Additional RAs to be hired

MOYA CHEN Staff Writer

One year after the expansion of the graduate resident associate (RA) program and the addition of Area Coordinators (ACs) to the North and South Houses, the Deans' Office once again approved an increase in the number of RAs in student housing. Ricketts, Page, and Ruddock Houses, as well as the off-campus Braun House, will each add another RA in the coming academic year. These new RAs will come at the cost of several on-campus spaces for each house. In return, they will bolster the support network and decrease the student-to-RA ratio according to the goals outlined in the 2011 Mental Health Task Force report.

The Deans viewed more graduate RAs as the most appealing method of strengthening the Caltech safety net. A survey of the student body demonstrated strong confidence in the existing RA program. "We had a response from approximately 450 undergraduates with over 70% approval for the RAs in a variety of different categories," explained Lesley Nye, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Students. "It became quite evident that the students love their RAs and think they fit well into the institutional support network. The idea is that since we know that students value RAs so much, why wouldn't we want to provide more of them so that they could cover more people?"

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- Dean Nye

Part of the motivation behind the expansion of the RA program stems from the report of the Mental Health Task Force convened in 2009 to reevaluate the support network at Caltech. The committee issued a report in 2011 which targeted a student-to-RA ratio of 50 to 1 and advocated that "each student should know and see his RA/AC on a regular basis." The report also looked at causes of undergraduate stress and called for an increased number of faculty in residence in undergraduate housing.

Some students have raised concerns over losing valuable on-campus beds to make room for the new RAs. However, these concerns will likely be mitigated in the long run. "I understand there's frustration about losing space," Dean Nye noted, "but I think the added benefits outweigh the costs...We'll be gaining on-campus beds with Bechtel even if we don't give the rooms back."

Additional RAs form only one part of the deans' plans to increase the strength of the Caltech safety net.

There have been concerns that the upper-class counselor (UCC) program is not uniform across the eight Houses. In the fall, before the start of term, the UCCs will be asked to attend a three-day, intensive training program lead by Taso Dimitriadis, Residential Life Coordinator (formerly Area Coordinator) of the South Houses, and Jennifer Howes of the counseling center.

This is one part of long-term plans for development of the UCC program. The idea of augmenting the UCC system with undergraduate RAs has been floated around for some time. Undergraduate RAs would serve to lower the RA-to-student ratio without impacting the number of on-campus beds.

When asked about this possibility, Dean Nye responded, "I would want, and this is by no stretch of the imagination a promise, for us to develop and structure a program in such a way that we could have a mix of both graduate and undergraduate RAs. But before we can do that, we have to be able to hold all off the UCCs of all of the houses to the same standards...We also want to have a careful program assessment before we can determine just what sort of combination of undergraduates and graduates is ideal for Caltech overall."

Caltech Victories

AUDREY LIU Contributing Writer

On Saturday April 21st, seven teams of Techers went out to Google LAX in Venice, California to compete in the annual Google Games, which debuted in LA for the first time last year. After snuggling the first, third, and fourth places in the Games’ inaugural year, Caltech obliterated the competition, which included USC, UCLA, and UC Irvine, yet again, by taking five of the top seven places; Team Beavers, comprised of sophomores Angela Gong, Atharva Vaish, David Ding, Mike Qian, and Kalpana Sarasaeth, earned their second consecutive first place finish, with Surasek replacing Michael Yurko from last year. Teams Lloyd and DEI (Donkey Eats It) originally tied for second, after a thrilling Google Doodle Pac-Man match, ‘Lloyd’ ultimately secured second place.

The Google Games tested teams’ abilities in four sections: geek trivia, puzzles, Lego building, and coding, earning stars in each of these rounds counted towards a total point value. Geek trivias quizzed competitors’ knowledge of nerd pop culture, while the puzzle portion included Pokemon and DDR puzzles. The teams then built a Lego bridge and were awarded for span and height. Ben Razon of Team Animal Crossing, said, “Figuring out that our bridge would be more sturdy sideways... was a novel idea that we came up with because we were able to synthesize things together effectively.” Finally, the coding portion entailed writing algorithms to solve problems on Google Code Jam. David Ding of Team Beavers said, “Strangely, I think [this was] the hardest part for us... which isn’t [what] you’d expect from five CS majors.”

