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A new underground movement has sprung up in the past weeks on the Caltech campus in the form of an alternative student newspaper: The Underground. The name evokes all sorts of thrilling possibilities. Secret societies. Student activism. Rebellion. Freedom. A student alternative paper like this is exactly what every college campus needs. Cambridge University publishes both the school paper The Varsity and the more student-oriented paper The Cambridge Student. Oberlin College, a top-tier liberal arts school, has an alternative student newspaper called The Grape which contains reviews on pornography and drug use, on top of primary paper The Oberlin Review. Can it be that we, a 900 undergraduate student body, are taking the grand step towards journalism bloom and student activism?

I’m sure that’s not the case. As I pick up the folded four to five pages of eight and a half by eleven inch papers of The Underground, I notice that it consists mostly of student poems, short stories, fiction, nonfiction(?), and opinion writing, which can all be generally classified as what I call musings. Indeed, reading through The Underground beyond page 1 reminds me of a walk through nature, philosophical musilations, and quirky wondertings: the steps my En85 Writing Poetry profes-

sor suggests students take prior to composing a poem.

Although The Underground tell short of my initial expectations, I realize it is still an exciting nov-

elty. It is an excellent venue through which all the B.S. (Bach-
elor of Science) English students can utilize the skills they are de-
veloping in their Hum classes. As a future Caltech student body, who will all obviously be

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written by same Anonymous 1 as last week

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Last week I wrote an edito-

rial saying that the Tech failed to print an article about Angela

Wood in a timely fashion, result-

ing in it being outdated and inap-

propriately uninformatrive by the
time the campus read it. I had a

key fact wrong, which was the length of time it waited before getting printed.

Chris Kennedy says the ar-
ticle was received Sunday, Jan 31, and printed Monday, February 8.

When I asked another pre-med (it’s not important who) on Feb-

ruary 10, I was informed that the article was submitted “2+ weeks ago.” Hong–Lian Yu, the au-

thor of the Feb 8 article, said he

submitted it on Sunday, Jan 31 in time for it to be printed in the issue released the following day.

However, there was not enough content, so printing was delayed a week.

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I was, however, really in-

trigued by how my critique was interpreted as a personal attack on the current editors (which is fun-

ny, because they hadn’t released any issues yet, not even the one I was criticizing). The person who read my article before it was printed and wrote a correspond-

ing editorial definitely seemed to feel this way.

Looking back, I’m sure I used the word “failed” too many times in my opener to be polite. That was a mistake. But when Anonymous2 argued that it was my fault that the Tech sucks (paraphrasing here), the reason being that I do not write for the

Tech… I feel like that bypasses the fact that I wrote an informa-
tive editorial which informed the Tech audience of everything I ac-

cused of it lacking in the previous issue.

While perhaps 1/4 of the article stated how terrible it was that this information was not released sooner, the rest stated exactly what I wish people had known sooner. I also hinted—nay, outright stated—that in the next (meaning this) edition of the Tech there would be a well-researched article (not written by me).

So I’d like to issue a pub-

lic apology. All I do is issue “anonymous ultimatums” (What? Where?) and imply that all tech editors suck. I have obviously never talked with pre-med about this, or tried to gather the infor-
mation I felt the community need to know. I never told Tech editors about this issue or wrote an article myself. I do nothing to improve what I think has great potential, and this really keeps me up at night. Oh, wait.

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The California Tech
ASCIT Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes
February 15, 2010

Outgoing Officers Present: Anthony Chong, Andrey Poletayev, Pallavi Gunalan, Michael Maseda, Laura Conwill, Nadia Iqbal

Incoming Officers Present: Adam Khan, Tim Black, Karthik Sarma, Chris Hallacy, Brian Merlob, Addie Rice

Outgoing Officers Absent: Maral Mazrooei

Call to order: 10:07 PM

President’s Report:
- Alums advising current students: Anthony spoke to a number of alums recently interested in starting a counseling program with current members of their houses.
- Muslim Students Association: We received an email from the Muslim Student Association earlier today regarding their designated prayer room. Anthony will look into this.

Officer Reports:
- V.P. of Academic Affairs (ARC Chair): Andrey Skyped with the people at Course Rank last Wednesday and will be talking with them in the near future regarding technical details.
- V.P. of Nonacademic Affairs (IHC Chair): The latest issue that has come up is Prefrosh Weekend. Tim, the new IHC chair, ran the prefrosh weekend meeting wonderfully. The plan is to have two days run by admissions and one day not run by admissions. There will be a Grand Buffet concert on Saturday. Student Affairs will sponsor a barbeque, and each house will have an event during the day on Saturday.
- Social Director: Nadia is happy to be turning over her responsibilities to Addie.
- Operations Director: The next step with the Big T is to design covers for the past issues.

