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Ricketts House president Connor Rosen takes a dunk during the 2013 student carnival. A number of the other house presidents also took the plunge.

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News Editors

Student Affairs held an annual carnival for the graduate and undergraduate students on Saturday, October 12. Hundreds of Caltech students, staff, faculty, and their friends and family gathered on Beckman Lawn to spend an afternoon at the carnival.

Attendees had the chance to play games and participate in several activities, including attempting to climb a climbing wall, soaking someone at the dunk tank, jumping in a bounce house, and much more. Classic carnival snacks, including nachos, popcorn, and sno cones, were available all day. In the evening, carnival-goers enjoyed a barbecue dinner on the lawn.

Students, adults, and children alike played dozens of carnival games such as the money booth, high striker, ring toss, and a beanbag toss until dark.

There were over 2500 available prizes to be won. Popular prizes included large and mini sock monkeys, inflatable beach balls, mini-flashlights, plush animals, flashing pins, and glow sticks.

Both Caltech students and faculty volunteered at the carnival to make sure all events ran smoothly. Volunteers worked in shifts to run the games, activities, and food booths.

Staff from the Center for Diversity and Housing are among the many who helped to make the carnival a success.

Other entertainment throughout the afternoon and early evening included a music program which showcased the talents of several students. The various performing groups included Terry and band; Twin Peaks; Andy, Harrison, Jon, Stan, and Eugene; Fluid Dynamics; Nauman and band; Nic; JRey; Max and tango club; and Nic and Kyle.

The evening of free food, games, and entertainment ended in a fireworks show and a screening of the movie Pacific Rim on the Beckman Lawn.

Need to know <100 words about the world this week – topics sorted from good to bad by The Tech Eds

Pakistani girl honored
16-yr-old Malala Y. awarded Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought [CNN]

China improves safety
2000 coal mines will be shut down by 2015 to improve work safety [ABC]

Zion Park to reopen
61,600 dollars per day will be funded by AZ during the shutdown [TIME]

Nazi war criminal died
100–yr-old former Nazi SS captain died under house arrest in Rome [LAT]

Protest against gay rally
67 people arrested amidst fight with protestors at gay rally in Russia [TIME]

Cyclone ravages India
124 mph winds hit Indian coast, 800,000 people evacuated to safety [NYT]

Kidnapping in Syria
7 international Red Cross workers delivering aid kidnapped in Syria [BBC]

Correction for Need to know from October 7, 2013: "Federal deficit update"
The federal debt increased from $12 trillion in 2009 to $17 trillion in 2013. The federal deficit decreased from $1.4 trillion in 2009 to just under $700 billion in 2013.
Food with Mannion!

Do you like eating food? How about free food at nice restaurants? Ever want to tell the world exactly what you think of said food? The Tech will be beginning a new column to chronicle the foodie experiences of new writers every other week... The Catch: They’ll be going head-to-head with Tom Mannion who will be reviewing the same restaurant. If you have ever thought you were more of a gourmand than our resident master chef, now’s your chance to prove it!

Email us for a spot on the list at tech@caltech.edu

Write articles for the Tech

get paid up to $30

ASCIT Minutes

Minutes for October 9, 2013. Taken by Catherine Jamshidi

President’s Report (Zach):

New important times: ASCIT will meet every Wednesday at 10pm in SAC 15. ARC will meet every Sunday at 3pm in the SFL MCR. IHC meets every Tuesday at 12pm in the house dining halls.

Officer’s Reports:

V.P. of Academic Affairs (ARC Chair: Malvika):

The ARC is looking for students that are interested in advising the Faculty Committee about what to do with the 9th floor space in Millikan Library. Anyone interested should contact Malvika at mverma@caltech.edu

Should we not let students view grades until they fill out TQFRs? There was an Ombuds Training Session on Friday at the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Outreach that geared towards freshmen and sophomores to prepare them for their roles as ombuds.

The ARC is looking for 2 frosh ARC reps. Interviews will be this Sunday from 3-5 pm on campus.

