Open House Garners Student Input

BY NATALYA KOSTANDOVA

Although the Open House, held in the Ruddock Courtyard on Wednesday, was an informal discussion of the proposed mural policy, many felt that it was a productive meeting that will have some impact on the issue.

Some of the concerns that were voiced during the Open House include the new draft’s regulatory tone, its willingness to place more emphasis on the comfort of Caltech’s visitors rather than on its students, as well as the way that censorship of mural content would be defined.

Jeff Kranakis, President of Dabney, noted, “[The Open House] is a good idea because there was a lot of student uproar over the draft. It’s always good to bring together faculty and students to discuss issues.”

The view was shared by Tom Mannion, the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, who stated, “I don’t think that students realized how much of a dialogue this is. After we are done discussing this, we can put together a revised version of the policy.”

Indeed, only two days after the Open House, the Interhouse Committee has revised the proposed mural policy to incorporate some of the issues that were brought up during the meeting.

Among the central concerns voiced during the Open House was the extent to which students will have a say in the issue. Currently, each house has its own mural policy. If the draft is passed, some of the houses’ power will be removed. Both the students and administration, however, acknowledged that the student input into the operation of houses is significant.

Mannion noted that “the whole model [of student governance] under which houses operate seems to be working very well” and reassured that the proposed policy is only intended to establish more collaboration between the students and the administration.

Some students, however, questioned the intent of the draft. John Hasker, member of Blacker, argued that “The basic overtone of the draft is [that] when it comes down to it, [the administration] will take charge – it does not trust us to make rational decisions.”

Many students found the policy restrictive in terms of the content that will be allowed in murals, arguing that the comfort and self-expression of Caltech students are more important than the comfort of the visitors of Caltech, who only experience the murals for a limited amount of time.

However, Mike Woods, Secretary of the Interhouse Committee, pointed out that the need for a change in the policy stems from legal premises. “It is a question of what is legally required from Caltech,” said Woods.

Catherine Jurca, the Master of Student Housing, further reassured that the draft is preliminary and is open to reasonable changes. For one, she pointed out that although some regulations may be placed on the content of murals in dining halls and other public spaces, they will not be completely prohibited, as it states in the original draft.

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Huge Party for 2007

BY HAROLD MARTIN

On Saturday, January 13th, Caltech will celebrate the reopening of the South Houses with the school’s largest party in recent history. The event is also widely seen as an opportunity to reignite the Interhouse Party tradition of previous years.

“We’re bringing back the (Interhouse) tradition and the South Houses at the same time,” said Tom Mannion, Assistant V.P. of Campus Life. The party will start in the afternoon with a campus-wide barbecue, followed by a concert and short fireworks show, and then the opening of the House parties.

The four South Houses will each host a party in their courtyards. They will be paired with one of the North Houses and Avery for construction, using pairings determined by the Interhouse Committee (IHC). “We had some conditions, and everything fell into place quite nicely,” said IHC Chair Craig Montuori in an email interview. The current pairings are Blacker and Avery, Dabney and Page, Fleming and Ruddock, and Ricketts and Lloyd.

According to ASCIT Social Director Chris Gonzales, the house pairings are intended to unite the community and to have as many people as possible working to build the parties, since construction cannot begin until the South Houses are reopened in December. Gonzales also said that there would not be an overarching party theme, instead each house will decide on its own theme so that “each party expresses the individuality of the houses.”

Each of the four parties will receive $5,000 for construction from Housing and an additional $2,500 for food and beverages from Tom Mannion’s office. Other elements of the party, such as the barbecue, fireworks, and alumni reception are expected to draw funds from other sources, although fundraising work is still being done. The total cost of the party is expected to exceed $85,000.

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Damaged Cable Results in Power Outage

Despite Caltech’s efforts to provide redundancy, a power outage struck the morning of October 30th, 2006. The story on page 5 explains how this event occurred and preparations for future incidents.
ATTACK ON GAZA

The United States voiced on Saturday a UN Security Council resolution urging an immediate Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 armistice lines in Gaza and condemning an Israeli attack there that killed 19 Palestinian civilians.

Nine of the council’s 15 members, including the US, China, France, Britain, Russia and Italy abstained. But the US, China and Italy voted no.

The resolution also regretted that other Security Council resolutions, including one passed on September 9 by the US and the Benin, upholding the principles of international law.

