Prefrosh Enjoy Caltech’s Fun Side in Shortened Weekend

BY: MARISSA CEVALLOS

Despite concerns over a shortened prefrosh weekend, prefrosh said that the length of the weekend wasn’t a big factor in their decision to come to Caltech. However, most said they would have enjoyed an extra day to meet students rather than being booted on Saturday morning.

“I thought the length of the weekend was sufficient because I had my mind made up before I came. I knew what I was looking for,” said Brandon Hensley of West Virginia, who will be attending Caltech in the fall. “If I were deciding between two schools, I would have needed more time.”

Even prefrosh who had decided on other schools said they enjoyed the weekend, short as it was.

“I liked meeting all of the students, and hanging out in the houses,” said Caroline Morley, who decided on MIT. “But I came from New Hampshire, which is a seven hour plane ride. I would have preferred if the weekend were longer.”

“It was awesome as it was—a lot of fun. I wouldn’t change anything,” said Sara Maata of Manhattan, KS, who will be sending her acceptance card to Stanford this week. “Just having nothing to do but hang out with the students made it amazing. If anything, I would make it less structured.”

The same students also agreed that there was nothing prefrosh weekend could have done to convince them to Caltech, short of changing the school itself.

“I mean, if you made the campus larger and added lots of humanities classes, I’d want to come more. But that wouldn’t be Caltech, and I wouldn’t want them to do that,” said Maata.

“I’m probably going to end up at MIT because I can see myself at a bigger school with more people, especially when I don’t know what I want to do with my future. There were a lot more things to do at MIT’s preview weekend, lots of activities to choose from, and lots of parties. I don’t know whether it’s a difference in the prefrosh weekend or a difference in the schools,” said Morley.

“The reason I’m choosing UPenn over Caltech is for academics, for their business program,” said Andy Cao of Culver City, Ca. “I think prefrosh weekend for someone looking for math and science would definitely love Caltech, because it gives you the inside view. It’s good, but academically I chose another school.”

Several prefrosh were surprised to find that the weekend typically extends to Sunday morning.

“I remember that someone told me that they shortened it, but I thought two days was enough,” said Cao. “Though three days would have definitely been better.”

“I thought two days was good for me. I was really tired Saturday night. Out of four hours of sleep per night really drained me,” said Maata.

Fleming’s Cannon Returned

The Flem fired their cannon in MIT’s direction to celebrate the safe return.

Student Leaders Recognized

These students were awarded for their dedication to serving Caltech. Full story on Page 2.

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An email was sent yesterday announcing President Baltimore as commencement speaker. More info next week.
**Announcements**

**Help with Writing** The Hixon Writing Center offers free and confidential writing conferences with an English instructor or peer writing tutor. Consultants provide useful feedback at any stage of the writing process, from brainstorming and drafting to editing and revising. We can also help with writer’s block or second-language issues. A writing consultation can benefit writers at all levels of ability. Walk-in hours: Sunday–Thursday, 4:30–6 PM and 8–10 PM in 15 Dabney Hall (downstairs). For more information: http://writing.caltech.edu

**ASCIT Board of Directors Minutes from the Side Room of Chandler**

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

Present: Officers—Todd Gingrich, Jean Sun, Jonathan Senn, Chris Watson, Corinna Jentoft-Nilsen, Chris Gonzales, Nathan Donnel- lan, RJ Krom, Craig Montourti Guest presenters: Chris Klein, Angela Chan, Kristina Barkume, Antony Shuster

1. Dance Troop Funding
   - The BoD approved the budget proposal for ASCIT club funding for the Dance Troop to help with all aspects of planning and sprung organization.

2. Big T
   - Angela reported back to the Board on the proposal of the Big T forerunners like the idea of having 1 color cover sheet for each house +100 s of their white pages and reach House.
   - Can’t wait to see it when it’s done!

3. Coffeehouse
   - Angela came in inquiry about the funding for a Coffeehouse party.
   - The BoD told him that there was already $400 budgeted for it in the ASCIT 2006-07 budget. Angela and the Coffeehouse staff is working with Geno and the Soc Team as well as Tom Mannion on this party. Private party event may be in early May.

4. ASCIT Staff Awards
   - Chris W. is looking into the winners from the past couple years. More about this next week.

5. Club Funding Final Approval
   - The BoD voted for the final approval of the budgets for the following clubs: ASCIT, Eta Kappa Nu, Nexus, German Language, and MLA.