*Incoming Operations Director:* The board games club needs temporary storage for its game collection. Mike suggests using the darkroom in the SAC.

Scheduling:
- Transitions dinner: The BoD transitions dinner at Tom Mannion’s house will be scheduled soon.
- Midnight donuts: The old and new BoDs will run second term midnight donuts together! Yay!
- New BoD meetings: BoD meetings will now be held Fridays at 12:10 on the Olive Walk.

Other business:
- The new BoD members were sworn in!

Meeting adjourned: 10:50 PM

IHC Weekly Meeting - Minutes
Ricketts House, February 16, 2010

Present: Tim Black (Chair), DK Lim (Av), Alex Lapides (Fl), Lucas Hartsough (Li), Daniel Kolodrubetz (Ru), Chris Whelan (Bl), Nick Rosa (Ri)
Absent: Andrew Price (Da), Paul Fleiner (Pa)

Guests: Pallavi Gunalan, Will Steinhardt, Andrey Poletayev

“Wow, you’re a nerd.” Kolodrubetz to Pallavi

DK Lim is the new Avery Chancellor

“This is going to be awesome” - Alex

Tim Black is the new IHC Chair.

Tim: Sign-ups for IHC Secretary go up next Monday (2/22) and come down Friday. The IHC will conduct interviews and then will appoint the new secretary.

Tim: PFW reps met with us last Thursday. Plan: 2 day program put on by Admissions on Thursday and Friday. Student affairs-sponsored Saturday. Grand Buffet will play after a bbq thanks to funding by the GNOME club. In past years houses have had 2 events during PFW. Now each house will have one event during the Thurs/Friday Admissions PFW, and one event during the Saturday. Clubs have also been asked to do events. There is not an official way for prefrosh to stay Saturday night, but if they know somebody or meet people that will let them stay, they can. On the PFW website, they will provide a link to our website. We’ll have to give them the schedule separate because they won’t put the schedules in the packets.

Whelan: When do we get the list of prefrosh email addresses?
Tim will check

Alex: What’s unofficial?
Tim: The night is unofficial, the day is sponsored by Student Affairs.
Lucas: And then they leave Sunday morning.
Tim: We can design what the link says so we can promote it how we want.
Pallavi: There will also be a dessert night because Admissions only let us have one house dinner. There will be a house dinner on Thursday and a dessert night during the hour and a half time allotted for the In’N’Out truck.
Rosa: So is it cheaper to have an In’N’Out truck and dessert night?
Pallavi: In’N’Out alone costs $5000-$7000...so no.
Rosa: So they didn’t change PFW because of the budget like they said.

Dan: OPI is coming up and we usually visit the other houses for dinner the week before. Can you send me your headwaiters’ dinner?

Rosa: My last IHC meeting. Woooooooooooooooh!
DK will kick Dan’s ass in shuffleboard.
DK: 10pm pizza tonight at Tom Mannions!
Lucas to Rosa: Do you have my plaque?
Rosa: Maayaaayye?
Rosa to Kolodrubetz: I broke your plaque. I’ll get you a new one.
DK: Karthik got sworn in on a painting of a Tiger with wings.
Pallavi: Because the ASCIT License plate was missing.

Minutes by Pallavi Gunalan
Solar Decathlon Team of Caltech

Curtain Falls the Last
Time For Pasadena
Playhouse

Endangered Beaver! In need of saving! Come to our meeting to help the cause.

twenty to thirty SCI-Arc students have been able to contribute consistently, the number of Caltech students who have been able to give a similar level of commitment is much lower.

According to Fei Yang—another student leader—a plan to institute a similar class is in place: “We are starting a nine-unit project class next term [currently Harry Atwater is one of the professors teaching such a class], and we want to know how many interested undergraduates are out there, preferably juniors and seniors with appropriate backgrounds.” The team is eager to have more students join, so if you think that you are interested in taking part in the project or learning more about the project class, you can e-mail Ben Kertz at bkurtz@caltech.edu or Fei Yang at kfxeyang@caltech.edu. In addition, the mailing list for the Solar Decathlon is solar-decathlon@ugcs.caltech.edu, and more information can be found on the current website, http://ESW.caltech.edu.

Solar Decathlon Team of Caltech and SCI-ARC

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Avery Interhouse: Monty Python and the Holy Grail

From the top: Justine Chia in head hole of a painting of Neal Bansal and "a girl"; dancing at Interhouse; Advertisement for the Monty Python themed Interhouse; Erin Flanigan DJ’s the Saturday party; Painting of green dragon
After a slip at the corner of the track with three laps remaining, the situation looked dire for Apolo Anton Ohno. The faux pas, which was not caused by contact from any of the other skaters, had caused him to fall into last place after a brief appearance in second place.