In February, Israel had used $300m to develop a single target to achieve a fast-growing nation was the biggest investment by a venture firm.

HUMILIATED FRAT BOYS SUK OVER BORAT

Two fraternity boys from a Southern California University have agreed to a lawsuit over what they filed on their behalf that claims they were duped into appearing in the movie “Borat: Cultural Learning of America for Make Benefit Globally” and were duped into appearing in a movie that made racist and sexist comments on camera.

The lawsuit claims that in October 2005, a production crew took the students to a bar to drink to “loosen up” before participating in a documentary to be shown out of the United States.”

Complied from BBC and CNN

Announcements

BY: EVANS BONEY

GSC SOCIAL CHAIR

The GSC Social Committee is happy to present the Graduates of Caltech to grad students. The GSC is a Caltech tradition that goes back some 15 years, and it is a tradition that attracts one against another in all the week’s most common questions. This year’s event will also be open to undergraduates, and we are encouraging all to participate.

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BY: VIBHA LALJANI

DONALD RUMSFIELD, RETIRED

IN GERMANY

The US-based Centre for Constitutional Rights claims that Mr. Rumsfeld was highly influential in the abuses committed by US soldiers in Abu Ghraib and at Guantanamo Bay, and that he should be held to account for his role.

German law allows the pursuit of cases originating anywhere in the world, even if they are in a similar respect in 2004 but German prosecutors dropped that case.

Mr. Rumsfeld resigned following German loss of support in the US mid-term elections.

The Pentagon has not yet commented on the case. The US denies that any torture has taken place at Guantanamo Bay and has defended the military’s interrogation tech-

iques.

A spokesperson for the group said that their complaint will be filed to German federal prosecutors on Tuesday. The prosecution will now decide whether the complaint should be heard or not.

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The outside world’s reaction to the US has been mixed, with many expressing concern that the US is acting in a way that is inconsistent with its stated values.

One of the Staff Awards.

3. Possible Funding for Student Morale Projects

Projects that will be on hold at the School of Management, and will probably be asking you to provide funds for projects that the students want to do.

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Announcements

BY: EDUARDO KANHRHOOF

PRESIDENT OF OASIS

Diwali-Festival of Lights

BY: UDAY KHANHRHOOF

PRESIDENT OF OASIS

Students Sought for Student-Faculty Committees

The Student Faculty Conference (SFC) is happening this year. Time to get enthused! The SFC is hosted by the Academics and Research Committee (ARC) with the Academic Programming and the SFC is happening this year. Time to get enthused! The SFC is hosted by the Academics and Research Committee (ARC) with the Academic Programming and the Student Faculty Conference.

SFC members are fortunate to have their team by Thanksgiving. Team captains must register their team by Thanksgiving. Volunteers are also needed for Gradiators. If you are interested in helping in free lunch, beverages, etc., but not too excited about the actual games, email boneye@gmail.com as soon as possible.

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If you have any questions about how you can get more involved, have a concern with the tentative date for the ARC, please post that information on our website as well. The tentative date for this SFC is Thursday, April 5, 2006, and traditionally there are no classes held on the date of the event. We encourage all to come to the ARC, and will probably be asking you to provide funds for projects that the students want to do.

BY: UDAY KHANHRHOOF

PRESIDENT OF OASIS

Diwali-Festival of Lights

Thursday, November 17, 2006, 6:30 PM at Dunbar Hall & Gardens

While traveling is a great way to experience a new culture, it is important that you feel free to contact ARC Chair Csilla (csilla@caltech.edu) if you have any questions about the event.

Sponsored by ARC with funding from the Student Faculty Programs Fund and ISP.

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Marshak Resigns as Student Affairs VP

BY: CHANDRA BARNETT

In a surprise bulletin on November 2nd, Dr. Jean-Lou Chameau announced the immediate retirement of Margo Post Marshak, Caltech’s VP for Student Affairs. Marshak has provided support for Caltech’s student body since 2002, making many contributions to student-faculty relations, and her departure will be felt throughout the community.

Since his arrival at Caltech, President Chameau has placed a particular emphasis on treating Caltech as a community of individuals, and taking advantage of its small size and close-knit nature.

To this end, a permanent successor for Marshak will not immediately be selected. Instead, Chameau has requested the formation of a committee which will study Caltech’s unique needs, and how they can best be served by a new and revised student affairs department.