6. Midnight Donuts
   - Midnight donuts for undergrads

**PREFRESH this Thursday, April 20, 2006. Todd and RJ will get donuts. Nate will organize the delivery. Chris G. will get milk, OJ, and cups.

7. Excomm
   - Todd presented the list of people who were appointed to the Excomm for the BoD to approve. The following people were suggested to the Board: Nick Huntez, Parvati Tewari, Momon, Susan Shen, Michael Forte, Kelly Lin, Juan Benitez, and Berry Lee. Each of the committees was taken to appoint these 7 people who were appointed by voting approved (8Y/0N/1A).

8. Committees
   - Over the weekend, the BoD interviewed people who signed up for the Executive Committee, Institute Institute, Institute Programs, and Excomm. Nate reported that all appointed people are now in touch rock bands committees. The term for all the committees except the

9. ASCIT Formal
   - ASCIT Formal will be the Wednesday, March 27th at Beach on May 27th!! Chris G. will make the down payment for that venue soon.

Respectfully submitted,维克多 PN

**ASCIT Secretary**

**Caltech Jazz Festival**

BY: JOSEPHINE SUH

**Authors Crack Down on Illegal Immigrants**

More than a thousand illegal immigrants working for IPCO Systems North America Inc., a manufacturing company, were arrested by custom officials this week. Some of the employees were later released. The crackdown came as the Department of Homeland Security announced a plan to bolster investigation of employers who hire undocumented immigrants.

A bill that calls for tighter border security has yet to pass. Tension in East Asia

Rejecting a warning from Seoul, Tokyo announced it would execute a coast guard survey around Dokdo, a Korean island that Japan considers its own territory. South Korea dispatched by responding 20 patrol ships to the island and suggested that it would take military action if necessary. In diplomatic meetings that followed after, Japan agreed to "postpone" its survey until June, and Korea, to propose Korean names to undernoted.

**Ho's Visit Not So Smooth**

Several things went wrong during Chinese president Hu Jintao's first visit to the United States. The meeting was delayed because a protester from the Falun Gong, a prohibited organization in China, managed to heckle him on the front lawn of White House. Then the announcer at the event introduced China's national anthem as that of "Republic of China," the name for Taiwan's separate government. The error was quickly corrected, and Hu still managed to exchange blandly upbeat remarks on U.S.-China cooperation.

**General Request that Runsfeld Resign**

Former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, claiming he was "disenchanted" with recent decisions in the invasion and occupation of Iraq. Many of them served as commander in chief. Rumsfeld defended himself, "Out of respect for our leaders, I will not attack admirals and generals, if every time two or three people disagreed we would do that," and then thanked President George W. Bush of the United States, it would be like a merry-go-round.

**Revolution in Nepal?**

Party opposed to the king are holding massive demonstrations in Nepal. King Gyanendra sacked the prime minister, King Gyanendra arrested the prime minister, and took control in 2005, citing its failure to make peace with Mao- ist rebels, who have been carrying out a guerra war with the goal of establishing a communist state. The king appeared on TV to say he would return power to the people and that such demonstrations aren’t likely to go away soon.


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Explaining the Fight Against AIDS

BY: SARA PEEK

This term, Vice President for Business and Financial Services Deon Carie is holding a not-for-credit seminar on Institute financial structure and policies. Hopefully, given more information on Caltech’s finances, we the undergraduates will gain a better understanding of the reasons for the Institute’s financial decisions and indirectly and indirectly affect undergraduates. This article covers the first part of the seminar, addressing the budget of Caltech as a whole.

General
Most of Caltech’s budget is derived from donations and grants. Another significant fraction (16%) of Tech’s yearly operating budget comes from endowments. A small percentage of revenues are derived from tuition.

Tuition
Total undergraduate tuition at a small university is small compared to costs, and becomes a greater factor as the number of students increases. With Caltech’s small undergraduate program, tuition does not account for a relatively small fraction of the total budget, even compared to similarly selective schools (MIT, Harvard, etc.).

The total cost of tuition is market-driven. Caltech’s total cost of attendance is kept in the same range as its peer institutions. Though “cost of attendance” for a student may be a given amount, tuition revenues cannot be calculated by multiplying this number by the number of students. A large fraction of tuition is paid by financial aid, which is derived from Caltech’s endowment (many alumni specifically endow financial aid or scholarships) and paid back to Caltech. Like tuition, revenue is derived directly from grad students; most all of them are on grants which cover some tuition. This is typical of most universities, as they typically have a large, medical, or business school that brings in more income.