“When I moved up into second place, in my head I thought that the race was mine and I felt great,” he said. “Then I slipped and lost all my speed again. I saw everybody flying by me and I’m like, ‘Oh boy, there’s not a lot of time. I’m going to have to kind of crank it up.’” In the final three laps, he made up a significant amount of ground at a rapid pace, pulling ahead of both brothers to earn a bronze medal. “I really had to fight,” he said. “I can’t wait to watch the tape and see how I came back from last place to win bronze.”

With the gold and silver firmly out of place, Ohno knew he was fighting for a bronze medal. His rivals were none other than his longtime rivals Lee Jung-su and Lee Ho-suk, both of South Korea, and Charles and Francois Hamelin, brothers from Canada. The animosity between Ohno and the Koreans dates back to the Salt Lake City Games, where the South Koreans believe Ohno stole the gold medal from them in the 1,500 when Kim Dong-sung was disqualified for blocking presumably due to Ohno’s gesture of complaint. On the surface, there was no indication of any bad blood between Ohno and the Koreans after the event Saturday night. “I wouldn’t say that anything that happened in 2002 still mattered today. That was then and this is now,” Lee Ho-suk said through a translator. “That’s not any reason for us to defeat Apolo. We will focus on the present and try to beat Apolo.”

The third place finish made Ohno the most decorated U.S. Winter Olympian with seven career medals. Ohno now has two gold, two silver, and three bronze medals from his three Olympic appearances. Lee Jung-su of South Korea won his second gold medal of the games and teammate Lee Ho-suk claimed the silver. The Koreans have won four of the six short track speed skating medals that have been awarded thus far. It is clear, however, that Ohno is the crowd favorite in Vancouver. The whole stadium was filled with a frenzied red, white, and blue crowd for Saturday’s 1,000 meter short track race, leaving no doubt as to who the most popular athlete in Vancouver is. So, will there be another Olympic Games in the works for the great Apolo Anton Ohno? “It’s possibly my last Olympic Games.”

**Medal Count**

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- February 23, 2010
  Men’s Basketball
  vs. Whittier
  7:30 PM Senior Night

- February 26, 2010
  Baseball
  vs. Occidental
  2:30 PM

- February 27, 2010
  Track and Field
  vs. Rossi Relays @ CMS
  10:00 am
  Preview

- February 27, 2010
  Men’s Tennis
  vs. Whittier
  9:30 AM

- February 27, 2010
  Women’s Tennis
  at Whittier
  9:30 AM

- February 27, 2010
  Baseball
  at Occidental
  11:00 AM

- February 27, 2010
  Baseball
  at Occidental
  2:00 PM

The Weekend Scoreboard

- February 18, 2010
  Women’s Basketball
  61 Caltech
  54 Pomona-Pitzer

- February 20, 2010
  Baseball
  16 Claremont-M-S
  1 Caltech

- February 20, 2010
  Men’s Tennis
  9 Redlands
  0 Caltech

- February 20, 2010
  Men’s Basketball
  46 Caltech
  95 La Verne

- February 20, 2010
  Women’s Basketball
  37 Caltech
  73 La Verne

A win for Caltech against Pomona Pitzer on Women’s Senior Night
What’s That in the Air?

By James Wu

What’s that in the Air? Every time I come back to Caltech, I always notice something about this place. It’s an almost magical quality: the smell of masses of unwashed geeks outside of Comicon.

The pungent smell strikes my nose when I enter my House. I almost faint from the stringent odor, but my resilient body and strong will keep me standing. A particularly strong odor emanates from the area near my room, and I realize my neighbor must have taken his shoes off. At this point, even my hardened stomach lurches. In a dazzling display of mind over matter, I am able to keep my airline food down.

This got me to thinking. What is the cause of this aversion to water and soap? Could it be that my fellow students had traveled forward in time from the middle ages, and believed that regular bathing was unhealthy? Or was it possible that they only wanted to permanently recreate a medieval atmosphere? Perhaps they loved the Renaissance fair so much, they simply wanted to bring back a little piece of it, a fragrance?

I carefully looked around the campus again, and then realized where the source of this dark taint really lay. There were simply not enough of those wonderful substances that motivate all men. I’m talking about breasts, and those that carry them.

Once I had located the problem, I thought of ways to deal with it. The ideas I came up with, in order of awesomeness, are as follows:

1. Hire outside professionals to come to special get-togethers. These professionals, these heroes, these epitomes of femininity, choose the guys whose pains and aches they wish to treat. Guys that smell like a pile of dirty laundry (since they’ve been wearing the same shirt for a week) will have to either find a way to treat their own hurts, or make do with someone from Caltech.
2. Make everyone living in Pase 313, and all of Ruddock, walk through an automated car wash once a week. Their clothes must be burned and new ones delivered from charitable groups sympathetic to our plight.
3. Admit more biology majors.

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xkcd by Randall Munroe