Big Interhouse: Not This Year

By Vibha Laljani

Two years after the return of the Interhouse, the party which has been rocking the South Houses each year, the comeback tradition will not be followed this year. A variety of reasons played a part in the decision-making process. “From what I have been told, the reason is that the big party taking away from the smaller parties, conflicts, issues, and the tendency of it if it were to happen every year,” says the Interhouse Committee (IHC) chair Chris Watson. “It will allow more time for other house traditions to flourish.”

After the demise of Interhouse in 1989, Houses developed new traditions to replace it, such as Ruddock’s Own Private Interhouse (OPI) or Blacker’s Frosh Project. It will be difficult for the Houses to continue these traditions alongside building Interhouse annually.

There are also some questions about funding for future Interhouses. “There is some funding, but we need to raise more money,” says Bhojwani. Tom Manion, the Assistant Vice President to Student Affairs and Campus Life, has individually contributed $10,000 to both recent Interhouses for food and drinks; and Housing has contributed $20,000 to the Interhouses for construction by deferring maintenance jobs for later years. “We can’t keep depending on Affairs for [the funding],” says Bhojwani.

Rotation is Working: Evolving

Most prefrosh get first choice, Skits need work

By Sarah Marzen

Rotation is over with few irregularities, and according to Ruddock House President Sean Marney, a survey will be released sometime this term to help evaluate how well Rotation worked.

“Rotation went well this year, not exceptionally so, but around 60% ended up in their top choice house,” wrote Interhouse Committee Chair Chris Watson in an email.

IHC Secretary Dvin Adalian agreed. “The irregularities are considered minor. We know the things that have happened in prior years, so we can stop worrying about the week or anything, and we consider this a smooth Rotation.”

The few irregularities that occurred during this year’s Rotation included a number of complaints about the Rotation skits, a cynical email sent to selected freshmen of the humor that purported to expose the truth of Rotation, and schedule misprints in the Tech. Rumors that all but one of the Houses had Rotation violations—which could penalize them during the “picks process”—were dismissed by Adalian, and no IHC member could give House-based statistics for this year’s Rotation violations.

Complaints about the content of certain Rotation skits came from both staff, whose attendance was required, and students, whose attendance was recommended, and they reached the ears of Caltech’s legal branch, Housing, and Student Affairs. Watson apologized to the Caltech community with a letter drafted by IHC members in last week’s Tech.

“The situation was blown a little out of proportion,” said Ruck House President Cliff Chang. “I think the apology defused it a lot... The letter was not meant to apologize for House cultures, but the way we presented it [in the email].”

According to Adalian, the main issue with the skits was the choice of venue, because the party that gives Caltech students community together” and as a “party that both ‘brings the [Caltech] alums, the student body, and the faculty. In a previous Tech article, Tim Chang, Director of Housing, said that he “doubled seen a lot of a relief at not having the burden of building the party,” agrees Watson.

However, many students and faculty would like the tradition of Interhouse to continue because it brings together the alumni, the eight Houses, the graduate student body, and the faculty. In a previous Tech article, Tim Chang, Director of Housing, described Interhouse as an event that both “brings the [Caltech] community together” and as a party that gives Caltech students the “full college experience.” ASCIT and IHC hope to have a “full college experience.”

“Since then, I have anecdotal evidence thatInterhouse barriers are down,” says Watson. “Anyone who has participated in Rotation has come out our year-to-year social calendar. If it were to happen every other large event every other year, we would have a party that gives Caltech students community together” and as a “party that brings the [Caltech] alums, the student body, and the faculty.”

According to Adalian, most of the freshmen who received the email “recognized that this was an isolated case.” A few were scared, but they reached the ears of Caltech’s legal branch, Housing, and Student Affairs. Watson apologized to the Caltech community with a letter drafted by IHC members in last week’s Tech.

“And I don’t think any other system could significantly beat ours for less unhappy people,” said Marney. “We’re definitely maxing out on happiness.”