Auxiliaries
Auxiliaries, which is composed of the bookstore, housing, parking, student services, services, and the bookstore, housing, etc., has lost money for the past ten years. While a small university would not typically make a profit from its Auxiliaries, Currie believes that academies should not subsidize services.

From a different perspective, the changes in the Auxiliary budget are often described as “renaming prices and cutting services.” While this statement is strictly true, from Caltech’s perspective, losing money to provide these services is not a position tenable in the long term.

Parking fees were the first step in moving toward the Auxiliary breaking even. Though parking was free until this year, the costs and research at Caltech through required money input from Caltech for maintenance and expansion. There was a large market response to the fees; while some reduction in cars parked on campus was expected, the level of the response surprised Currie, who saw revenue still increasing (considered they were nonexistent before).

Research
Overall, Caltech recovers 85% of costs through grants or research revenues. To determine the effectiveness of these technologies, the government pays for about 40% of Caltech’s utility bills.

While the government sponsors at Caltech through grants and subsidies, Tech is allowed to patent any resulting technologies (the government gets free use of the technology). Currently, Caltech makes money from royalties than it spends on patenting research results and the technology transfer office. Everyone in a while, a company goes public and Caltech receives significant revenue. These sources of income will probably increase, as the gap between research and products grows smaller; Caltech is at a leading edge of technology companies. Approximately 20% of Caltech faculty have started companies. This is a significant investment source of future income.

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This document is financed by American and European scientists and epidemiologists to find the source of the deadly infection as they tracked its spread among gay men, intravenous drug users, and hemophiliacs, and then to the general population. The trail led them back in time, to the larger American and European cities, to Haiti, and finally to the Congo.

“IT has become incontrovertible,” says virologist George Snout, “that the HIV virus that currently infects over 60 million humans arose as a consequence of a single transmission event from a single chimpanzee in West Central Africa to one human.”

Part Two: “Missed Opportunities,” focuses on the fear, stigma and political controversies during the Reagan administration generated by attempts to prevent the spread of the disease, which was most prevalent among gay men and intravenous drug users at the time. As the film tracks the devastating spread of HIV around the world, it documents how some countries in Europe, Asia and South America responded to HIV; the rest must come from the general budget.

Subsidies help defray some research costs. For example, utility bills are often much higher in research buildings. The government pays mostly for utilities that are directly attributable to research (computed based on campus usage). The government pays for about 40% of Caltech’s utility bills.

While the government sponsors at Caltech through grants and subsidies, Tech is allowed to patent any resulting technologies (the government gets free use of the technology). Currently, Caltech makes money from royalties over an effective vaccine against HIV is years, perhaps decades, away. “Even if we come up with a cure or a general treatment, just think about the time that would be needed to implement all these measures worldwide.”

“AIDS always was a preventable epidemic,” says South African activist Zachie Achmat. “AIDS was no longer a fatal disease. But the high price of the drugs meant they were unaffordable to poor people and is prepared to consign their country. “This is a movement and a government that fought for the equal rights of black people,” says South African activist Winnie Mandela.

“IT is always was a preventable epidemic. And it still is the lessons for the future are here in the history.”

FRONTLINE is produced by WGBH Boston and is broadcast nationwide on PBS. Additional funding for The Age of AIDS is provided by the Eunice M. and executive producer for Public Broadcasting. Funding for FRONTLINE is provided by the Park Foundation and through the support of PBS viewers. FRONTLINE is closed-captioned for deaf and hard-of-hearing viewers and described for people who are blind or visually impaired by the Media Access Group at WGBH. FRONTLINE is a registered trademark of WGBH Educational Foundation.

Watch this show: May 30 & 31, 2006, from 9 to 11 p.m. ET on PBS

HOUSING OFFICE CORNER
Undergradate Fall Housing Lottery Information Important Dates to Note

Tuesday April 4 5:00 p.m. Cards must be returned to the Housing Office

Friday April 7 Housing Office posts Lottery Numbers for Unaffiliated room picks

Thursday April 13 1:30 p.m. Marks Early Lottery (Housing Office – Center for Student Services)

Monday April 24 Seven Houses room pick results and Avery early lottery results are due to the Housing Office

Wednesday May 4 Re-post lottery numbers for unaffiliated room picks

Thursday May 26 1:30 p.m. Unaffiliated Lottery (Housing Office – Center for Student Services)

Friday May 26 5:00 p.m. Contracts due to Housing Office.

If you have questions please contact us or stop by our office.