“Dr. Chameau has recognized that generally campuses have argued that a deal with the academic life separated from the ‘campus life,’ referring to non-academic areas,” ASCIT President Todd Gingrich explains.

“At Caltech, where lives clearly merge into each other, so the committee is expected to look ways we can structure our student affairs department to better mirror and support this merging of academic and nonacademic lives.”

The new committee, expected to submit its report in March, will draw its membership from all areas of the Caltech community.

Two undergraduate representatives, to be selected by Gingrich and student-faculty relations, will join graduate students, faculty members, and staff in coming up with ideas for the shape of Caltech Student Affairs.

In the interim, Dean of Students John Hall will serve as the Acting Vice President for Student Affairs.

“With the departure of Marshak, and the need to oversee the day-to-day operations of the many divisions which manage student services, he will work closely with President Chameau and Provost Paul Jennings to direct the operations of the investigating committee.”

Students Give Feedback on Mural Policy

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Mannion also noted that keeping murals in individual rooms may not be an issue if a special permission is obtained from the Housing Office.

The draft of the proposed policy was drawn up by Jurca in response to complaints received from the Trustees, staff, parents, and visitors of Caltech.

“They’re worried about offensiveness, about deterioration. They say that murals make housing look dirty, and they want white walls,” explained Jurca.

The draft under consideration prior to the Open House, which can be found on http://www.housing.caltech.edu/undergrad/mural-policy.asp, proposes to make it necessary that students notify the Housing Office before creating a mural and gives administration the final say in what murals are considered offensive and must be removed. It further states that certain public spaces in North and South Houses, including lounges, dining rooms, and their entryways, must stay free of murals, with exception of those already in place in the North Houses.

In addition, the draft specifies that murals in students’ rooms will be allowed but must be removed after the students vacate the room.

The policy was further discussed at the Stewardship Committee meeting on Friday, where the draft was revised to remove the section prohibiting murals in common areas and add a requirement to include Tom Mannion in all discussions regarding creation of murals in such areas.

The draft will be further revised before it is finalised and is expected to go into effect before the reopening of the South Houses.

Huge Party in the Works

Party will be reminiscent of Interhouse parties of old

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One key element of the party is the unprecedented number of Caltech alumni expected to attend. Said Gonzales, “It’s an opportunity to bring back alumni and reconnect with students.” Various alumni organizations are already involved in supporting the party, and are expected to create a photo display of Interhouse throughout the years that will be presented along the Olive Walk.

Mannoni asserted, “It can’t overestimate how much (Interhouse) means to alumni. We’re trying to restore one of the grand traditions.” Interhouse was the most important social event at Caltech and was listed in Playboy as one of the top parties in the nation under the years that will be presented at the party.

“A sure that the parties were properly pulled out all of the stops for this party.”
BY: CHANDRA BARNETT

With thousands of sensitive pieces of equipment, ranging from laboratory refrigeration units to the universitywide campus network, which comprise the IMSS network, Caltech has maintained detailed contingency plans for both physical power failure and even when the municipal power supply is compromised. 

Last Wednesday, Facilities Management was forced to put one of the nine 13MW power lines which supply Caltech with power from the city. CIT2, the second-oldest of the lines which come into campus from Pasadena Water and Power (PWP), experienced a short circuit and fused underground, causing a brief power shutoff to most of the north half of campus.

Power resumed in a matter of seconds, due to Caltech's automatic throwover switches, which began supplying power from CIT1 to the north half of campus after a brief delay. However, disruptions to campus services were wide spread and some persisted for several hours.

Brian Smith, electrical engineer with Facilities Management, outlined the process which was set in motion by the outage.

"When the voltage drops at the substation," he explained, "we have three power equipment units, two of which sense that, and starts counting down. Since a power failure might be caused either by an on-campus equipment problem or an event at PWP, the local throwover switches start with a 5-second delay.

"If the event of a PWP outage, this allows the city's own throwover equipment to begin operation. "If they throw over, and then we throw over," said Prew, "then everybody winds up in the wrong place."

"If power does not come back on within 5 seconds, "then we know the problem is on our side," said Prew. At this point, the throwover system begins to transfer power to the backup line. Substation #1, which supplies all of the campus buildings south of San Pasqual, uses CIT1 as its primary supply and CIT2 as its backup.