In a previous Tech article, many undergraduates commented that they wanted to remove barriers between Houses, according to Adalian.

But Adalian and Marney believe that Interhouse barriers are more perceived than real. “Interhouse interactions are as good as people want them to be,” said Marney.

The merits of the House system are currently being discussed by students on the Student Experience Committee.

For now, the IHC will continue to tweak the Rotation process, suggesting changes that the next IHC can implement. Two years ago, the IHC ruled that three rules would have to be taken care of by next year’s IHC, according to Marney.

“I don’t think Rotation was affected by the skits,” said Adalian. The second irregularity—the email about the House system sent during Rotation week to prefrosh—constitutes a Rotation violation, since specific picks strategies are explicitly discussed. “The email is essentially harassment,” said Marney.

Adalian also agrees. “The irregularities that have happened are not the spirit of Rotation.”

Despite these irregularities in this year’s Rotation process, Marney is “optimistic” that Caltech undergraduates will be satisfied with the House that they were placed into, and that their satisfaction will be apparent in the Rotation survey to be given later this term. Last year’s Rotation survey showed that over 65% of students were “very happy” with their Houses you could and could not say to prefrosh.

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Adalian describes these tweaks to Rotation as “evolution.”

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with Caltech’s Basketball Coach

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By Marissa Cevallos
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It wasn’t Gov. Sarah Palin’s fault that her mind drew a blank when Katie Couric pressed her to name one example of Senator John McCain with deregulation.

Since before Reagan, the Republican party has the power or panacea-like power of the free market and refuted by giving it up.

But as the last few weeks of the campaign have underscored, the Nov 4 ballot will pit two different economic strategies for steering the U.S. States out of the

Neither may work, but one will certainly work better. There are enough parallels to 1929 to pick the best philosophy.

At the heart, the Great Depression was fueled by cheap loans were plentiful for home mortgages. With unbridled optimism in understanding the economy, McCain is proposing, they cut taxes on the wealthy--a Bush policy--to

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Opinion

BY ANONYMOUS

Thank god it is election season. Now we can all rest assured that the next four or eight years will be far better than the last ones.

For those of you just tuning in the issue for the election of 2008 took a drastic turn this October. And of course the issue now is money, and that means money.

I find it interesting how at a time when the most notable issue to come out of the war is McCain was about dead even in the polls with Obama. Now however, people are beginning to rally more and more around Senator Obama as the one to fix the economy. What don’t we understand at all from this is why? Haven’t we all learned that the “free market” is best?

Perhaps, and I hope, people are voting for someone who is founded on a fool-hardy belief that either candidate has the power or

I remember as “that guy who led the country through the second greatest depression of all time.”

The problem we are facing today is a much bigger one than that man is who is extremely powerful man - is going to be able to fix. Just this week 15 leaders from around Germany gathered to figure out how to save the economy. The problem we are dealing with is tremendous.

If people are going to be voting this election season based on the economy, they should not be voting for the candidate who is going to “fix the problem.” They need to recognize the fact that we might end up just having to deal with harsh times.

If you are concerned about the economy you should be worried about only two things: unemployment and inflation. Both of these problems are likely to lead the average (or below average) American to have very much worse quality of life.

People need to stop worrying about getting the Dow back up to 14000 and start worrying more about safety net. Vote not for the candidate you think is going to get banks lending. Vote for the candidate who is going to make sure people are taken care of if they lose their job.

Vote for the man who is going to keep people in their homes. Vote for the man who is going to make to address unemployment as a primary concern and not just something that resolves itself once the economy gets rolling again because that may be made up of 20 people and everyone’s best efforts.

Democrat or Republican everyone wants to see banks start lending again and confidence return.

Have no doubt both candidates will do all they can to make that happen. Just make sure you are forewarned to consider what you will be doing until things get better.