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http://housing.caltech.edu/undergrad/
This is the third in a series of four articles committed to showing LGBTQ issues at Caltech during the month of GAYPride.

College is a time when students come to know themselves better and further develop their personal identity. This identity entails such varied areas as a refined sense of one’s likes and dislikes, political identifications, career interests, and sexual identity. For many students, the process of establishing one’s sexual identity unfolds without significant conflict or social stigma — but for many gay, lesbian, and bisexual (GLB) students, this process can be more difficult for a number of reasons.

One such factor is the assumption of heterosexuality as the global norm. In fact, you the reader are bound (by practice) to make some assumptions; that a) this is the defining feature of one’s sexuality, and b) that it is likely the case that the kind of sex one chooses to have as a child is born he or she is assumed to be heterosexual until proven otherwise (in other words, until proven guilty to say so). If you are a heterosexual individual, ask yourself how you would feel if someone did not consider your identity to be heterosexual? Have you ever thought about how long it has taken for you to be attracted to someone of the opposite sex? It is quite likely that you have never questioned yourself these questions. If you have had reason to think about these issues in this issue, then you are a rare minority because heterosexuality development is assumed to be the natural state of affairs.

Coming to terms with your sexuality is not an easy task, especially if there is stigma attached to your preference of a sexual partner. So how does a non-heterosexual student start the process of feeling more comfortable with his or her GLB identity? This process is called “coming out.” Coming out is not a single event; it is an ongoing process of self-acceptance. Furthermore, there is no textbook format as to the best way to come out. This is a deeply personal internal process that an individual goes through. Generally, a GLB individual might feel pressure of his or her attraction to, or deeper connection to, someone of the same sex, and they then may decide to develop this awareness or they may just instinctively know that they do not want to partner with (or exclusively) someone of the opposite sex.

One person has a clearer idea that they are interested in someone of the same sex; what happens next? This particular part can be very challenging. Many individuals go through a process of denial in which they have difficulty believing that they could possibly be interested in someone of the same sex, particularly if this has never been viewed as a viable option. For example, if the person is deeply religious, then the process of coming out is fraught with doubts that do not understand, nor has been exposed to someone who is non-heterosexual, then internal struggle and conflict may ensue. A person may grapple with this process for the rest of their lives. However, once someone has worked through this process and has come to find acceptance and self-acceptance, life can be much more enjoyable. In fact, research has shown that those who live authentic lives are much more happy, productive, and successful individuals.

Next, many individuals want to share this part of their identity with those closest to them. We all want those whom we care and love to understand, support, and accept us for who we are. Therefore, another part of the coming out process is sharing your identity (or talking about these issues) with those you care about. This part of the coming out process can be particularly difficult depending on where you are in your life and whom you are closest to. Caltech students are in close proximity to other students, faculty, and staff. However, the environment is crucial when thinking about coming out. For example, coming out to your own parents or significant others may seem like a viable option. If you think about it though, your friends are the ones who have been exposed to someone who is one of the legends of Caltech, Tyler Drake. Drake was a groupie for the week.

Bites the Dust

BY: CATHERINE JURCA

I thought I would take the opportunity to confirm the truth of some of my roommate’s stories. Some of these stories dealt with traffic because my father had been involved with Caltech. I know this because I am an eyewitness. However, I don’t know if that is the case because the very least it can be looked at as a challenge, but there are just so many things that can be done to the car or my part, I don’t know if it is worth it. What follows is the story of how the furniture became non-RF-able.

During one of many long nights of freshman seminars, a group of fresh- men approached me with an idea, the liberation of a set of furniture. It wished for freedom from its tormenting masters and we were happy to see the idea come to fruition. Many people, mostly freshmen, but also one of the legends of Caltech, Tyler Drake, was formed to free this furniture from its injustice.

Under cover of darkness, this group sneaked into the Fleming lounge, back in the South House, not of any mod bullshit. Making as little noise as possible, we appropriated chairs, couches, and a table. One piece at a time, the furniture was lifted from the ground up to the bridge between Lloyd and Page to create the Page House Outdoor Lounge. By early morning, the entire set of lounge furniture had been moved and a note had been left. Score one for Page House.

As the sun rose over campus that morning, a few of us relaxed on the furniture we had done. But a few days later, the administration came around, probably at Fleming’s request, and asked that we return the furniture as Pre-Freshweek was imminent.

We may have had to return the furniture in the end, but we had a great outdoor lounge for at least a few days. Plus one for Page House and minus one for Fleming House.