Substation #2, serving all of the north buildings except for Broad Center, loses its primary power from CIT2, and uses CIT2 as a failover supply. CIT3, the newest of the lines, supplies only Broad Center at this time. However, says Prew, Facilities Management is currently installing new equipment, slated to be operational in December, which will allow Substation #1 to use CIT3 as a secondary failover.

"In my morning's event, the failure occurred on campus, so the throwover process began just five seconds after the shutoff. Within fifteen seconds, power was restored all over north campus.

"However, this was only the beginning for Facilities Management, as the process which was set in motion by the outage continues.

The damaged cable extracted by PWP employees in time for the 9am opening of campus offices.

Despite the network hiccups and the brief water pressure failure, the switchover process itself went quite smoothly. Facilities Management is already taking steps to make any future events even more painless. In addition to the extension of CIT3, and the installation of a secondary bank of standup transformers at Substation #1, the department will take a closer look at the systems which experienced more prolonged outages.

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Experiment Continues

On Tuesday, November 7, portfolio managers and investors (32 managers and 73 investors, all of whom are Caltech students) participated in the fourth round of the financial-markets experiment conducted by CLEF. The above table summarizes the funds' performance in this round; fund managers are identified by names of minerals. The DowTech is a fixed portfolio of stocks and cash, and provides the measure of return if managers started with that portfolio and held on to it. All funds actively traded in this round. For more details, if you want to participate in the experiment as an investor, or if you would like to see how the managers performed in the previous rounds, see the CLEF webpage at http://clef.caltech.edu/expldp/index.html.
Lady Sovereign Breaks into USA

BY: CINDY KO

Lady Sovereign – Vertically Challenged (EP) and Public Enemy

Imagine what Jay-Z would sound like if he were white—not only white, but British. Now, try a 20-year-old, 5’1” British woman. Now, add a sideburns ponytail. (That doesn’t change the sound, but it matters anyway.) Would be still sound like a rapper?

Most of us associate the rap genre with the stereotype of a large and deep-voiced African American man with gold chains around his neck and a metal grill on his teeth. Of course it is only one stereotype, but for the most part, few well-known rappers are otherwise, and they stand out by cause of that.

Eminem, and the Beastie Boys before that, are both examples of rappers that got a fair amount of attention because of their (mis)representation of the rap stereotype. Although it might be easier to get recognized as a white rapper, but it could be equally harder to gain credibility as such. (Ever remember a guy named Vanilla Ice?) To be strictly sociologically incorrect, audiences have a hard time believing that a “white” person would grow up in a ghetto and, furthermore, one bad enough to rap about.

However, one can safely assume that the modern world is of course wider and more open-minded, and the rap world is probably no different. The newest member of the rap community is such a mold-breaker that she’s caught the eye of other rappers, like Arordoc of the aforementioned Beastie Boys, and the ever immortal, Jay-Z.

At the age where most of her peers have barely started thinking about their professional careers, Louise Amanda Harman—better known by her stage name as Lady Sovereign—has made herself into a full fledged rap musician. The West Londoner has released only one full album to date, and already has the attention of the entire United Kingdom, making it as high as #6 on the Billboard UK’s Top 100. Lady Sovereign hasn’t quite made the same impact on the US Billboard yet, but just wait. Her album, Public Warning, just dropped this past Halloween, making it too early to say what kind of impact she will make on the US rap scene.

Sovereign has a distinct style: one part chubby British girl, one part street-hardened urchin, one part bonadite rapper. But instead of rapping about gangs, women, and bling, she turns her attention to things that are close to her heart: her hometown, her favorite food (shepherd’s pie), and hooded sweatshirts.

Although her subject matter is arguably less than orthodox and she’s a good deal smaller than her other rap counterparts, she retains the big rapper attitude and tone in her music. In her songs, Sovereign refers to herself as, “the biggest midget in the genre.” She recognizes her unique place in the rap genre, and although she citation Ms. Dynamite as an influence, she mostly gives herself credit for her invention. (In the track, “A Little Bit of Shhh!”: “Who taught me? Nobody. I did it all by myself, you can step on me.”)

