WorldFest food fair displays cultural cuisine

BRANDON COMELLA
Staff Writer

On Thursday, hundreds of Caltech students, faculty, staff, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam. Many students skipped dinner at their houses and instead sampled the dozens of dishes that were offered. Students stacked their plates high with pupusas, egg rolls, kam toast, kimchi, and rice & beans, providing a more varied alternative to normal CDS dinner. Performances in the Culture Show were a hit, with various dances and musical acts. The Salsa Club showed off some of their moves, as did the Bollywood Film and Korean Pop groups. The Diabolo group showed off their Chinese yo-ying skills, and the Hulusi and Zither musicians provided the crowd with cultural melodies. In the middle of an Andean flutist’s performance of “El Condor Pasa,” the fire alarm sounded and the event organizers had everyone clear out of Avery. After about ten or fifteen minutes, the alarm was shut off and the Culture Show continued. International Caltech members seemed excited to recreate a part of their homeland to share with their fellow Techers. The common sentiment of those in attendance was that their efforts this year helped make the Food Fair one of the most successful events of the year.

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China restricts Easter
>500 worshippers were forced to stay in their homes in Beijing

Storms ravage St. Louis
200 mph winds – tornado destroyed homes but no major injuries

Assassinations in Iraq
3 Iraqi government officials were killed – monthly death toll rising

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<2 square miles of territory disputed by Cambodia and Thailand

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Reminder from the ARC

Faculty committee sign-ups:

Serving on a committee is an excellent way to give back to Caltech and help your fellow students; perhaps more than anything else on campus, these committees have to power to make enormous changes in academic life. If you would like to get involved in academic affairs, this is a great way to do so, while meeting and interacting with faculty members.

For more information, check out: http://www.ugcs.caltech.edu/~arc/committees.php.
Also, feel free to contact Margaret Chiu (mchiu@caltech.edu), any ARC member, or a previous appointee for more information about any of these committees.

Signups come down on Wednesday, April 27!

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ASCIT minutes

ASCIT Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes by Laura Santoso
April 17, 2011
Officers present: Chris Hallacy, Margaret Chiu, Laura Connwell, Diego Caporale, Marie Zubia, Prakriti Gaba, Laura Santoso
Officers absent: None
Call to order: 10:07pm
President’s Report:
1. PFW Weekend: Was a bit unorganized though we managed to pull it together. Should document what we do and make a “How to” guide on how to run various events to make things easier in the future
2. Trustees: The Trustee dinner was today and there is a campus walkthrough on 4/19
3. Donut: There are complaints about donut, it is in need of a huge revamp and we need to get the word out about donut. We need additional dev team members to complete this project at the end of the year. Quality assurance is necessary.