Monkey See, Monkey Do

BY: CINDY KO

Arctic Monkeys: Whatever People Say I Am, That’s What I Am Not (2006, Domino Record Co.)

The Arctic Monkeys have recently become one of the most talked about bands in the industry. In the last few months, they have appeared as the musical guests on various late-night TV shows, most recently on Saturday Night Live. Their single, “I Bet You Look Good on the Dancefloor,” is a great single from a band breaking onto the scene. On the other hand, they possess very little original character; everything they’ve done is borrowed from somewhere else. I guess it’s kind of a catch, or something.

Well, all I can come up with is that I was expecting more; Arctic Monkeys did not disappoint. If I were you, I would just download the single and be done with it. The single sounds so much like all the other tracks that it’s pretty much like getting the whole album, at least the best part anyway. Save your change, kids: there’s something better out there, I can feel it.

Next week is the long awaited, anticipated new release. Yeah Yeahs Show Your Bones.
Dating 101 (Part B)

BY: COUNSELLING CENTER

Finding the right words to strike up a conversation with someone whom you are attracted to cannot be a daunting task if you have not had much practice in that area. We are all familiar with people who are social butterflies and for whom dating comes naturally. Many of us can benefit from learning and practicing skills that give us in a sense of direction in interactions that may otherwise seem directionless and leave us feeling tense.

I would like to note that the skills discussed in this article are expected to be anxiety-provoking and initially quite difficult to implement. Anxiety-provoking tasks tend to have one character in common—the more we engage in the task despite the anxiety we feel, the less anxiety-inducing the task becomes with time. It is therefore very important to practice these skills repeatedly until you notice that you are feeling more comfortable with them. It would be appropriate to first practice the skills with people of the opposite sex who are accessible and with anxious and time-pressured groups with whom you feel a good deal of anxiety.

The first step in becoming successful at starting a conversation is feeling comfortable at taking the lead in approaching the other person to start a conversation. When you see the person in whom you are interested, try to become aware of opportunities to engage in eye contact. If the person you wish to approach is sitting on a chair, stand up and head over to introduce yourself. If you approach the person, ask him or her if he or she is interested in engaging in eye contact with you, which may give you an opportunity to make conversation. Although both of you already know each other, and in that case you may decide to take a break by waving and tying, or sitting in a car (or contact in a bar) with a few ice-breakers in mind (see below).

Ice-breakers are a great tool for the beginning conversations because they break the awkwardness of initial social talk and help build cohesion between conversational partners. As you begin to establish eye contact, think of three or four ice-breakers to start the conversation. If you are concerned that you may forget your lines, write them down on an index card and carry them around with you in your pocket. Before the interaction, you may decide to think of other ways to forget your lines as you are starting a conversation, excuse yourself, find a secluded place where you can read the list, and then return to where you left off. Alternatively, your list of ice-breakers will include questions and statement that feel natural to use. If you are looking for tips, you may consult with your favorite restaurant in Panama City. "What did you do during the last holidays?" Alternatively, the ice-breaker may be a statement (e.g., "On a sunny day, I like to be outside as much as I can") followed with a relatively specific question. What do you think of the Southern California weather?

Once you have started a conversation, your next goal is to think of ways to keep the conversation going. As the conversation becomes longer, you are starting to get to know one another. Start asking questions, keep in mind that there is a distinction between opening-ended questions and closed-ended questions. Open-ended questions often lead to more elaborate answers, and they give the other person an opportunity to disclose as much or as little information as he or she wishes to disclose. Open-ended questions may begin with, "What made you interested in...?" "Tell me about...?" How did you...?" What are you working in professor X’s lab? How much time did you spend on that project? Although both types of questions have their place in a successful conversation, high frequency makes for smoother and more natural conversations.

Keeping your conversation engaging is vital. If the conversation begins to lose momentum, reveal something about yourself and your interests. Before you approach the person, make a list of your interests and activities. In that case, you can open up a little if you think, or you can explore the other person to know about you, but try to stay flexible about the information you share, so that the conversation is not an object of focusing on facts about yourself that suggests that the two of you have nothing in common.

Throughout your conversation, try to show your interest in the conversation of your conversational partner. If your conversation seems to have taken off and you perceive positive vibes from the other person, extend the discussion into other realms (i.e., what you had to say, etc.), continue your conversation with a personal, more open-ended question that you meet for coffee or dinner somewhere. Ask for the two of you what you need to be located in the new library back to the Coffeehouse.