Despite some trouble in the Lego and coding rounds, Team Beavers performed well enough to pull off a win. For their victory, each member of Team Beavers took home a Google Chromebook, while Lloyd and DEI received Google lava lamps and binary clocks, respectively.
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ASCIT Minutes
Minutes April 16, 2012. Taken by Laura Santoso
Officer’s present: Chris Hallacy, Pushpa Neppala, Christian Rivas, Diego Caporole, Mario Zubia, Prakriti Gaba, Laura Santoso

President’s Report
1. Board of Trustees: a Trustee meeting is April 23, with the campus/house walkthrough on April 24.
2. Leadership Summit: This is a leadership training session for every type of student leader on campus. Will likely be scheduled for May 12 from noon to dinnertime.
3. Dean’s office/Room picks: Trying to figure out why students are leaving the houses and living off campus.
4. Faculty Board Meeting: Was primarily about freshman seminars. They are looking at how having both freshman seminars and a unit cap effects the classes freshmen take.
5. Bechtel Committee: Second round of house town halls to get opinions about the new residence are almost done. The current options are freshman housing, sophomore housing, and unaffiliated/OCA housing. The committee has until May to make recommendations.

Officer’s Reports
1. ARC (Pushpa)
   a. New Menu Class: The curriculum committee is considering adding EST2 for next year (energy, science, and technology).
   b. CCTL (Caltech Center for Teaching and Learning): There are two candidates for the head of the new teaching and learning center and final decisions will be made soon.
   c. SFL: Next student faculty lunch will likely be May 1.
   d. ASCIT teaching awards: decisions will be made in a couple of weeks.
   e. Committee appointments: Sign-ups for the general student body to be on ARC SFC committees will go out soon.
2. IHC (Christian)
   a. Sign-ups: Revcomm chair, food com chair, interhouse athman, and stewardship committee sign-ups are now out. Interviews will have happened by last weekend.
   b. Formal Dinner: dining is thinking about making formal dinners for several houses at Chandler, instead of individual house dinners.
   c. Resident Life Coordinators/RAs: the committee is scheduling interviews for the applicants.
3. Director of Operations (Diego).
4. Social Director (Prakriti)
   a. Movie Night: There will be an ASCIT movie night May 11 (Friday) to see the Avengers.
   b. Another social event?: Thinking about organizing a Caltech flash mob.
I know for a fact that I would have had more problems in a frosh-only house...In high school, I was never "forced" into a social environment with people who were like me in many ways, and it ended with multiple suicide attempts.

Chronic stress is known to increase the risk of depression—and it would be hard to argue that college students, and Caltech students in particular, are not under significant stress...
I am a junior running for ASCIT President in the 2012-2013 Election. I've been on the Board of Directors for two years now, initially as Secretary and currently, as Social Director. With such consistent involvement in the BoD, I've had the opportunity to work with several prior ASCIT presidents first-hand, both to discuss such interaction even further by inviting more well-known scientists, physicians, economists, business leaders, and politicians so that you can learn about the work and experience of successful people in your field today, instead of being limited to those solely in the Caltech 'bubble.' In addition, I will continue to supervise and participate in social events without allocating our entire budget on them. There will be another, even more successful ASCIT Formal.

We will have Midnight Donuts at your convenience. As a junior at Caltech, I know that Caltech can be stressful. I want to help relieve some of your stress, and making sure that fun and interesting social events are planned throughout the year will be another one of my goals. Furthermore, I will work consistently with the IHC to promote interhouse interaction. Caltech admits a select few students each year to study among the best of the best in the world. It’s a shame that a wanning amount of interhouse interaction keeps all of us from getting to know each other better. Though I completely support the house system, I also think that a bit more interhouse communication will enhance our time at Caltech. I will also make sure that other ASCIT services are consistently available for you. Of course, this includes bagels once per week! But I would also like to arrange for new gym and workout equipment, and a well-equipped ASCIT Screening room. I will work in collaborations with the Caltech Development Office and the Dean’s Office to improve the Caltech website, and I want to increase awareness of the variety of scholarships and funding available to students, including that from the Alumni Association. Perhaps most importantly, I want to be available to you for your opinions. I encourage you to come to our open BoD meetings to get to know pressing issues around campus. I welcome you to contact me any time to discuss any problems or requests. If elected to the position of ASCIT President, I will listen to you, lead, and advocate for you.