V.P. of Non-Academic Affairs (IHC Chair: Connor):

Rotation happened, and it went well.

In light of recent events, the IHC is looking at more formal procedures for approving Rotation activities. The South House RLC search committee has made a recommendation; we are hoping s/he will start near the beginning of November.

Director of Operations (Connie):

Would like to have more ways of advertising clubs (more than just the club fair and a list on Donut). Club (re-) registration is going on now. More information can be found at www.clubs.caltech.edu

ASCIT Inventory:

Working to standardize the process for lending equipment out to houses/GSC for parties and checking it back in in a timely manner.

Treasurer (Monica):

Club Funding Day is October 27th. Would like to come up with a system where people requesting reimbursements for purchases must meet with Monica at a specific time/place so as to lessen the amount of back-and-forth emailing happening now to meet up with someone.

Will send out details regarding new reimbursement procedure.

Social Director (Michelle):

End of Rotation party was cancelled, but Page is working to reschedule it (tentatively this Friday).

The Carnival was last Saturday and went well. Fleming Frosh Party is happening this Saturday, October 19th.

Secretary (Cat):

The Health Advocates Page on Donut has been updated with current information. It can be found at http://donut.caltech.edu/ascit/Health_Advocates

If you notice any pages on Donut that do not have up to date information, please send me an email and I will try to fix it immediately!
Nominate your favorite professor for the Feynman Teaching Prize!

Here’s your chance to nominate your favorite professor for the 2013-14 Richard P. Feynman Prize for Excellence in Teaching! You have from now until January 2, 2014 to submit your nomination package to the Provost’s Office to honor a professor who demonstrates, in the broadest sense, unusual ability, creativity, and innovation in undergraduate and graduate classroom or laboratory teaching.

The Feynman Prize is made possible through the generosity of Ione and Robert E. Paradise, with additional contributions from an anonymous local couple. Nominations for the Feynman Teaching Prize are welcome from faculty, students, postdoctoral scholars, staff, and alumni.

All professorial faculty of the Institute are eligible. The prize consists of a cash award of $3,500, matched by an equivalent raise in the annual salary of the awardee. A letter of nomination and detailed supporting material, including, but not limited to, a curriculum vitae, course syllabus or description, and supporting recommendation letters should be emailed to kkerbs@caltech.edu or directed to the Feynman Prize Selection Committee, Office of the Provost, Mail Code 206-31, at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, 91125. Nomination packages are due by January 2, 2014.

Additional information including guidelines for the prize and FAQ may be found at http://provost.caltech.edu/FeynmanTeachingPrize. Further information can also be obtained from Karen Kerbs (626-395-6039; kkerbs@caltech.edu) in the Provost’s Office.

Caltech Y Column: Look out for new events

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Hi everyone! This is the Caltech Y Column, designed to inform you about the Y and the opportunities we provide for you to inspire your passions, whether by participating in our programs or leading your own! Founded by students in 1916, the Y was organized to provide extracurricular activities planned and implemented by students as an opportunity to gain leadership skills and discover their passions and themselves. The mission of today’s Y remains the same—to provide opportunities that will prepare students to become engaged, responsible citizens of the world. The Y seeks to broaden students’ worldviews, and raise social, ethical, and cultural awareness through teamwork, community engagement, activism, and leadership.

The Caltech Y’s mission and core values stand on five key pillars: leadership, civic engagement, service, adventure, and perspective. Regardless of which pillars capture your interest, feel free to attend any of the below programs, or contact us to organize your own!

Here’s a sampling of past programs held by the Y:

- Alternative Spring Breaks: Costa Rica, New York, Yosemite, San Diego, San Francisco
- Make-A-Difference Day: Hillsides Home for Children, LA County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (Coacht), Eaton Canyon, Lifeline for Pets
- Explore LA: Lakers game, Next to Normal musical, Norton Simon Museum trip

Upcoming Events:

1. Washington DC Science Policy Trip – Applications are available now, due Tuesday, October 15th by Noon

   Monday, December 16th to Thursday, December 19th | Cost is only $550 (with round trip flight to DC and back to LA) or $325 (with one way flight to DC)

   Dialogue with those who have played a role in setting and implementing science policy for the United States including: Academics, Lobbyists, Scientists, Politicians, and Caltech Alumni. Join us for an exploration into Science Policy on this exciting trip to the Nation’s capital. This four day trip includes flights, lodgings, some meals, discussions with science and policy leaders and of course the sites and experiences of Washington D.C.