Officer’s Reports:
1. VP of Academic Affairs (ARC Chair):
   a. Student Faculty Conference (SFC): Need to make sure the SFC reports are completed
   b. Faculty committee: Interviews are May 7
   c. Option mentoring program: Want to instate an option mentoring program so people can talk to other people in their major. Option socials will be held next term so frosh can ask questions and find out about advisors
   d. Prof of the month: Starting “Prof of the Month,” will have nominations and a committee to review nominations. The winning professor will get a gift/thank you card and a blurb will go on the Olive walk board.
   e. Website: Working on making the ARC website better and keeping an archive so people can follow up on course concerns
   f. Shadow grades: Received the survey response for first term frosh shadow grades and 95/140 people want shadow grades
   g. Other: ARC/dean meeting is soon, surveys for core courses are out, student faculty lunches were successful, encouraging groups of 2-4 students to use Take A Prof to Lunch
2. VP of Non-Academic Affairs (IHC Chair):
   a. Housing protest: The protest went smoothly, the group working with Annella Sargent (Annella task force) has been working on following through with post-protest negotiations. Additionally, there will be no Trustee protest because the Trustees are very aware the protest occurred and doing it again would likely hurt.
3. Director of Operations:
   a. PFW: The club fair pulled through. A layout of the tables/inflatables/vendors should be made for next year. Also should consider having the previous year’s Ops director primarily organize the club fair b/c he/she will know what’s going on and have the new Ops assist
   b. Yearbook: Had a Big T meeting. Diego is checking to see if Big T can have the room next to the Tech editor’s room to work in. The yearbook company was called and the yearbooks will come out in September.
4. Treasurer:
   a. ASCIT Formal funding: Talked to Demetrius (head of finances) about the funding we have gotten in previous years and it looks like we will get funding for the formal
   b. ASCIT Formal Security: Will contact security so that we can bring Tech security guards to the ASCIT Formal instead of the boat’s security guards
5. Social Director:
   a. Movie Night: Will plan an on campus movie night with popcorn, should have good attendance because it’s free
   b. ASCIT Formal:
      i. Bussing is being taken care of
      ii. Caltech students will definitely get priority in attending the formal, is considering the rule for off campus guests
      iii. Two student photographers will be hired
5. Social Director:
6. Secretary:
   a. Scheduling: Club funding meeting is this Saturday (4/23) from 10am-4pm. Hallacy will change donut privileges so that the whole BoD can see about advisors
   b. ASCIT Formal, is considering the rule for off campus guests
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   d. Waiting for tickets to be printed
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Meeting adjourned: 11:11pm
Joy Lin
Staff Writer

As Caltech students are required to pay board, we’re used to the idea of all-you-can-eat dinners. But how about buffets with quality food? If you like Japanese food and LOVE sushi then Todai is the place for you.

It’s located inside Santa Anita Mall, which you’ve probably been too if you’ve ever seen a movie at their AMC Theaters. Starting on the other side of the Pacific Ocean, the restaurant became wildly popular and opened up chains all across America.

The best things about this place are its selection and freshness. Unlike other Asian buffets, which try to entice you with low prices but offer bad food, Todai is all about quality.

I had walked past the restaurant many times before and always wanted to try it out. The outside has a nice, cheery feel. When I entered I was greeted by the traditional Japanese “Irashaimase!” and quickly seated.

One of the first things I noticed was just how long their buffet table was, extending almost two-thirds of the length of the restaurant! I think one of the reasons why buffets are so enticing to some people—besides the fact that you can eat until you’re bursting—is that you can see the food before you choose it. I grabbed a plate and set off to explore the sushi section. There must have been at least 25 different types of sushi to choose from, including generously cut portions of sashimi, traditional rolls, crazy rolls with zesty sauces, and custom made handrolls you can order and watch being made! Even before taking one of each I had already filled my plate.

Other buffets may offer a sushi table, but sushi is rarely their main focus. So, the quality suffers. At Todai there are no fewer than five people making sushi nonstop! Each piece of sushi is fresh, filled with taste, and 100% enjoyable.

I tried their udon next and loved how chewy the noodles were. On the other side they also had a long selection of cooked foods including crab legs, salmon, Asian style chicken and beef, fried blue crabs, salads, and kimchi. Their tempura was also really good and very crunchy—especially the shrimp and yams.

Next were the desserts. While the selection was limited compared to the rest of the restaurant, each piece was very delicious. They’re famous for their green tea ice cream, which I found had just the right amount of sweetness and creaminess. Each cup is tiny but packed with flavor. It’s actually so popular that you can buy some to take home!

In all, the lunch will be $20 a person. That’s quite expensive but for all the seafood you can eat, it’s definitely worth it.

If there’s a special occasion (birthday or anniversary) your date will definitely be impressed. They also have a cool deal where you can receive a coupon for one free meal on the next visit if you go on your birthday. It’s also more enjoyable the more people you go with and I saw many tables with more than four people.

Thus, if you’re headed to the mall anyways, why not start off your shopping experience with stop by Todai?