Over the past two and a half years, you've helped me become a better leader. Now, let me make Caltech a more enjoyable and fulfilling experience for you.
Ishan Khetarpal Candidate

It is often said of big, bureaucratic governments that "the left hand does not know what the right hand is doing." In my time on the ARC thus far, I have found that surprisingly, such a statement is also very applicable in a small, loosely organized institute such as ours.

We see this manifestation in our otherwise excellent curriculum for example, most students taking PH 001B require vector mathematics that is not taught until the following term. We also see this manifestation in our faculty meetings. Last month, the Curriculum Committee has successfully done the impossible, by passing a resolution to implement a reduced core curriculum while simultaneously voting overwhelmingly against the concept of a core curriculum reduction. At the end of the day, the student is the one who is baffled by this situation—faced with 100+ pages of reading from each of four classes, how do you know what you are actually supposed to do?

That is not to say, however, that the quality of academics at our institution is anything short of excellent. Rather, I assert that the manner of its delivery should live up to the same reputation. As a young mind entering Caltech, I have come to for classes that challenge and stretch my limits, faculty and professors who constantly found new, innovative ways to make sure that each and every student got a top-notch learning experience. The shortcomings of the latter motivated my migration to ARC work in the first place.

Such is the story with many ARC members. I wish to clarify that I am honored with the role of ARC Chair, but overnight change is improbable, I will ensure (1) close involvement of the student body to gather feedback, and (2) measurable concrete strides in these directions.

In the last year, my work on the Caltech Student Faculty Liaison Committee (CSCLC) has led me to examine very closely the role of a student representative. From the moment I started on the committee, it became very clear very fast that I was involved in shaping something that had been in the pipeline for several years. However, as it became clearer to me that there were a variety of students with a variety of opinions, I worked with the chair to (1) visit all eight undergraduate houses for town hall meetings and (2) carefully engineer quantitative metrics to ensure both agreed that this is an important issue that needed to be addressed at the institutional level. Over the next several months, after consulting with resources from academic institutions all over the country, it was decided that the step in a solution would be the establishment of a Caltech Center for Teaching and Learning (CCTL). Similar centers have systematically improved academic quality at our sister institutions, MIT and Stanford, and I remain convinced that the CCTL will make similar innovations here. Just last week, I spent several days meeting with finalist candidates to staff the upcoming CCTL. I am proud to announce that our institute's center will be opening in the fall, and I take a great amount of pride in seeing my vision transformed into reality.

The demands I face as ARC Chair will vary. Nevertheless, I am very confident in my ability to interface with the student body, set goals based on its feedback, and most importantly, deliver concrete results out of these. I am aided in this endeavor with close friends in all House and firm contacts in all facets of the administration.

If you have any questions, I encourage you to contact me at ihkt@caltech.edu. I hope that you will take careful consideration in the election of this important position, and regardless of the result, I am forward to serving you in the coming year.

"The truth shall make you free." ~ Institute Motto

Mahati Mokkarala Candidate

Hello my name is Mahati Mokkarala, a junior from Fleming House who is interested in running for ARC Chair (Core Curriculum Steering Committee) Chair for the next upcoming year. I’ve been on the ARC committee since the end of last year as an ARC Representative-at-Large and during my time at the ARC I’ve been involved with the SFL (Student-Faculty Lunch Program), helping organize 3 student-faculty lunches a term. The ARCStudent- Faculty Lunches were and still are an excellent way for students to meet with faculty from different backgrounds in an informal setting. I helped plan and organize these events all last year including sending out all of those invitations and replies from the archmandude, gmail, making sure students got to sit with the professor they wanted to get to know and get an x amount of interested undergraduate students, as well as help order enough (usually too much!) food for the entire event. With this experience, I got to interact more with professors ranging from the humanities and social sciences to math/physics and further realized how fulfilling it is to encourage and improve Caltech undergraduate student life by encouraging more faculty-student informal social interaction. Organizing the ARC SFAs further made me interested in trying out for the ARC chair position; honestly, by helping streamline and popularize this Faculty Lunch event, I recognized that I had the leadership potential and interest in upholding and improving, in any way possible, the student-faculty informal social experience here at Caltech.

