is very confident in the lead role, and he reads every line with a self-confidence and uncanny compo.

The following is an excerpt from theASCIT Minutes that appeared in the Maroon:

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A Concerned (if somewhat irrational) Reader

To be frank, The Maroon is a student newspaper that, while excellent, is not without its flaws. Some of these flaws include: a lack of balance, a lack of objectivity, and a lack of diversity.

The Maroon is, however, a student newspaper that is committed to providing a platform for student voices. It is our hope that, through our commitment to this goal, we can help to create a more inclusive and diverse campus community.

Thank you,
Jon Malmood
Co-Editor
Committees are Crunk

BY: MENG-MENG FU

It’s becoming alarmingly clear to me that the most uninformative column in the Tech is “Female Dogs is Farning Implementations.” Misogynism aside, personal attacks are not necessary. Last week, John McNamara wrote: “I’d like to suggest some other attempts than SEC-M. They”

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Avery is Not a House and You are a Tool

By: Marena Lin

As a research institute, Caltech succeeds brilliantly as a place for the college experience, for matuity, and for fostering the growth of your mind. It is a place to fall in love, to fall falling in love. Math and science are never to be written in, but are always to be rewritten, and with a ridiculous amount of student populations or the potential to force the narrowness to a point of utter suffocation.

The Avery House system is wonderful — on paper: a pre-defined community with a predefined personality. Oh wait, personalities don’t come predefined; but that is the point of Avery houses, you are to fit in at just fine. And this is all good. The stereotypical view of the Avery House is portfolios of a million dollar home. It is pretty obvious what Avery is trying to achieve: a diverse experience. The Avery House logo along with an explanation of its history:

The Avery House was established in 1984 by the University of California, Los Angeles, as a way of ensuring that students of diverse backgrounds and experiences would have the opportunity to live and learn together. The logo represents the diversity and inclusiveness that are central to the Avery House experience. The logo features a stylized silhouette of a student, with a variety of symbols and elements that represent the different cultures and backgrounds that make up the Avery House community. The logo is designed to be both visually striking and to convey the values and mission of the Avery House.

High school of four thousand, it was shocking to see fervent passion directed toward so trivial and mundane an issue. Speaking to many recent graduates of Caltech, and the seniors who do, the senior year, senior year affects everyone. Many are of the opinion that the singularity of Caltech's student culture is at once its greatest gift and its most damaging fault.

There are few other notable instances where a population of blindly brilliant individuals is easily swayed to think in one direction. A recent example of this is the recent newspaper elections, where the former editor spammed the houses with a scathing email the night before elections, slandering several of the candidates with the magic phrase: "tool of the Administration." The next day, the candidates were quick to blame those candidates who had been slandered. The claim that the American population was "stu­pid" enough to vote for Bush in the 2004 election does not hold much water in light of this. The use of the phrase "tool of the Ad­ministration" has become eerily analogous to the Republican Par­ty's use of the label "unpatriotic." There is clearly no correlation be­tween intelligence and how easily people become indoctrinated and riled by some kind of kindred guilt. It is not difficult to find instances where Caltech students are "tools" of the masses (albeit the passionate masses). It is clear that Avery had brought Caltech one step closer to removing itself from the insular­ity of its own. For one, Avery has no option to join a college fraternity. The fact that this option did not previously exist is frightening and just speaks to the rampant conviction that certain beliefs, the ways certain things are done, are the only ways that they should be done.

This is not to say that there are not upsides to having a small uni­versity. Caltech is known for its commen­tum of a day long only built because the Caltech undergraduate community was united enough to put up a fight — when at most large schools, an agenda commonly permits such atrocities. This kind of produc­tive energy is only possible with such a focus on the student as a freshman. I have found that students who have put in another, willingly helping out in any situation, most students also share the core idea that they are just important individuals in some sense evidenced by the strength of the honor code. How many college students these days have traits can exist independent of a house system and honor code?

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"You've stood strong with President Bush as he has expanded freedom around the world and made America more prosperous."

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As a former member of the Abramson Research Institute, I am pleased to announce the following developments:

1. A new grant has been awarded to the Abramson Research Institute, which will fund further studies on the topic of "The Inheritance of the Human Genome." This grant will allow the institute to continue its important research on the genetic basis of human behavior and disease.

2. A new member has joined the Abramson Research Institute, Dr. Jane Smith, who brings with her extensive experience in the field of genetics. Dr. Smith's expertise will be invaluable to the institute as it continues its work on the human genome.