Todai offers a dizzying array of sushi options, so make sure to come with an empty stomach. - www.pasadenaweekly.com

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Arcadia, CA 91007
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Anyway, I'm starting a Caltech Graduate Student Union, and have asked the UAW to send me the information to begin unionization, which I will present at the May GSC board meeting. I plan to file a former labor complaint with the NRLB regarding Caltech's abuse of its graduate student employees, cutting our mental health benefits year after year, even as students kill themselves at a nationwide-high rate. Taking money designated to support our research and stashing it in the endowment while cutting our benefits. Our graduate dean, supposedly having the ear of the students, is happy as long as we come out of graduate school with about as much debt as we came in that's a lot for most of us. Our school's president and administrators don't take to the nation's airwaves to defend graduate student funding here, even as members of congress make it known that we are "discreet" and dispensable.

They don't show off what the stimulus funding has bought, and so the public feels rightly cheated giving private institutions like Caltech money when they are acting like a hedge fund rather than a university. They can't... because it's hiding in their own private hedge fund the endowment. It's certainly not in the new student center on campus. Which is... where? Winnett? Seriously? What are we, a 500-person middle school? There are 2400 students here, where is Caltech's student center? I love the gym... but let's get serious. We're being seriously ignored. Let's see if our administrators feel as comfortable ignoring graduate students when they know we mean business.

Yale Graduate Student and Employees (like James Franco!) have had a nationwide unionization struggle since the mid-1990s. Since they began, their net wages have risen and healthcare benefits have improved. Over the same period, our net wages have fallen and our healthcare benefits have been slashed (to say nothing of other, former benefits). I haven't asked President Chameau, but I bet I know what's first on the chopping block to help balance the budget next year. No union, No rights!

(Wesley Yu is a Caltech Jr. Student, and an active member of the Caltech Graduate Student Union Council.)

Julienne puts gourmet flair in breakfast classics

Sandwiched between a tiny parking lot and a salon is a restaurant called Julienne’s. Julienne’s is unique in that it only serves breakfast and lunch. Julienne’s is situated in scenic San Marino, making it the perfect spot for a Caltecher to just sit back and relax. Hours: Breakfast – Mon-end time. Beware however, because they do not follow the Honor Code.

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One perk that I haven’t mentioned yet is the outside seating. Especially during this time of year, the front patio is screened from the sun and surrounded by old-style ivy climbing the brick pillars. It’s a great place to sit outside, enjoy living in SoCal, and have a great breakfast.

Location: San Marino (specifically, 2649 Mission Street, Pasadena, CA 91108)
Hours: Breakfast – Mon-Thu 7am-10:45am; Sat-7:30am-11:15am. You just have to put your name on the list/be seated by the end time. Beware however, because there can sometimes be a line as it gets later in the morning.

Quality: GetTheCrème Brulee French toast. Seriously.

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Caltech faculty elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Seven Caltech faculty have been elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences: Frances H. Arnold, Raymond J. Deshaies, Scott E. Fraser, Yizhao T. Hou, Jonathan N. Katz, Hugh David Politzer, and Yuk L. Yung.

The Caltech scientists join 212 new members of the academy, which is one of the nation’s most prestigious honorary societies and a leading center for independent policy research.

Members contribute to academy studies of science and technology policy, global security, social policy and American institutions, the humanities, and education.

“The entire Caltech community takes great pride in our colleagues being elected to this vital American institution,” says Caltech president Jean-Lou Chameau. “The diversity of their fields demonstrates the breadth of Caltech’s impact on society.”

Among the 2011 class of scholars, scientists, writers, artists, and civic, corporate, and philanthropic leaders are winners of the Nobel, Pulitzer, and Pritzker prizes, the Turing Award, MacArthur and Guggenheim fellowships; Kennedy Center Honors; and Grammy, Golden Globe, and Academy awards.