After being on the ARC for around a year, I’ve come up with some ideas on how to further improve the ARC Committee. Some ideas I’ve been thinking about include increasing student-faculty TA-based social interaction by perhaps organizing a sort of social event like the student-faculty lunch program so that TAs will get to know more about the students they are helping teach. I’ve honestly noticed that TAs who know Caltech undergraduate well or who used to be a Caltech undergraduate are generally some of the better if not the best TAs. Some other ideas I’ve been thinking of recently include implementing a town hall meeting every term to allow the ARC Chair to be like the core-reform town hall meetings where the ARC members on the Core Curriculum Steering Committee informed students about new changes to Caltech’s Core Curriculum. Instead of focusing exclusively on Core, these house ‘town-hall meetings’ would allow house ARC Representatives and Representatives-at-Large from other houses to meet with a larger group of students and discuss about what the ARC has done this term in terms of course concerns and improving Caltech academic life. Another key issue the ARC is focusing on this term is promoting more undergraduate year long research like MIT does with its PRIMES program. I am also extremely interested in this program as honestly I feel extremely passionate about research and my summer commitment. Honestly my main motivation for running is a chance to help maintain and push forward ARC Chair in any way possible, by becoming ARC Chair I have the chance to make a difference for the Caltech undergraduate population.

Malviya Verma Candidate

Look in your email inbox. See anything including the email address: arcmandude@gmail.com? Well, that’s me.

My name is Malviya and I’m running for ARC Chair. The ARC does a lot. It is the student liaison to the faculty for academics, the organizer of option fairs and other informative events, and the body that makes sure that our sisters and brothers are of the quality that a Caltech education should be.

As ARC Chair, I will not only do the standard duties of running student-faculty lunches, organizing the Option Fair, and serving on various committees—all of which I have already done extensively in the past—but I will also make sure that our voice is heard when it comes to academics. You may have met me at the Core Curriculum townhall meetings. This sort of outreach, via house events, surveys, and open meetings, is exactly what I plan on doing as ARC Chair. I want to know your opinions so I can fully represent you at Faculty Board meetings and at meetings with the deans.

We all know about the new core. As a Core Curriculum Steering Committee representative, I have the experience and the connections to go to VP programs. I’ve understood the faculty’s point of view when it comes to their concerns, so I think it’s important, that as students stand up for what we value in a Caltech education. We need a good, strong Core, backed with quality teaching—so as ARC chair, I will reopen the discussions involving Core with the faculty to make sure that our education matches what we think is important.

Thank you for reading my candidate statement and I look forward to (hopefully) being your new ARC Chair.

Pushpa Neppala Candidate

While I chose to attend Caltech because of its academic reputation, later in my freshman year, I became involved in the ARC because the teaching-hall process initially did not seem to live up to this standing. It frustrates me to see students unhappy with the quality of their education at a place like Caltech. My goal as ARC Chair would be to increase student satisfaction with their education. Specifically, I want to improve communication between faculty and students by promoting discussion between both parties on academic issues. As interim ARC Chair and former ARC Rep, I have persistently been working towards this goal.

As ARC Rep, I started the Professor of the Month Program, successfully dealt with numerous course complaints, and became involved on the CCTL (Caltech Center for Teaching and Learning), a committee that is working to start a teaching and learning center for professors who have some insufficiencies in teaching.

As interim ARC Chair, I have already forged several student, faculty, and administrative contacts, with the help of these individuals, I hope to make academic resources more available for students to advocate for their opinions. I have been currently overseeing the organization of discussion between students and faculty involved with core reform, and in the next few weeks, I plan to continue my involvement of organization in more meetings between concerned students and faculty members. I know who and what my resources are, and the connections I have made will prove to be invaluable in my work to improve the educational experience at Caltech.
ASCIT elections for the positions of President, ARC Chair, Treasurer, Director of Operations, and Social Director will be held on Monday, April 23rd.

Voting will commence at 10:00 AM and will close at 12:00 AM at the end of the day.

The duty of the treasurer is to handle the ASCIT money to provide reimbursements for clubs in a timely manner, and to help the BoD in any capacity that it needs. I, for one, believe that I am quite trustworthy, and having passed Ma1a, I can adequately count, add, and perform any other mathematical functions required of me as the treasurer. I have quite a lot of experience splitting checks when going out to dinner, including in large groups where half of the people have cards and half have cash. Yeah, it's pretty impressive. Having finished core, I have all the time in the world to get reimbursements back to you very soon after you submit them. But in all seriousness, I know that, if elected, I will put in my all to help make next year amazing.