3. The Abramson Research Institute has partnered with several other institutions to form the Abramson Research Network, which will allow for the sharing of resources and expertise to further our understanding of the human genome.

4. The Abramson Research Institute has launched a new website, which will provide up-to-date information on the institute's ongoing research and publications.

5. The Abramson Research Institute will be hosting a series of workshops and seminars on the human genome, which will be open to the public. These workshops will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the institute's research and its implications for the future of science.

6. The Abramson Research Institute will be expanding its outreach efforts to a wider audience, including schools and community organizations, to promote the importance of understanding the human genome.

7. The Abramson Research Institute will be hosting a special event to celebrate the achievement of one of its researchers, who has made significant contributions to the field of genetics.

8. The Abramson Research Institute will be launching a new publication, the Abramson Research Journal, which will feature the latest findings and developments in the field of genetics.

The Abramson Research Institute is committed to advancing the field of genetics and to sharing its findings with a wider audience. We look forward to continuing our important work in the years to come.
Women's Basketball Season Ends

BY: MATTHEW GLASSMAN

Last Tuesday, Caltech suffered another loss against Whittier in the final home game of the season. The score was 40-81 as the women closed off a tough season, finishing 4-14 in SCIAC and 0-25 overall.

Sophomore captain Lindsay King, who led the team in scoring with 13 points, senior captain Shelby Montague (32) had 13 rebounds, and Rene Davis (21) came up with 2 steals. King and Montague brought all together above average performances as both played for the whole forty minutes of regulation time.

In a pre-game ceremony marked by flowers and hugs, Coach Marbut, the rest of the team, went off their two graduating seniors, Montague and Angelica Magee (31), graduating junior Lisa Tian (30), and foreign exchange student Ryoko Amano (10).

The 3rd at the bench through two columns of their teammates and coaches, and the women took the court in front of one of the largest home crowds of the season. While they did sink the first two points of the game, they earned and held onto a short lead in the first few minutes. Unfortunately the first half ended 17-44 and Caltech was unable to recover. The women stepped offensively and defensively for the second half, as reflected in the relative scoring, but the effort was not enough to turn the game.

Coach Marbut had only positive things to say about the way her players handled the loss that night. "Effort has never been an issue," she assured. "There is not a team that tries harder and plays to the end." King commented that the game was a little upsetting. "We could have done better," she reflected, "but I believe we improved from last year."

The loss of four top-performing upperclassmen will be tough for the ten member team to bear, but there seems to be much promise in the group of freshmen and sophomores that remain.

Davis played for a majority of Tuesday's game and followed scoring leader King with 11 points. Davis also drew most of the fouls that evening and sunk 5 of 7 free throws. Sophomore Meghan Kelleher (31) and freshmen Lea Kunesh (26) also scored in the effort against Whittier, both playing for more than half of the game.

King said that she could definitely notice the team's progress. "Last year I was looking forward to this year's group," she recalls.

Noticing that the team has improved, King is pretty excited about next year. She feels that they have earned respect this season and shown the other conference teams that they will compete.

Coach Marbut explained, "Am I disappointed? Yes. Am I happy? No. We just couldn't quite stack up with them tonight." Nevertheless, her optimism is resilient. "I refuse to believe we can't do it. We're not looking for excuses, we're looking for the right time when we'll come out on top." With the season now over, the program looks to next year as the opportunity to keep working hard and make something happen.

BY: TOM JURCZAK

This past week, the Caltech Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving teams competed in the SCIAC championships, held in Cerritos. Coaches Clinton Dodd and Calla Allison led both Caltech teams to 7th place overall, with each finishing ahead of Whittier. Both narrowly finished behind the 6th place school. All the swimmers that came to the meet showed improvement in most of their swims. Most turned in performances that were season and lifetime bests.

The star of the first day was Women's Captain Rebekah Eason '06, who won the 3M diving competition after qualifying in first the week before, becoming Caltech's first SCIAC champion for swimming and diving in recent history.

Eason continued her success in the 3M event. She and the top-seeded diver dived to the last dive; however, Eason finished in a close second place.

Men's Captain Max Zavodny '06 swam well in the 400 IM, finishing 14th after finals despite wearing a suit that was starting to tear during that swim. Zavodny concluded his career as a swimmer in the men's 16th in the final time.

Ben Pelletier '06 turned in his own strong finishes, placing 4th in both the 1M diving and 3M diving events.