   The small group sessions will be ideal for exploring relevant issues for our times in the context of national policy.

   The DC Science Policy Trip is coordinated by the Caltech Y with generous support from the George Housner Fund.

   Questions and applications may be directed to localtechy@caltech.edu. Applications are available at www.caltechY.org now!

2. Rise Tutoring Program

   Mon–Thurs. | 4-6 pm | Winnett 2nd Floor

   The Caltech Y Rise Tutoring Program is currently accepting new tutors. The Rise Program is an afterschool math and science-focused tutoring program that serves public school students between grades 9 and 12.

   The tutoring takes place on the Caltech campus Monday–Thursday from 4pm-6pm. For more information about the program and to apply please visit our website at: http://caltechy.org/programs_services/tutoring/.

3. Hathaway Sycamores

   Saturday | October 12th | 1:30-4:30pm | Highland Park

   Volunteer at Hathaway–Sycamore s, a group that supports local underprivileged but motivated high school students. Some of the subjects being tutored are AP Chemistry, AP Physics, and AP Calculus.

   For more info and to RSVP Email Josie Kishi atjkishi@caltech.edu.

4. Explore LA: Cirque Du Soleil’s new show TOTEM

   Friday | October 25th | 8:00 pm | San Pedro, Port of Los Angeles

   Note: tickets are sold out. TOTEM traces the fascinating journey of the human species from its original amphibian state to its ultimate desire to fly.

   Inspired by many founding myths, it illustrates, through a visual and acrobatic language, the evolutionary progress of species. Somewhere between science and legend TOTEM explores the ties that bind Man to other species, his dreams and his infinite potential.

   Explore LA is coordinated by the Caltech Y with generous support from the Master of Student Houses.

5. Ice Cream Competition

   In an effort to further familiarize students with the location and services of the Caltech Y, the ExComm, with help from Tom Mannion, will be holding a competition among the undergrad and grad houses to come up with the best new flavor of ice cream. The winners and, of course, tasting opportunities will take place at the Y.

   Date(s) and more details to come.

If you have any questions at all, feel free to contact the Caltech Y at (626) 395-6163 or caltechy@caltech.edu.

Go to http://caltechy.org/lists/ to self-subscribe to announcement lists for upcoming events and sign-up information.

For a student’s perspective, feel free to contact Phoebe Ann at phoebe.ann2@gmail.com or Laura Santoso at santoso.laura@gmail.com.
No one can deny the rising cost of college puts higher education out of the reach of most people around the world.

Brad/Chad Couture: Shoes - These go over your feet

Use a shoe tree to help preserve the shape of your shoes after use and minimize the number of creases, especially for your formal shoes.

-Brad Chattergoon
I came because the undergraduate community at Caltech is amazing. I came for the Houses. I came for interhouse construction, and cooking with liquid nitrogen and blowtorches, and late night conversations with physicists-philosopher-engineer-rocket-scientists...and more than anything, I came for the Honor Code.

Students make mistakes. They break things, they get hurt, and they offend people. There is a temptation, maybe even a trend in modern education, to dictate their behavior, and structure their lives. Tell the students when to study, and when to go to class, what jokes have appropriate, where and when to party, what to make, what to eat, and when to sleep. It's useful, when you're a huge institution trying to rubber-stamp an army of students through a curriculum without getting into any trouble. But Caltech is different. It's tiny, it's insulative, and its students are brilliant. Yes, there are times when student plans go awry, and correction is needed, but for this Caltech has the Honor Code.