MARIOS DZUBA
Candidate

A question I've been getting a lot lately is "What does Director of Ops even do?" If I don't get that, it's sometimes "We have a Director of Ops?" But, it's okay. In a nutshell, the Director of Operations is a behind-the-scenes job that oversees publications (like the Big T), keeps tabs on ASCIT inventory, and manages clubs. If you're involved in any club, then Director of Ops actually has a significant role in how your club experience might be and what resources are available to you. If your club ever needs something special like rehearsal space or say you guys aren't sure how to tackle a problem involving your national chapter, I'd be your go-to guy. Also, there have been a few recent changes in the club policy (essentially giving more power to the undergrad members) and now, more than ever, is an exciting time to take over. As Director of Ops, I would build upon the system that Diego established in making Donut more student friendly, work with proving clubs with more resources, and try my best with organizing and making the SAC more widely accessible.

Even though I'm a junior rising on senior, I didn't know much about the SAC until this year. This lack of knowledge is also fairly common for many North housers/even some South housers. The SAC has some decent offerings to students, so I look forward to increasing awareness and publication of the resources available. One of the most important roles of being Director of Ops is serving on the ASCIT Board of Directors. This last year, I was lucky enough to be ASCIT treasurer, so I got the chance to work hand-in-hand with other officers and tackle the different, often difficult, issues that came up. In the next year, I'll continue to work hard in presenting the interests of the student body.

Another benefit from being involved as treasurer is that I fully understand the financial aspect of how ASCIT runs and operates. This is very helpful in that I can efficiently allocate our club and SAC resources, in accordance with the budget. On top of that, I've seen Diego this last year and know what the job entails. I'm up for the task at hand, am an extremely diligent worker, and will put my all into fulfilling my proposed tasks. I know if elected Director of Ops, I'll do a great job and be a strong and helpful member of the BoD. I'd appreciate the vote. Thanks.

MATT VOSS
Candidate

I am the undergraduate representative to a Diversity Center's working group. In this position, I organized events and talked with administrators, faculty, RA's and AC's to set-up activities. I was an editor for the little T, and thus have a working knowledge of clubs on campus. I'm also involved with Admissions and Prefresh Weekend activities.

TL;DR: I'm a competent person and not a tool.
ARC Chair candidates (cont.)

MICHELLE TANG  
Candidate

Maintaining some semblance of a social life is important, especially at Caltech. I plan on giving everyone here the opportunity to do so.

Throughout the past year, I have been thoroughly involved with ASCIT social activities. I worked with other ARC members to organize a survey, in the near future, to gauge student interest in the honor code. After examining the data from this survey, the ARC will take the appropriate course of action.

ARC as “Student Ambassadors”

The ARC is supposed to act as a liaison between faculty and students, and we provide resources for students to connect to faculty and vice versa. To that effect, I would like to make the ARC a more visible and accessible group on campus.

Encouraging house representatives to go to house dinners as well as better advertising ARC resources would improve the ARC’s relationships with students.

In addition, through interviews for At-Large Rep positions and working with the option mentors, I would like the ARC to have more participation in events and years at Caltech.

Please feel free to email me (ptang@caltech.edu) with any questions, comments or suggestions. Even if I am not elected to be your ARC Chair for next year, I will be Chair for a few more weeks, so I would also appreciate any feedback on what I have done and how I would like the ARC to pursue this term.

Challenges and Choices application information

Dear Undergraduate Students,

Every year our students选取 students to participate in Challenges and Choices, the Counseling Center’s outreach program at New Student Orientation. The program is designed to highlight some of the most common challenges new Caltech students face, and to address some of the personal challenges they may also encounter.

If you’d like to be part of our program, I’d love for you to apply.

The message is simple: New students will face challenges in their first year, and by thinking about effective and healthy ways of coping ahead of time, they may be better prepared for their four years at Caltech. Additionally, we hope to build a sense of community that new students know they are part of.

In selecting students to participate in Challenges and Choices, I look for students who:

• Are committed to the purpose of the program.
• Are comfortable “acting” in front of a large audience (no memorization is necessary)
• Have experience with the challenges we address.
• Are comfortable talking about their own unique and personal challenges their first year.

We look for students who understand that ultimately every student will find their own way on these issues; that there isn’t just one right way to cope; and that with guidance from others, students can manage the challenges they face and have a positive first year experience. If you are interested in helping with this program, please apply. The honor code is one of the cornerstones of the Caltech education, so I would like the ARC to work to reinvigorate faculty and student interest in and promote respect for the honor code. Currently, I am working with the ARC Chair working to set up a survey, in the near future, to gage student interest in the honor code.