As new as she is, Sovereign already has an iconic look to her image: baggy clothes, thick eye-liner, a roundish face with classic British traits like a bulldog lower lip and crooked teeth, and most distinct of all, a high sidewalks ponytail. Given her arguably un-sexy looks, her reputation and musical production is propelled by her pure talent and word of mouth. For a younger like her, she’s so much more. I’d hate to see her soon on a cover of Seventeen, but I would be willing to bet that her career is about to take off. And for how far she’s gotten in such a short time, the sky is the limit.

Public Enemy is proof that promising talent starts off with a big bang. Just about every track is well mixed and very masterfully pieced together. Sovereign’s rapping voice ranges from frisk and sassy-song to fast-forward fast, turning her British accent into what sounds like a foreign language.

It’s mind-blowing to imagine that, not too long ago, this girl was once uploading videos of herself rapping onto YouTube between stints at a waitressing job. On Vertically Challenged, the EP that goes with Public Enemy, she does eight remixes with well-known musicians from both sides of the pond. Of course, not every track is solid gold—there are a few tracks that border on the annoying/immature side (including one track stupidly and appropriately titled, “Blah Blah”). She also has an annoying habit of referring to herself repeatedly as a midget. But all things considered, I suppose that’s admirable.

Overall, I am impressed with Lady Sovereign’s debut album, and appreciate her as one of rap’s most up and coming. If this is her first attempt at music, she certainly has a wealth of natural talent to last her for a long career.

Long live Lady Sov! Grade: A

**1/2 out of ****

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News

Make Money at the Ath

BY: TODD GINGRICH

There’s a great new way to get a little bit of free Athenaeum food and some money on the side. As you walk past the past Caltech students served as waiters at the Athenaeum during lunch, dinners, and banquets. This program fared recently, but the Athenaeum would love for us to revive it. Athenaeum members enjoy meeting Caltech students, and the waiters in the past really enjoyed their time spent in the Ath.

The main demand for student waiters is over the lunch hour. Student shifts will run from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM on Monday through Friday. Pay rates will be pretty good and at the end of the student waiters will receive a free lunch. Obviously the scheduling of these shifts conflicts with classes. However, student waiters could work as few as two shifts a week, so with a little planning it could fit into your schedule.

If you’re interested in working with me as email (gingrich@caltech.edu), and I can forward your name on to the Athenaeum personnel. Even if you can’t start until 2nd term, please express your interest now so that we have an idea of whether or not there is sufficient student interest to revive the program.

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### Just one more level When Online Gaming and Gambling Become Problematic

Lee Coleman Ph.D.

Monday November 20th at noon
Caltech Y Conference room

How can you tell when gaming or online gambling is causing problems for you or your friends? In this interactive workshop, Dr. Lee Coleman will discuss:

- Signs of problematic gaming and gambling
- What to do when concerned
- How to talk to a friend you are concerned about

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Analyzing the Election Results

*BY: EVA NESON*

My name is Evans, and I’m a theskeptic. I wake up in the morning, I think, I’ll bring think all day, and I can’t get to sleep without having one last think. I was reading the California Tech yesterday, and realized it could be the perfect location for me to meet my classmates, coworkers, etc., and have a think with all of them. That said, let’s begin my first think for The Tech.

With the election season winding down, there’s probably not much you’ve heard. First you heard people wax on and on about international problems in the war in Iraq. Then you heard predictions that the Democrats would take back the House, but not the Senate. Then the results came in. Then you heard about the recount procedure in Virginia. Then you heard about the recount procedure in Florida. Then you heard about the recount procedure in... Then you heard about the recount procedure in Virginia.

Updates on the availability of the HPV vaccine by the Caltech Student Health Center will be posted at both the health center and health education websites.

**Calling on Undergrad Gladiators**

*BY: TONY FALK*

Do you remember the days when you were a student here and you took the field to take on the common citizen in a glorious competition? This was often accompanied with giant Q-tips and throwing a tennis ball against people clinging to your fence. This fun filled event has finally arrived at Caltech. Except that instead of fine athletes there are “members of the Caltech community” (read: nerds).

**Human Papillomavirus**

Human Papillomavirus, more commonly known as HPV, is a viral infection spread through skin to skin sexual contact. HPV is a group of over 100 different strains, with at least 30 strains known to cause different types of cancer. There is currently no cure for HPV, which is the most common sexually transmitted disease (STD) in the United States, and can affect both men and women. New cases are reported each year. HPV is the recognized major cause of cervical cancer and was the second leading cause of cancer death among women worldwide. In August, 2006, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved a vaccine that protects against four major types of HPV. To learn more about the vaccine, students can visit www.cdc.gov/std/hpv/hpv.vaccine.pdf. The health center staff is currently available at 1250 East Green Street (at California Street), Suite 100, (626-584-1200). If you are interested in receiving the vaccine, please call them to learn the cost of the vaccine (you’ll need to get 3 shots over a 6-month period), schedule an appointment, and see if there are any specific instructions you’ll need to follow prior to getting vaccinated.