Remember the limits of the free market. Some services just can’t be developed on the free market without some financial nudging from the government: universal health care, for example. For educational programs. If McCain believed these programs were essential, he’d raise taxes for their benefit. Social programs, like government intervention, were a bit passe in the 1920’s. That’s not to say that the economy was so prosperous that it didn’t need intervention: small recessions in 1920, 1924, and 1927 marked another upward trend. But like the Bush administration has let big business run amok for eight years, so did the Republican presidents in the 1920’s in business and bet on the free market. In the words of Coolidge: “The business of America is business; he who builds a factory builds a temple.”

The government didn’t cause the Great Depression. But the Federal Reserve sat idly by the three minor recessions passed by; sometimes exacerbate the recessions by raising interest rates.

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I certainly hope that if the electronic college doesn’t vote for regulation on Nov 4 that a certain maverick might be able to ignore a century’s worth of GOP wisdom and embrace a new economic policy.

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By Caleb Ng
CALTECH

Now that the conclusion of Ro-
tation is past, it seems appropri-
ate to reflect on the events of the
week.

One particular incident stands out
among the rest: the e-mail an
anonymous upperclass student
received. The email was sent to
new students purporting to explain
“The truth about the Caltech student
treatment.”

To be honest, I was saddened to read Tech’s e-mail. It is best described as a three-page flyer.

It catalogs what one person perceives as a “weird, odd, illusory” of the house system and ends with a call to “boycott” the system.

If I had the opportunity to advise Tech, I would have urged him/her to offer constructive crite-

From the President’s Desk...
A call for free and open discourse within the Caltech community

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Election: Winner Obama, TKO
By Evans Boney CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Before I begin my adulation-filled pronouncement that Obama won the election last night with his astounding performance, let me explain the setup I had that puts me in position to say this. First of all, I watched CNN, which had a live poll of the undecided voters in Ohio's reactions to the candidate's every word. Secondly, I was live-blogging on my iPhone with the National Post, a Canadian newspaper, to get some foreign input. Finally, I've now had the time to look at the opinion headlines from conservatives the day after the race is over!

First and foremost, John McCain showed that he was erratic. Whether it was in his overzealous walking (who didn't notice that heavy breathing?), his chuckle that was the setup for his plans. His plan for social security? A hair plug joke that both make tough decisions. He told a jello plan. His plan for offshore drilling in his energy policy? An appeal to the middle from a specialty just wasn't. A quote from "Thoughtful American" on the NP live blog summed it up well: "McCain is doing his best, but the cracks show the desperate tactics of an erratic Maverick."

Secondly, Obama beat McCain's pants off on foreign policy. John McCain sounded exactly like his SNL parody when he said three times in a row: "I'll get him" about Osama Bin Laden. He didn't say how (and made it clear that he didn't intend to, not now, not ever) for the question about going into Pakistan. In addition, his attempt to chastise Obama for answering the question (as an inapt move for a commander) didn't fly with the CNN-meter. Finally, when asked about his plan in Iraq, McCain said that General Petraeus has the plan. Does he know he is about to be Petraeus's boss? Obama scored higher on every foreign policy issue except the Cold War on the CNN-meter, and post-debate analysis showed McCain favored 51-46 on who would handle foreign affairs better, just 0.5% outside the margins of error of the survey. So, McCain's only long-held advantage is now nearly a tie.

Thirdly, and of profound importance, is McCain's bold move on the economy. "No cool hand at the tiller" asks for $700b last week and another $300b this week. On the plus side, this was an appeal to the middle from a Republican presidential candidate! I have never seen this in my entire life, but it goes to show how pass-poor the free-market crowd are viewed these days. It's going to cost McCain dearly with his base. I predict that a full 5% of Republicans will be so unhappy with that proposal that they will stay home November 7. If the columns from the day after are any indication, this is one extremely unpopular plan with his base. It is reaching across the aisle, but I suspect those on the other hand will swing his hand away, at least until after the election.