Coffeehouse - I am sure that it was ever well-publicized that there have never been plans for the Coffeehouse to return to the SAC. The long-term plan is and always was for the new Coffeehouse to be located in the new large living room, utility room, and Tom Mannon is investigating finding an alternative location for the Coffeehouse that could be open on weekends and provide a comfortable environment that was provided by the old Coffeehouse. The proposed solution would require additional cooking equipment for the Red Door Cafe. An MHP proposal is currently being prepared to cover such costs.

Tuition – Rising tuition costs has always been one of the main purposes of the plan would undoubtedly raise no more than inflation for a number of years. Having in mind (see below).

The director of admissions, Rick Watson, work to bring the movie library back to the Coffeehouse. We have had trouble locating a computer to run the checkout system since the old computer is no longer available, but these issues should be sorted out very soon. Expect to see the movie library in a matter of weeks.

Libraries – A few people have asked me why libraries are not open 24 hours a day. This seems particularly strange since we can access virtually any other building on campus at any time. I am just now beginning to take up this issue but I will soon discuss this with the librarian, Kim Douglass. I assume that the main problem is the cost of staffing the library through the night, but I personally believe that that could be possible to allow library access through the night even without staff. This would not differ from student access to all other buildings, and I firmly believe that with the Honor Code students could be trusted to be in an unstaffed library.
Administrative Round-up B

Who Ya Gonna Call?
(The Caltech Refrigerator Guide to Taking Care of Business)

Housing: Maintenance: Tony Valdespino, x6175 (after-hours or emergencies, call Central Plant, x6571)

Changes to Common Areas: Tim Chang, x6176

Laundry
Broken Machine: Tony Valdespino, x6175
Card Refunds: Ryan O'Connor, Card Services, x5998
Lockouts: Security, x4701
Lost ID: Ryan O'Connor, Card Services, x5998

Network problems: ITS Helpdesk, x6402
Policy Concerns: Tim Chang, x6176

Academics:
Dean's Office: Barbara Green, x6351
Registrar's Office: Gloria Brewster, x6355
Tutoring Services: see Dean's Office

Social:
Party Registration: Sue ChiuChiao, x4602
Requesting a bartender: Malina Chang, x6352 (call at least two weeks in advance!)
Help with Pranks: Security, x4701; Tom Manion, x6174
(give Tom a heads-up, and he just might give you a hand...)

Extramural:
Existent Crisis: Counseling, x3331
Campus Police (not that kind?): Security, x4701
Dean's Office: Barbara Green, x6351
Health Center: x6395
Emerald City: Security, x5000

Heil CDS
By: Brian Hanley

Not until In-N-Out Wednesday did I realize the massive conspiracy going on at Caltech. On this day, I was branded with a logo, “BOARD” logo, showing that without a doubt I am property of the Board program at Caltech.

I don’t know how I didn’t see it before. I mean I’m Jewish, this is something I should notice. But not until walking around with “BOARD” on my arm did I realize the truth. Caltech is a concentration camp and Caltech Dining Services are Nazis.

I don’t think our dining areas to eat the slop that we are provided, only to return the grueling work we went through right back to us once we have finished eating. Some of us smell terrible from not bathing and we must wash our own rags of clothing. Everyday we slave away at our work for little benefit to ourselves. It’s a conspiracy. The requirement that students who live on campus must be a part of the Board program has always been suspicious and possibly illegal, but using this moment to create an army of obedient slaves is unacceptable. What comes next after stamping their logo on our arms? Tracking devices embedded in our skin? Barcodes tattooed on our skulls? They may as well tell me that I want to wash “BOARD” off of my arm. I will instead those three letters over there and not worry if the water doesn’t feel clean. The SS would be proud.

CDS, let me say this now, I know that you won’t let this do me any harm. All of you off campus diners have been spared, but now the rest of us know and hopefully, we won’t let this injustice continue.

HUMOUR

Comics

How to Improve The Tech

Real quotes from our survey

“The last thing I want to see is Brian Hanley or Josh Gutman watch porn. Some things just shouldn’t be thought about. Ever.”

“Bring back porn reviews in full vulgarity. Without these reviews I’d plan my weekend. Also, more poison in the drink review section.”

“You should probably just have that track guy write the whole thing. It’s the only thing worth reading in the first place.”

“Add sexual position of the week: Week 1: The Rumpkin Week 2: The Cleveland Steamer”

Tautologies by Lisa Streight

It’s funny ‘cause it’s true

Eastern Youth
By: Javier Soliz

It was at a Polysics concert in San Francisco that I was recommended a band named Eastern Youth. The guy who recommended them didn’t really seem like the type to like punk music but he sure knew what he was talking about. Eastern Youth came to Hollywood to play in front of a decently sized crowd of devoted fans. They were clearly an act some people drove a long way to see.