**Job search often feels like a daunting task, but international students may feel at a disadvantage. In particular, there are visa issues that need to be worked out in a differ- ent language, as well as different cultural norms. However, the job search and interview is not too different in any way. You are you, your values are your values. What is important to you in a job? Is it (money)? Prestige? Helping others? What skills do you have? (Don’t forget transferable skills such as budgeting, leadership, and organization.) In a sense, you are the "product." Just like a computer, you have features, strengths, special abilities – things that make you unique. A good sales person knows their product inside and out so they can be persuasive and answer detailed questions.**

Once you have done your self-evaluation, you can begin to market yourself. Everyone needs documents that list their values and skills into a resume. The resume is your sales brochure. It has to attract employers to explore you further. Come up with a 30-second personal advertisement that you can respond to a potential employer when they ask, “So, tell me about yourself.” Participate in recruiting activities on campus (career fairs and on-campus recruiting). Do your homework on the companies you are targeting, get information, do some research. Finally, make sure you have some form of support system – whether that is an advisor or a mentor at the Career Development Center (CDC).

Year after year it is demonstrated that networking is the most effective tool for job search. For international students, that means talking to people...alumni, faculty, classmates, recruiters, etc. Students who don’t learn to network reduce their chances of securing a job by many factors. Students want to become a better networker can talk with the Career Development Center.

**Finally, if you are concerned with visa issues while going through the job search process, consider talking to the International Student Program (for undergrad and graduate) at the Office of International Scholar Services (for post-docs) Office on campus. They can help you answer questions you may have about immigration issues and lend some additional support. The job search doesn’t have to be scary. Just take one step at a time. If you need help at any step of the way, come see us at the CDC. We want you to ask from ‘How do I get a job?’ to ‘You’re hired, now what’s next?’ This is the International Education Week 2006 – “Celebrating and Building Global Understanding and Exchange,” a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to recognize the global exchange environment between the United States and other countries.**

This Tech has a large population of international students and postdoctoral scholars. Thus, in order to properly engage in a consider- ational exchange, we felt it might be helpful to talk a little about job search for the three-student and postdoctoral scholar.
Caltech Winter Sports Begin in Ernest

Upcoming Athletic Events

Friday, November 17th
4:30PM - Men’s Basketball vs. U of Dubuque (IA)
6:30PM - Women’s Basketball vs. CSU East Bay

Saturday, November 18th
All-Day - M/W Fencing @ UC San Diego
3:00PM - Women’s Basketball vs. College of St. Catherine (MN)
7:30PM - Men’s Basketball vs. West Coast Baptist College

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Canada Provides More Than Just Maple Syrup

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When I first realized I was going to write a review of the great nation of Canada, some people suggested that I wasn’t the most qualified author because I hadn’t been to Canada in more than 6 years. To anyone else without that objection, I’d like to point out that I’ve spent time almost every year of my life, including this last summer, in New Hampshire and Maine, which are practically Canada, and are right next to such well known Canadian states as Quebec, Vermont, New Brunswick and Minnesota. I also like several Canadian bands, have friends who have threatened to move to Canada if Republican’s win another election and my current girlfriend is half Canadian. Now that you understand how qualified I am (which is pretty darn qualified) I hope you’ll believe me when I say that Canada is the second largest nation on earth.

To me it is obvious that an important part of a country is physical, because without it a person would be floating around on the ocean in a giant boat. Canada boasts that it is the second largest nation on earth in both surface area and volume and that it has multiple climates ranging from the icy frozen tundra of the north to the rich and chilly grasslands of the west and even encompassing the steamy tropical jungles of the inside of an apartment building in Toronto. With all this size and diversity, thousands of tourists become lost each year, never to be seen again, and millions of tourists enjoy visiting either Canada or some other location in complete safety.