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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
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ASCIT Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes October 9, 2008

Officers Present: Caleb Ng, Zachary Higbee, Christopher Watson, Trong-Lian "Will" Tsay, Eka Bhojwani, Angela Zahn, Michelle Jiang

Officers Absent: Swati Bhandari, Matt Czubakowski

Guests: none

Call to order: 22:40

President’s Report:
• Student Experience Trip update: SET went smoothly logistically, and the team members are satisfied that it was a worthwhile venture. They have met with some trustees, the Alumni Board, and VP Sargent. The ASCIT Board will meet with them later but they are still in process of discussing findings from trip. A preliminary set of recommendations will be ready around midterms. One thing that came out of it was that Caltech’s health insurance is one of the best around, but it is in process of review, as happens every ~2 years, and there is often talk about cutting costs.
• The ANG meeting with VP Sargent yesterday, will be in touch with plans for a movie series along the lines of movies you’re embarrassed to have never seen. Angela pointed out that Josh Weiner has received a collection of movies to be added to the ASCIT DVD Library, so Michelle will work on this with him. There was general assent to the Movie Chairs requesting funding for movies and activities surrounding them.
• Student Research: The universal remote has been broken and therefore the entire system is unusable. It is covered under warranty and has been sent in, but for now the room is closed and the connection changed. The Movie Chairs will help evaluate the security situation and recommend improvements.
• Communications Manager: Michael Missada is filling this new position on a trial basis. He will be responsible for being our first point of contact with the Tech. He will also collect email for a new AS CIT Digest and e-mail them out to him when he has received enough to fill an digest.
• Coffeehouse Hours: After a soft-launch last year, all ASCIT officers will be expected to be available for these office hours at the Coffeehouse. Caleb, Zack, and Michelle agreed to be available 10:30 pm – 11:30 pm Mondays; Chris, will, Eka, and Angela will be available 10:30 pm – 11:30 pm Tuesdays.
• donut: All officers should flesh out their webpages on donut, which currently only have templates, with duties and current projects and activities.
• SAC 15/15A: We are getting a desk in SAC 15, and we need to sort through and organize the documents and records stored in 15A so we can add to them in the future.

Vice President’s Report:
• Honor Code Task Force: This has been one of this summer’s projects. The target date for finalizing the task force’s charge and membership are next week. It will look at how the Honor Code is implemented practically and procedurally, with an eye on the BoE, CRC, and the Deans.

JHC Chairman’s Report:
• Rotation: It’s over!
• MOSH: Met with VP Sargent to discuss the charge to the committee. It should start meeting in the middle of this term, and a new MOSH is expected by the middle of winter term. The idea is moving the MOSH’s office back to the Olive Walk seems to be more solid.

ARC Chairman’s Report:
• Student-Faculty Conference 2009: The SFC committees will be selected soon, and Caleb notes that he would advise them to be selected by the end of October.
• Student Experience Conference Report: The SEC Report is near the end of the editing phase and stands at about 30 pages long. Will and Caleb will discuss how to release it offline.
• Undergraduate Research Opportunity Handbook and Caltech Catalog: ARC has acquired a few copies of the catalog and will place one in SAC 15. UROH is nearly ready, and will will continue to provide update on this.

Student-Faculty Lunches: There will continue to be three lunches per term.

Treasurer’s Report:
• Student-Faculty Lunch Requests: The Board unanimously agreed to delegate the approval responsibility for these lunches to Angela.

Little t: Angela will bring relevant details and records regarding costs, revenues, and past salaries and bonuses next week. She will recommend salaries and bonuses to the Board for next week.

Social Director’s Report:
• Caleb skipped over Eka on the agenda because he refuses to acknowledge her existence. Except when they go pick up Friday morning donuts, that is.
• TACIT Film Festival: Sr. Director Daily expressed interest in working with us to have barbecue on October 17 and November 1 before some of the films TACIT will be showing this month. Eka will meet with Club and Team Tech want to work with us on this, and she will talk to Daily. Andrea has offered advice in 23:45.
• Fripparty: There will be one this term after midterms because the Danish students are only here for one term. This will be the second Europarty under this administration.
• GoCrossCampus: The Risk tournament needs more participants or Caltech will be expelled. This will be publicized in the ASCIT Digest.