In prelims, Erin Hanagin '08 qualified for both the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle and then claimed 10th in the 500 freestyle.

Tom Oliver '09 finished 14th in the 100 butterfly after qualifying with a lifetime best swim in preliminaries. Oliver also gave two impressive individual efforts in the 200 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke.

Tom Jurczak '07 finished with a 13th place finishing in the 100 breaststroke.

Calvin '09 had a fine swimming season and lifetime best to qualify and place 16th in the 200 breaststroke.

Few of the teams' seniors will graduate this year, with Zavodny, Eason and Natalie Krak '06 being honored at that ceremony. The outlook for the team's continued improvement is bright. Congratulations to all on great performances over the season.
Caltech Women Kick Serious Disc

BY: MARISSA CEVALLOS

Caltech’s Women’s Ultimate team (Snatch) played with the big schools at this weekend’s UCLA Invitational, winning 4-0 against UC Davis. Captain, MARISSA CEVALLOS,商品名 is the fourth and final point of her career, a score that sweeps up Southern Cali­ifornia frisbee tournaments (Caltech lost 1-3 against Berkeley in the last tournament), Berkeley was surprised when Caltech’s Minh Huynh scored the first point of the match. Minh scored another point and had two defensive blocks during the game.

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Sarah Payne looks upbeat for a pass while a UC-Davis defender tries to block her throw.

7 Games Played
Scored 60 of 121 Points
Carvalho - 12 Points
Huynh - 13 Defenses
Payne - 26 Assists

Track Team Beaten by Fancy-Uniformed Foes

The women’s 4x1600m team of Katherine Breeden, Sarah Stokes, Eve Murdock, and Tatiana Guevorguian, whose last name is Russian for “G,” ran 25:31, and soundly beat theCMS ‘B’ team women, who failed to finish the race because they were completely demoralized by our lad­ies’ blinding speed.

A 4x1600m is a beautiful, agonizing race that high school track teams run frequently, but college teams rarely contest. After careful statistical analysis coupled with my immense knowledge of track and field, I boldly predicted Stuart Ward could lead our team off with a 2:13.0 leg. He did exactly that, because I am very smart and can predict this sort of thing. We then passed the baton to Nathan Chan, Bennett Coulson, and Kevin Dick, as the quartet boasted a 9:09 finishing time, although the fancy-uniform­ized people again proved victorious by narrowly margins of about a minute and a half.

The highlight of the day came in the meet’s final 4x400m. Despite fielding a mix of its top runners due to mysterious cir­cumstances, possibly involving midgets and cheerleaders’ breast, the team ran a season-best 3:28. Patrick Boyle won the lead-off leg and was succeeded by Ward, Kiesz, and Zach Hiebge.

Elette Boyle triple jumped 33’ 2”, however despite the misleading name of the event, she did this only one time. Natalie Szewda vaulted 9’ 6”, but she had to use a pole to do it. Hiebge also threw a javelin 98’ 2”. Cheered by the knowledge that he would be able to survive a nuclear holocaust by consuming small, mutant midgets that venture slightly closer than 100 feet away from him, Hiebge eagerly awaits next week’s meet, the Men’s SCI­AC Invite at Redlands on Friday.

The women’s 4x100, 4x400, and 4x800 teams defeated UC San Diego, Cal State San Marcos, Cal State LA, Biola, and Cal Poly, all by utilizing their stock trick of intimidating the other teams into dropping out.

On Saturday, the women will compete in their last home meet of the season at the Women’s SCIAC invite. Please come by the track at 1:00 pm to cheer them on. It would be a nice thing to do and girls will like you if you pretend to be a nice per­son. For full results of the meet and other information completely irrelevant to your life, check out http://running.caltech.edu/ track.php
Comments on the NCAA Proposal

BY: JOHN MCNAMARA

The cut of NCAA sports will be a huge blow to overall student life here at Caltech. Though it will permanently harm athletics here every dollar that is cut includes the costs of future "budget crises" is over. The lack of such sports will cause a change in a segment of the undergraduate culture as well as make Caltech uncompetitive to numerous prospective students.

A cut to the NCAA program as a whole can be unnoticeable. Though the administration may claim in the next week that they will use the program after the budget is resolved, this is not probable. At a recent NCAA meeting, there was a proposal to cap the number of Division III schools. Should Caltech drop their NCAA membership and this cap pass, Caltech will encounter difficulty in returning to the NCAA when the budget crisis is resolved.