While Canada admittedly doesn’t have any environmental features that can’t be found in the United States, it does have more lakes than anywhere else in the world, vast expanses of carnivorous forests, the world’s largest expanse of fluffy white down and a large amount of the world’s fresh water (and has one of the most hydrated populations of any nation). Overall, I would rate Canada’s natural beauty and bigness an A, or ‘eh’ as it is spelled in Canadian.

Another important feature that any traveler is likely to be interested in during a visit to a country is the history, government and economy of a country. Unfortunately for Canada there has been little time to create a history of its own, since it was a colony of England until 1867 when it shook off imperial rule by asking politely. Its government, like that of the United Kingdom and Australia, is amusing but well behind more advanced nations (the United States) in key areas such as wasting money and self-improvement. The economy of Canada was a mercantilist system until 1982 and has now converted to a vaguely-socialist but making-a-lot-of-money-soft-we-call-it-capitalist economic system. One major strike against Canada is that their annoying coins get mixed up for real American money when you’re trying to buy a soda, but this is largely countered by the fact that Canadian money is brightly colored and you can buy a bunch of Canadian maple syrup cheap. For these features Canada gets a C+.

Now we will consider the vibrant culture of Canada. Canadians love hockey, ice fishing and being polite, but that doesn’t stop them from being very multi-ethnic and sometimes speaking French. Canada’s chief cultural achievement is the production of celebrities, most of which it exports to the south. I’ll bet you didn’t know how many Canadian celebrities there are (473). In fact, Canadians now live among us! You yourself might even be Canadian and not even realize it! Of course, everyone knows some famous Canadians, like Scott Abbott, the co-inventor of Trivial Pursuit and Pierre Gauthier de Varennes et de la Vérendrye, who explored Lake Superior and Lake Winnipeg. And who could forget Edgar Randolph Parker, usually known as “Painless” Parker, the flamboyant dentist. However, you might not have known that Gordon Lightfoot (the singer-songwriter), Mike Vanderjagt (the idiot kid from Aliens) and Alex Trebeek (game show host and international super-spy) are all Canadians, as are comedians Carrot Top, Jim Carry and Céline Dion. I won’t go into the long list of Canadian bands and former-bay watch actresses/silly symbols, but needless to say, without Canadians there would be slightly fewer celebrities. In my opinion, that means Canadian culture gets an A+++ (they’ve gotten four plusses, but it turns out that Carrot Top isn’t really Canadian, he just plays one on TV.)

A final category in which every country should be rated is in the intangibles it possesses. This might be something like having toilets that flush backwards, most of the worlds poisonous snakes or even pre-tending not to have oppression, it’s native people (because it was doing it for their own good). Canada provides such useful services as universal healthcare for its citizens, a small number of soldiers for U.N. peace keeping forces to make them seem ‘multi-national’ and a convenient place for draft-dodgers to hang out. Canada recently changed the tune of its national anthem, “Oh Canada” so it is now sung “O Canada!” in a voice that suggests you didn’t except to see Canada there. Canada maintains the most northerly permanently settled location on earth (The Canadian Forces Station Alert, or Ontario (or short) and is just chock full of Mounties. Canada gets a B+ for its intangibles, and it would be higher if a moose hadn’t tried to kill me when I was canoeing there. There you have it, everything you need to know about Canada or “the Great White North” in just a few paragraphs. Remember, next time you want to be cold, or make fun of a NAFTA nation that isn’t Mexico, Canadians would appreciate it if you would consider their country.

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1 Live Free or Die
2 Russia has more surface area and the subterranean kingdom of the Mole People has 37% more volume.
3 Mercantilism is a system used by many imperial nations that involves a colony sending raw goods back to the Imperial centre in exchange for Mercantiles, a type of ceramic plate used for floating.
4 Canadian test: If you read this and thought “gee this guy is an idiot” you’re not Canadian. If you thought “gee, this guy sure is a hose-head, eh? Let’s go get some Moose-burgers and wear tuque” you’re probably Canadian. On the other hand, maybe you just have a learning disability.
5 Previously the tune of Oh Canada was the same as the popular German Christmas song Oh Tannenbaum (known as Oh Christmas Tree as well).
6 Canada is known as the “great white north” because it is the natures finest killing machine, as demonstrated by the fact that it has been swimming the seas for millions of years virtually unchanged.

Pamela Anderson seeks protection in the form of these men in red, you should too. Another reason why Canada is awesome.

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