Eastern Youth started in 1989 when guitarist/vocalist Hisashi Yoshino and drummer Tamori Atsuya decided to both drop out of high school and follow their dreams of creating music (kick-ass punk music that is). Their first LP was titled East End Land and since then, their musical talent has been maturing dramatically. Their latest album 365 Step Blues is the quintessence of what good Japanese Punk should be and is more than likely on your regular play list.

I had never seen this band perform live before Hollywood, so it was interesting to see that faces behind the music. Hisashi’s face in particular would range from a sad-looking pink face warbling into the mic to a passion-ate vein-popping screaming face when the music climaxed. Their style of punk is all about the metaphorical build up and climactic rebellious shouts—perhaps reminiscent of their going against the grain of Japanese society and dropping out of high school to play their music.

In the end I was glad I took the advice of a random fan in San Francisco. The Eastern Youth may be a bit older than most groups I watch perform, but they clearly set a bench mark which all other Japanese punk bands should strive to meet. There’s nothing more professionally technical or complicated in their live performance—just pure emotion, rubbery base lines which interplayed with guitar slap stick riffs and vocals which really nobody could ignore.

I recommend seeing these guys live. If you can’t make it to a show, purchase their latest album 365 Step blues. More on Eastern Youth can be found at www.myspace.com/easternyouth.
I'd been a grad student at MIT. Although it's still a long way from the real world, it's less ideal than Caltech in many ways. After being immersed in Caltech culture for many years, it's hard to get used to other types of people, and to me, the biggest difference between techers and non-techers is integrity.

Even at other universities, you are often taught to view a classmate or colleague as trustworthy and reputable. Unlike at Caltech, where you will often view people as competition instead of as a potential friend or collaborator. People can become very subtle and not-so-subtle things to undermine you. Unfortunately, decent people can lose respect for the fact of life outside of Caltech, but it's just one more reason to appreciate the people you're around.

Another big shock is that most people outside of academic science will grossly underestimate you. A startlingly large proportion of my peers at MIT barely knew what Caltech is, much less how much more rigorous it is than other universities.

So right out of the gate, Caltech graduates are handicapped by our lower GPAs and lower prestige than graduates from all other top universities. Even though I was lucky enough to get into grad school by the narrowest of margins, I am breaking to see friends lose out on jobs and grad school positions to people who appear to be more nearly as talented and passionate. While the Insti- tute could do a much better job at promoting Caltech's image to the rest of the world and helping graduates position themselves to deserve it, there's also an awful lot that we Caltech students and alumni can do to improve things. In order to be competitive in this increasingly value- oriented college degree, we have to start having more pride.

We also have to acknowledge that you are suffering right now, and pride is the last feeling you associate with a major achievement. My advice is to set a minute to remember that there are benefits to being a Caltech stu- dent outside of the rest of the world and helping graduates position themselves to deserve it. While the Institute could do a much better job at promoting Caltech's image to the rest of the world and helping graduates position themselves to deserve it, there's also an awful lot that we Caltech students and alumni can do to improve things. In order to be competitive in this increasingly value-oriented college degree, we have to start having more pride.

But we also gain incredible class- room experiences. If we just focus on the bad memories, then we're doing an injustice to all that we sacrifice and also all that we achieve.

To those of you who are about to graduate, I have one piece of advice: be proud of being from Caltech. You will pick up their skills on the fly and learn better by listening and applying them to real world problems at the same time. This is wrong. This path rewards quick and dirty half-under- standing (a Groking, if you will) of the methods at heart. Another obvious advantage is that there are already some semi- nars in place to address these is- sues directly. Whether the summer workshops simply don't cut it.

The skills of which I speak take time to learn, but time spent means units earned. Only from a regimented, unified class can you pass-fail work be useful. You also need to invest in your own future. Without a bed, I had no chance to sleep, and I can't imagine how much more normal my life would have been if I had had a bed. Without a bed, I had no interest in moving in, and instead I spent a week on a futon in a dormitory. It cost me $500 to passively allow myself to switch into, without any help from Housing. They gave us a week's notice but did not press any idea. I did it myself the week of moving in, and I had no Anything remaining from the past was junked. I was told to leave the building. There is no chance to keep my $500 because I have to leave the building. You sure know how to make a girl feel good.