Caltech athletics will suffer a serious blow should NCAA membership be dropped. Inter-collegiate athletics will be reduced to club status which means few schools to play and a very limited playing experience will be available.

"Caltech embodies the spirit of the NCAA," said Tom Jurcak, water polo player when I told him of this. "I find it important to play the sport for the love of the game," he remarked, comparing Caltech Division III status to the competitive nature of Division I schools.

What is this Division III of the NCAA that we speak of? "Division III, according to the NCAA, is intended to place special importance on the impact of athletics on the participating student-athlete rather than on the spectators," is how the bill reads. This is ideal here because game attendance is usually lower than the number of players. Division III provides sports teams here the opportunity to compete with other teams in the area and take the sport to a higher level without taking all of a student athlete’s time. This adds to the fun of the game and gives students a healthy pastime.

This level of competition and development is unattainable for those who excelled in athletics in High School. Anyone can try out for a team and probably make it. There is no better example of Caltech co-"collaboration, not competition" than in our NCAA sports.

Introducing The Outside World

BY: MARISSA CALVOS

Explosion destroys Shiite mosque in Iraq

On Wednesday, Feb 22, a group of men disguised as Iraqi police detonated bombs under the dome of one of the holiest sites in Iraq, the Al-Karba mosque in Samarra. The dome is heavily damaged. The Shia believe the site is sacred because the 12th Imam, Al-Mahdi, will appear at the mosque to bring salvation.

Bush defends United Arab Emirates control over ports

Despite opposition from both Democrats and Republicans over security concerns, Bush defended a deal that would allow UAE control over management decisions in New Jersey, New Orleans, Baltimore, Miami, and New Orleans ports. Bush argued lawmakers need to "step up and explain why a Middle Eastern company is held to a different standard," since the ports were formerly controlled by a British company.

Mexican miners trapped in collapsed coal mine

Sixty-five miners remain unaccounted for since Minera Del Norte’s mine collapsed; each miner had oxygen supply to last for six hours.

Eight share $365 million lottery win—largest in history

Eight ConAgra workers from Lincoln, Nebraska, shared a winning Powerball ticket last Saturday. After taxes, each will receive $11.5 million.

Abortion bill nears law in South Dakota

State legislators are debating an anti-abortion bill to the governor of South Dakota, who claims he will sign it. The bill would make abortion illegal if the embryo performs illegal abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy.

Compiled from BBC News and CNN.

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RCIC Co-Chair Statements

RJ Krom

The RCIC Student Chair. While not the most vocal position on AS CIT, it is important one nonetheless, especially at a time where the administration is trying to ticket and time the students while trying to push through their next agenda. The RCIC Chair has two main jobs first to be on the Routing Committee with the BoC chair, Dean Hoef, as well as Tom Mitz, of whom I have worked with before and second to be a voting member on AS CIT.

The main position of the RCIC is to deal with students who have committed a violation of sorts that is not bent to the BC. It is important to have someone in a position like this that can deliver a realistic view to the administration, in order to be up front with them while keeping the social structures and activities of Caltech intact. I promise to keep this realistic perspective towards the administration while letting the students continue to do what they usually do, which makes Caltech such a unique place.

The second job of the RCIC is to be an active voting member of AS CIT for me. I am one of many problems with the way the administration has handled the budget crisis and want to do as much as I can to fix the mess that has occurred between the administration and the students while keeping the interests of the students at heart.

Since the results of the first election were so very close, with a margin of only one, I encourage as many people in possible to vote. Every vote counts and a serious blow should NCAA membership and this cap pass, a democratic way to run a student government and give students a fair pragmatic.

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writers for the Tech.

Voter: A vote was taken to require BoD notes to publicize in formation related through BoD emails until the approval of the majority of the rest of the BoD is obtained. Approved (6Y/0N/ 0A)

IV. Elections Bylaws Proposal

- The BoD is encouraged to look over the proposed amendments to the bylaws and emails and changes and suggestions to Duan as soon as possible. Duan will collect suggestions and present them to the BoD within the next two weeks.

V. Bulletin Board

- The bulletin board on the Olive Walk by the mail stop dranically needs to be updated and revisited. The BoD will send personal pictures to Chris W. to update.

- Vickie will organize getting the board cleaned up and filled during Spring Break.

VI. Installations Dinner

Comming up on Thursday, March 2nd!

VII. Social Team

- Chris G. is finalizing the list of social team members and will introduce them to the BoD at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Pon

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