Freshman Director’s Report:
• Freshman Luncheon: The first one was held this past week and was deemed to be quite successful. Michelle will continue to work with Angela and the Athenaicum on this.

Discussion:
• Storage Space: A number of student clubs and organizations need storage space and have requested it in the SAC. Caleb will ask Daryl to evaluate possibilities, including the space ASCIT is using to store scaffolding for parties. Eka notes that it is on a South Master so it should not be considered secure storage.
• Parties: Eka noted that parties are being shut down early without notice or explanation to her. She will talk to Director Chang.
• Concert: The Alumni Association has set aside money for Interhouse and would be willing to put this toward this activity. Caleb will meet with them and possibly arrange a concert at the Tech.

Call to order: 22:40

Meeting adjourned: 23:45

Submitted by Michelle Jiang, Freshman Director at Large.
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**HELPING THE HOMELESS**

by Sarah Marzen

What would you do with $2,000?

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Po-Ling Loh faced, last year, her first homeless friend was Po-Ling Loh.

"The most that crossed Loh's mind."

"I had no idea how to spend the money," she said. Her first reaction was to "go crazy baking." Last year, she baked brownies, cookies, and muffins every week for the Electrical Engineering students in Moore's subbasement, one of the many small acts of random kindness that might have won her the award in the first place. But it seemed a little overboard to spend $2,000 on flour, eggs, butter, and sugar."

"Cathy Jurca [Master of Student Housing] thought I was buying a conventional oven," said Loh. Her older brother thought she could make a fund for other people's small acts of random kindness, but Loh wasn't sure that anyone with good intentions would show up to take the money. "By their very nature, aren't small acts of kindness supposed to go unnoticed?"

Three months later, she still hadn't spent any of her money. As the summer months wane, so does spare time. With so many homeless people sitting on street corners, each with his or her trademark shopping cart filled with belongings, "I had the urge to walk around and avoid them," admitted Loh. "A lot of us have been brought up to think that way...I thought there was something wrong about that."

One of her friends suggested buying meals for those homeless people, and Loh's obsession with homelessness was born.

**Vagabond Louie**

Loh's first homeless friend was "Vagabond Louie," so-called because Loh paid for her to stay a night in Vagabond Inn. This is even more desperate and desolate," said Loh.

"The first thing I said when I first saw it [Skid Row] was 'This isn’t Pasadena.' This is even more desperate and desolate," said Loh.

"Skid Row's inhabitants range from mentally ill to embarkered to just down and out of luck. Almost all the people I talked to there had been abused in some way. Some had well-to-do family members that they hadn't seen since they were children."

A few flashes of happiness permeate the atmosphere. One woman was getting ready for her wedding, another brings her child. But most of the happiness comes from the food, clothes, and company the ministry brings.

"Christ tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves," says Wilke. "This is just expanding the definition of neighbor."

**Next steps**

As the summer months wane, protests against the hotel desk clerk, Loh paid for Gaul and Calvin to stay at Westway Inn for one night. As Loh puts it, everything just seems to work out alright.

"Skid Row is far from the epicenter of homelessness. The infamous Skid Row in Los Angeles "houses" the largest stable population of homeless people in Los Angeles. The infamous Skid Row in Los Angeles "houses" the largest stable population of homeless people in Los Angeles."

"We made a beeline across the parking lot to talk to her," said Loh. "And the first thing she said was that we were ‘like angels who had dropped out of heaven.’"

"They offered to buy her a meal at Del Taco on the corner of Union Street and Lake Street, and Louise thanked them. 'It's the end of the month, so I'm as broke as the 10 Commandments,' she said.

"Louise told her that homeless people rode Metro Line 181 at night to avoid the unsafe streets and harsh open air. Loh and her friends, one early morning, rode the Metro Line 181, hoping to hand out muffins to the hungry homeless."

"Instead, she handed out a bread loaf given to her by an Armenian immigrant who was also on the bus. "The whole bus became more lively...like a party," said Loh. "It’s normally dead and depressing."