Caltech students, under the Honor Code, can entertain themselves. They throw parties, build crazy and wonderful things, explore, play, and even do work. With a 3:1 student to faculty ratio, they don't need to be rubber stamped. Caltech's close-knit community can support each student individually with peers, houses, counseling, and, yes, even faculty. Undergraduate relations with faculty through research, class, and the community are an important and of late neglected part of the Institute. Undergraduate research, beyond the summer, is actually harder at Caltech than at many 'peer schools' with higher student-faculty ratios, but I'm getting off topic.

When I came to Caltech, there were fliers up around campus describing the "safety net," which was understood to be composed of mutually-supporting peers, with freedom rather than freedom, and unique sensitive issues. By my senior year, fliers described the "safety net" as an ordered list of who students ought to speak to about their problems: RA's, then AC's (now RLCs), then the Counseling Center, then the Deans. I believe Caltech is falling prey, this temptation to select only the safest students, and baptize them through college, rather than allowing them to explore and learn. I believe this trend at Caltech runs deep. It is primarily the work of a few people who, intentionally or otherwise, are tearing down the community I loved, and it hurts.

I will not donate a dime to any Caltech entity so long as any fraction of my donation will be used to support an administration bent on this trend. I'm a graduate student; I don't make a lot of money, but the day I see a change, I'll donate $1,000. Thrice I, or anyone around me, were secretly space aliens; we felt so different.

Caltech should have taken a moment to mention that I'm a graduate student in computer science at Cornell. CMU is the undisputed leader in my field. Academically, it was absolutely the right choice. So, when I get a call from Caltech, asking if I wanted an admission spot off of the waiting list, why did I say yes? Why did I move from far and away the number 1 school in my field to the number 10 (ish) school? Why did I choose to go somewhere farther away, in a city I actually like less? I came because the undergraduate community at Caltech is amazing. I came for the Houses. I came for interhouse construction, and cooking with...
Caltech Public Events is now hiring student ushers. $15 per hour to work concerts, performances, lectures, films and parties. No experience needed, no hard labor, flexible schedules.

*Requirements: Caltech student, Positive attitude, Friendly personality

To apply email Adam Jacobo (ajacobo@caltech.edu) or call (626) 395-5907

For info on Caltech Public Events visit: www.caltech.edu/content/public-events
A thrilling men’s water polo contest on Sunday went the way of Connecticut College as the Camels pulled out a 10-9 victory over Caltech with a fourth quarter scoring surge.

A high scoring final period proved to be the difference in the game. After the two teams combined for 11 goals through the first 24 minutes of action, they scored eight in the last stanza. With Caltech holding a 7-4 lead after the third period, the Camels scored three unanswered goals to start the fourth period as they tied the game at 7-7 with 4:20 left in regulation.

A Jim Blackwood goal on Caltech’s ensuing possession gave the lead back to the Beavers. However, Connecticut scored the next two goals to take a 9-8 advantage with 1:32 remaining. It was their first lead of the game since early in the second period.

The Beavers were able to jump out to an early lead thanks in large part to a well-balanced offense and solid defense. Bradley scored three of his team-high four goals prior to fourth period while Blackwood chipped in a pair of early period goals. CJ Culpepper and Patric Eck also found the back of the cage in helping give the home team an early lead. Junior goalie Ben Grabowski came-up with timely saves en route to a 16 save morning.

The Camels offense was led by Spencer’s five-goal outburst while Sam Siegel-Wallace added a pair of goals.

**Weekly Scoreboard**

**Men’s Soccer**

at Pomona-Pitzer

L, 4-2 Final

**Men’s Soccer**

vs. La Verne

L, 2-0 Final

**Men’s Water Polo**

vs. Connecticut College

L, 10-9 Final
Acquired Taste

Dr. Z

And can I get a cup for water please?
Of course!

Heh
No one will ever know...

FREEZE!

I’m FBI Agent Banner and I’ve been staking out this location for 3 months to catch scum like you. Keep your hands where I can see them punk.

Unoriginal Jokes

What do you call cheese that isn’t yours?

I don’t know...

Nacho cheese!

For more photos, videos, and archives of previous issues, check out the Tech website!

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