Since its founding in 1780 by John Adams, James Bowdoin, John Hancock, and other scholar-patriots, the academy has elected leading “thinkers and doers” from each generation, including George Washington and Benjamin Franklin in the eighteenth century, Daniel Webster and Ralph Waldo Emerson in the nineteenth, and Albert Einstein and Winston Churchill in the twentieth. The current membership includes more than 250 Nobel laureates and more than 60 Pulitzer Prize winners.

The new class will be inducted at a ceremony on October 1 at the academy’s headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

This article comes courtesy of Caltech Today, found at http://today.caltech.edu. The author of the original piece is Kathy Switil.
Caltech students recognized for excellence in community leadership

The Associate Dean of Students will host a lunch at the Athenaeum in May to honor and recognize this year’s winners of the leadership awards:

Frederic W. Hinrichs, Jr. Memorial Award:
Timothy Black and Andrew Price

Timothy Black and Andrew Price are the joint winners of the 2011 Hinrichs Memorial Award. This award is given in memory of Frederic W. Hinrichs, Jr., who served for more than 20 years as Dean and professor at the Institute. The award bearing his name is made annually to the seniors who throughout their undergraduate years have made the greatest contributions to the student body and whose qualities of character, leadership, and responsibility have been outstanding.

Mabel Beckman Prize:
Elizabeth Mak and Menglu Jiang

Elizabeth Mak and Menglu (Michelle) Jiang are the joint recipients of the 2011 Mabel Beckman Prize. This award is given in memory of Mrs. Beckman’s many years of commitment to Caltech’s educational and research programs. This award is for academic excellence and outstanding leadership skills, a commitment to personal excellence, good character, and a strong interest in the Caltech community.

Bibi Jentoft-Nilsen Memorial Award:
Donatela Bellone

Donatela Bellone is this year’s winner of the Bibi Jentoft-Nilsen Memorial Award. This prize is given in memory of Bibi Jentoft-Nilsen, Caltech ’89, an exceptional student leader. After her untimely death in 1990, a fund was established to recognize outstanding student leaders.

Doris Everhart Service Award:
Qing Yu Weng

Qing Yu (Christina) Weng was selected as the recipient of the Doris Everhart Service Award. This award is given annually to an undergraduate who has actively supported and willingly worked for organizations that enrich student life, and the campus or community as a whole, and who has, exhibited care and concern for the welfare of students on a personal basis.

Deans’ Cup and Campus Life and Master’s Award:
Wesley Yu, Aarathi Minisandram, and Lucas Hartsough
Jenny Xiong, Paul Fleiner, Will Steinhardt, and Flora Li

Deans’ Cup and Campus Life and Master’s Award are presented to undergraduates whose concern for their fellow students has been demonstrated by persistent efforts to improve the quality of undergraduate life and by effective communication with members of the faculty and administration. Wesley Yu, Aarathi Minisandram and Lucas Hartsough will receive the 2011 Deans’ Cup, while Jenny Xiong, Paul Fleiner, Will Steinhardt, and Flora Li will be awarded the Campus Life and Master’s Award.

Mari Peterson Ligocki ‘81 Memorial Award:
Saurabh Pandey

Saurabh Pandey was selected as the recipient of this year’s Mari Peterson Ligocki ‘81 Memorial Award. The Mari Peterson Ligocki ‘81 Memorial Award is made to one student who through his or her personal character, has improved the quality of student life at Caltech. It recognizes the student who provides quiet support and kind encouragement to peers. This fund was established by Mr. José E. Helo Jr. ’79 to honor the memory of Mari Peterson Ligocki, ’81, who possessed these qualities.

The Lucy Guernsey Service Award:
Hannah Liu and Casey Jao

Hannah Liu and Casey Jao are the recipients of this year’s Lucy Guernsey Service Award. The Lucy Guernsey Service Award was established by the Caltech Y ExComm in honor of Lucy Guernsey, the Y’s Executive Director from 1989-1991. The award is given annually to one or two students who have provided exceptional service to the Y and/or the community and exemplify a spirit of service.