**Changing attitudes**

"Walking around Pasadena with Po-Ling Loh was, for me, an eye-opener to a completely different attitude towards the people around us. On our way back from Soup Plantation, we found Martha, a skinny senior lady in a flowery summer dress accompanied by a shopping cart filled with cardboard boxes.

"I keep them to sleep on," she says. "I hate it when it rains." Loh inquires after her family and what she spends her day at the corner of Lake and Del Mar. "I got over the fact that these people are homeless," says Loh. "There's nothing wrong talking to a homeless person."

"Still, Loh is the first to tell you about her fears and doubts. She'll describe how she ran towards Von's one early morning trying to find Gail, a skinny black woman that Stephen had briefly described to her; that she saw Gail with a male friend and ran into Von's in fear of her own safety, her heart racing."

"These stories end happily. Gaul and her male protector, Calvin, were able to travel across Pasadena with bus fare enough for only one person; against

"I have no idea," she admits. "I can't be a facilitator, a contact person...so that it's an outreach project and not just me."

"Loh isn’t even sure that she’s going about helping the homeless in the right way. “Is it worth it?” she muses. "There's nothing wrong talking to a homeless person."

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"There’s no last thing, there’s only so much you can do before the fund runs out."

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Dr. Oliver Eslinger came to be Caltech’s men’s basketball team coach, as mentioned in the press release last week, directly from MIT. As I’ve heard joked: it’s our latest prank on MIT.

As a former player of his back at the other Institute of Technology, reporter Evans Boney sat down with Eslinger to get a sense of his plans for Caltech basketball and his initial thoughts of the Pasadena area.

What is your coaching philosophy?

When it comes to coaching individual student-athletes, I believe in coaching the person first and the player second. It’s important to understand how my players think, how they tick, and what makes them go. I try to motivate individual players in different ways, like an effective teacher does in the classroom. From a team perspective, we want to achieve balance — become a great team all over the floor. Offensively, defensively, and in transition. In order to do this, we need to be in optimal shape, from a physical standpoint but, more importantly, a mental one. If we can learn to focus during our practices, work hard, and believe in ourselves, we will make great strides.

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What is your goal for the team this season?

If I have to choose one goal, it is for us to come together quickly and, as a program, earn our Ph.D.—Play Hard and Develop — as long as we practice hard (easier said than done) and with a purpose (physically and mentally), we will improve as players and as a unit, and that will translate to games and create a foundation for the future.

What changes have you made from last season under Roy Dow?

I am not in a position to comment on what has been done in the past. I just know that we have put together a tremendous staff of coaches and that we are all very excited to get started. There is an energy flowing through our coaches and players that is really pushing us to prepare for the season and enhance our future.

Who is your favorite basketball coach and why?

Tough question, as there are many. Someone else recently asked me that question. I guess the angle to take is, I have been influenced by several, just as I used various basketball players as my model for development when I was growing up.

What changes have you made from last season under Roy Dow?

Depending on the day, it may be John Wooden, Phil Jackson, Jerry Sloan, Coach K, Larry Anderson, Chuck Abba, or my youth coach, Jack Hale — either for motivational purposes, educational aspects, respect factors, etc.

Anything else you’d like to tell the Caltech community?

It’s an honor and a privilege to be here. I have been welcomed with open arms and already met many people on campus and in the surrounding areas. We want and need the support of students, faculty, staff, and administration.

Evans Boney
Staff Writer

The Weekly Scoreboard

Oct. 7
Women’s Volleyball at Pomona-Pitzer
L 3-0

Oct. 8
Men’s Soccer at Pomona-Pitzer
L 7-0

Oct. 10
Women’s Volleyball at Whittier
L 3-0

Oct. 11
Men’s Soccer at CMS
L 3-1

Women’s Volleyball continues struggles

The team dropped its last two matches 3-0, hampered by a foot injury to team captain Katie Peters (pictured above).
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