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I am currently working on and/ or would like to become involved on the following projects as ARC Chair:

Curticle Reform Updates and Communications

As interim ARC Chair, I have been working with the people on important faculty committees to open up discussion of core reform to all students. I am interested in proposing having CCSC (Core Curriculum Steering Committee) updates and discussion points published in the ARC Newsletter as weekly “ARC Bulletins.” Prof. Mitcho Okumura, chair of CCSC, and I are currently working on this can be used as a means for passing on curriculum information as well as a better means for faculty student communication; hopefully, this idea will become a reality by later in the term.

Additionally, the ARC is currently working to arrange meetings with professors involved in core reform and students interested in discussion. Many professors making important academic decisions are interested in student feedback on the implementation and changes to core. There are plans to use the “Take a Prof to Lunch” program for this purpose of discussion.

Caltech Center for Teaching and Learning

Through my involvement on the CCTL, I have gotten to know the coordinator of the Teaching and Learning Center that will open this fall. This coordinator has spent his career teaching. Caltech professors on how to teach well, while incentivizing faculty to care about teaching. Through personal discussion, he has agreed to act as a resource for the ARC to deal with course concerns. Because I now have him as a contact for course concerns, if elected ARC Chair next year, the ARC would be in a better position to effectively handle complaints about teaching quality.

We are facing problems in teaching quality stem from professors as often as from ill-equipped TAs. Having a real, legitimate TA training program in place would improve the quality and usefulness of recitation sections.

Option Mentoring

Along with encouraging the administration to better train its freshmen advisors, I would like to legitimize the option mentoring program. So much of what we learn as freshmen comes from talking to upperclassmen.

By improving the option mentoring program, so that option mentors are more available and involved in advising, there would be a smoother transition into the classes and assist the students’ first year at Caltech.

Honor code

This term, a number of course concerns have arisen that have dealt with professors’ misinterpretation of the Honor Code. The ARC has passed these concerns onto the deans who have ultimately worked on some of the issues. However, after discussions with Dean Kiervet and the BoC Chair, it has become apparent that more and more students and faculty are losing faith in the honor code. The honor code is one of the cornerstones of the Caltech education, so I would like the ARC to work to reinvigorate faculty and student interest in and promote respect for the honor code.

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Throughout the past year, I have been thoroughly involved with ASCIT social activities. I worked with others under the previous ASCIT Social Director to help plan, organize, and set up social events throughout the year, including ASCIT Formal and a number of other events.

Furthermore, I had the opportunity to take over as the interim ASCIT Social Director last term. Many of you heard about and even attended the events that I planned for students, such as the Ice Skating Party, the Pong Marathon, and Big A Kid Again at Mannion’s (puppies and girl scout noms). I also created a monthly social calendar available on the Olive Walke and restarted the ESC (Executive Social Committee), a committee comprised of the social directors/chairs of each house. I would contact and meet with the ESC every once in awhile to discuss both house and interhouse social events.

As acting as the interim ASCIT Social Director meant that I also gained a lot of experience working with members of the BoD, Tom Mannion, the deans, security, and other members of administration.

In particular, I keep in regular contact with Mannion, which I feel is important for the role of ASCIT Social Director because, as we all know, Tom knows everyone and everything. Furthermore, I’ve locked down a number of social contacts around the LA area for DJs, rental services, and so forth.

In addition, I already have a number of ideas for social events that I hope to be able to carry out in the subsequent year. While I was the interim ASCIT Social Director, I worked with Mannion regularly to plan events not only for the remainder of last term but for the rest of the year as well. If elected, I will be planning an ASCIT movie night at the Edwards theater in Alhambra for students to watch The Avengers for free, hopefully bringing back Europe party, and throwing an End of the Year Party. Furthermore, Mannion, the BoD, and I have been talking about and preparing for another Big Interhouse around November. I am also hoping to carry out a number of larger scale events to get students off campus.

I believe that I am incredibly receptive to what Caltech students want and am more than willing to hear students out when they have ideas. If elected, I will try my hardest to create a better social environment here at Tech.
Acquired Taste

Yes, there's a question in front?

I don't really have a question. I just wanted to prove to the rest of the class how smart I am. Also you made some mistakes on the board.

Dr. 2

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