Frank Teruggi Memorial Award:
Kathryn Brennan

Kathryn Brennan will be awarded the Frank Teruggi Memorial Award. The Frank Teruggi Memorial Award was established in 1998 by friends and classmates of the late Frank Teruggi, a Caltech undergraduate who was murdered in Chile in 1973, during the military coup led by Augusto Pinochet. The annual award honors the spirit of Frank’s life, especially “in the areas of Latin American Studies, radical politics, creative radio programming, and other activities aimed at improving the living conditions of the less fortunate.”
Bratwurst, Cracker Jacks propel Caltech baseball team to near victory

With the scent of sausages wafting through the afternoon air and a bag of Cracker Jacks in every hand, Beaver baseball took the field once again on Saturday to take on the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens. Defending back-to-back conference championships, Pomona led this season's series with Tech 3-0 and appeared to expect an easy walk to victory.

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Alas, Pomona returned to winning form and quickly took advantage of the Beaver's fading pitching. Their bats rebounded, plating two runs in the fifth inning to tie the game 3-3; while the early replacement of Pitzer's starting pitcher, Guy Stevens, left the Beavers struggling to answer offensively.

The Sagecocks pounded the Beavers in the sixth inning, chasing Rosenberg and notching up 8 runs for a comfortable 11-3 lead. Tech responded with a rally of their own, two innings later, with Brendan Sheehan and Heavey both recording 2-RBI hits to bring the game to 11-7 and inspire hope once more in the hearts of all present. But, there would be no fireworks on this day, as Pomona responded with three runs of their own and closed out the game at a final score of 14-7.

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BLAINE MATULEVICH
Baseball, All Around Cool Guy

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This week in sports quotes...

“Awwww look: little Blaine Matulevich is on deck. Look at him with his big boy bat and his big boy shoes and his little boy pants.”

- Me, trying to give commentary for the baseball game...

“And how is this ‘basketball’ played, exactly?”

- Overheard in Braun Gym

Weekly Scoreboard

April 23, 2011

Baseball
vs. Pomona-Pitzer
L, 14-7 Final

Women’s Water Polo
vs. Whittier
L, 24-3 Final

Women’s Tennis
vs. La Verne @ Pasadena, CA
L, 7-2 Final SCIAC Championship

April 22, 2011

Baseball
at Cal Lutheran
L, 24-0 Final - 7 innings

Future Events

April 29, 2011

Track & Field
at SCIAC Championships - Prelims
(Pomona Pitzer)
3:15 p.m.

Women’s Water Polo
vs. Occidental @ Los Flores Park
1:30 PM SCIAC Championship Tournament, hosted by La Verne

Baseball
at La Verne
3:00 PM

April 30, 2011

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at SCIAC Championships - Finals
(Pomona Pitzer)
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Women’s Water Polo
vs. SCIAC Championships @ Los Flores Park, La Verne, CA
A look at prefrosh

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Many prefrosh have joyfully declared their intention to come to Caltech next year, barring any later acceptances from Harvard or MIT. The reasons these prefrosh chose Caltech varied widely.

“When I saw Mountain Dew in a Coke machine, I was sold,” said Dewey Hill of Iowa. “I am extremely happy. Harvard can regret not letting me in when I personally pwn them on the Putnam.”

Nise No of Japan quickly stated, “Watashi wa osoraku kodokude hōmushikku ni shibaraku no ma kanjitte iku ndakedo, karera wa watashi ni ankana bideogēmu o yakuusoku!”

“I heard Caltech’s ratio was 3:1. I love the idea of not being a nameless person in a huge lecture hall for freshman classes,” said Prefrosh 212 of Somewhere.

Massachusetts-native Greg Holmes said, “With so many socially awkward people, I can finally get away with acting like House.”

When told motives similar to the one given by Greg Holmes, many current students rolled their eyes and wondered aloud about how those types of people were admitted.

However, for the other reasons, undergrads happily mentioned the fact the prefrosh signed away their souls for the next four years. They often quickly followed up with a “Mshahahaha!”

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