A refund was refused on the belief that the board requirement is stated on the housing contract, which I'd signed almost a year before, and the fact that I asked at the start of third term and the second term books had already closed. The Bursar's Office was kind enough to not send a statement with these new changes charged to the account, but I was told to go to Caltech and pay it myself. I've gotten to on field projects to the hospital, and visited several different pharmacies. It's one hell of a pell-popping adventure.

I would also like to thank my allergist for giving up so early on my allergy evaluation. More damage may have been done to me physically and financially (but not mentally) had you not sought out consulting with other doctors. Don't let bitterness blind you to the good things you prevent and how you feel better than ever before. Time is precious. I would really like to impart some of that knowledge to the greater student body. I wish you all the best in finding yourselves in a similar predicament.

I've changed a lot in the past year due to my overly aggressive immune system. My body's extremely touchy (hypersensi- tive) about certain substances and responds with a combination of allergy symptoms (such as a runny nose and congestion (an inflammatory response of the upper respiratory tract). Thanks to the increasing frequen- cy of such bad memories, I've gotten to on field trips to the hospital, and visited several different pharmacies. It's one hell of a pell-popping adventure.

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I would also like to thank the crazy mental patient at the Hun- tington Memorial Hospital Emer- gency Room who made me feel heartily welcome with her soft, yet intense and engaging para- doxoided. I have been chosen to be the recipi- ents of such an unusual mixture of psychobabble and death threats. Among others, I will fore- ever remember her. She was a very special day. You are go- ing to die. Please leave," and then proceeded to stare unabashedly as I walked out of the ER with my small entourage.

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Special thanks are in order for two hard working women in the Housing Management Office. I'd been forced out of my cat-infested apartment for health reasons and sought temporary housing be- fore I could arrange a permanent Caltech residence. Besides the two of them, two weeks, and several prodding visits, all I could achieve from Caltech was a simple re- quest was the bottom part of the bed/bedroom combo was still and means. Tech can keep on sucking my blood at regular intervals. In the end, you're happy, and I'm not. But thank you, you've made real that I should have resigned.

I'm not bitter, despite every- thing. I know that I don't have tics, leukemia, a thyroid disor- der, or other autoimmune disease, thanks to one ornery technician at a local endocrinologist's office. I was off over five vials of blood after trying only four different veins, and then was off over five minutes of tactile pain. But it's okay since apparently, I also have the time to work. Peo- ple with medical needs mean Tech can keep on sucking my blood at regular intervals. In the end, you're happy, and I'm not. But thank you, you've made real that I should have resigned.

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**SPORTS**

**Women’s Water Polo Team Wins This Week**

**BY: ANNA HISZPANSKI**

Last Wednesday, April 19th, the Caltech women’s water polo team came away from their away match against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps without a victory. The lady Beavers lost to the Athenas 4-14.

"We had a slow start, but we picked it up in the second half," said Preetha Sinha, co-captain of the team. According to Sinha, the score after the first half was 2-10, and Caltech allowed only four goals in the second.

"Claremont is one of our toughest teams. We expected a good game from them," said co-captain Rebekah Eason. "The game was very physical but fun. We had many opportunities to score."

Junior Chelsea Sharon helped the team prepare to say goodbye to the season, and we’re looking forward to our tournament this coming weekend.

As the season comes to an end, the team prepares to say goodbye to their seniors. Five teammates, Ashley Grant, Natalie Kruk, Rebekah Eason, Annamaria Effler, and Meghan Keller, from a current team of twelve are graduating. With the loss of nearly half its players, the team is hoping for a few new women water polo players in the entering 2010 class.

"We’re excited to get a second chance against some of the teams," said Sinha. "We have been getting better at a lot of things that we have been working on this season, and we’re looking forward to our tournament this coming weekend."

**Recent Results**

- **Conference Matches**
  - Baseball: 4/18: Pomona-Pitzer Colleges (Home): L, 3-18
  - Women’s Water Polo: 4/18: CMS* (Away): L, 4-14
- **Upcoming Events**
  - April 24th - 25th: SCIAC Championships Tournament next weekend. April 24th The team has won four games this season and would like to add a couple more to their record during the tournament.
  - The Lady Beavers will have a tough first game against the tournament as they are set to play against the first ranked Pomona-Pitzer team.
  - The Caltech women, though, are looking forward to the challenge.

* = Conference Matches

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Junior Preetha Sinha prepares to make a pass as the women practice for the SCIAC Championship Tournament this weekend.